

**THE RAYMORE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 AT 227 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. MEMBERS PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ABDELGAWAD, BARBER, BERENDZEN, BURKE III, FORSTER, HOLMAN, TOWNSEND, AND WILLS. ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JIM FEUERBORN, CITY ATTORNEY JONATHAN ZERR, AND CITY CLERK ERICA HILL.**

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

City Clerk Erica Hill called roll; quorum present to conduct business. Mayor Turnbow was absent.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4. First Reading of Bill 3783**

**BILL 3783: "AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 260.205 RSMO OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF A SOLID WASTE LANDFILL, DEMOLITION MATERIAL LANDFILL, SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION, OR DEMOLITION MATERIAL TRANSFER STATION WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE CITY'S SHARED NORTHERN BORDER WITH THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI."**

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the first reading of Bill 3783 by title only.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. He asked staff to play Mayor Turnbow's opening remarks and called for a staff report to follow.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn stated that the passage of Bill 3783 invokes 260.205(9) to prohibit a landfill from being located within one-half mile of Raymore's city limits.

Special Counsel Stephen Jeffery presented studies on the effects of landfills, such as odor, dust, respiratory disease, lung cancer, decrease in property values, and difficulty in selling property.

John Bognar, hydrogeologist, presented information on the mechanics of landfills. He reviewed conditions that are used to determine if a geological location is appropriate for the development of a landfill. He concluded that there are several geological concerns for this location.

Mr. Feuerborn stated that staff recommends approval of Bill 3783. He noted that a one-half mile buffer is not enough distance and reviewed the legislation in the

Missouri House and Senate to extend the distance to one mile. He thanked state representatives for their sponsorship and co-sponsorship of House Bill 909.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend opened the floor to the developer of the project. The developer was not in attendance to present facts related to their proposed project.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend acknowledged the following public officials in attendance and opened the floor for their comments:

Congressman Mark Alford, 4th District of Missouri  
Missouri Representative Mike Haffner, District 55  
Missouri Senator Rick Brattin, District 31  
Missouri Representative Sherri Gallick, District 62  
Missouri Representative Kemp Strickler, District 34  
Missouri Representative Chad Perkins, District 40  
Belton Mayor Norman Larkey  
Cass County Presiding Commissioner Bob Huston  
Cass County Associate Commissioner Ryan Johnson

Congressman Alford announced he stands firmly against this landfill and supports Bill 3783. He noted he facilitated a call between Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas and Raymore Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, and that he and both Mayors are opposed to this project.

Representative Haffner discussed protecting property rights and explained the continued process to move HB909 through the House and then move SB590 through the Senate to the Governor.

Senator Brattin stated he would fight to put a stop to this landfill. He noted this landfill is the first issue in his career that has 100% opposition.

Representative Perkins spoke to the developer stating that it's unfair to change the game once it has started, but the land doesn't appear to have been acquired to date.

Representative Gallick stated she has received numerous emails and phone calls regarding this project. The only people that appear to want this to move forward are the developers. She noted that the developer has contracted 17 lobbyists.

Representative Strickler stated the Lee's Summit government and school district are against this project. He noted the bipartisan support for HB909.

Presiding Commissioner Huston stated Cass County passed a Resolution opposing this landfill.

Associate Commissioner Johnson stated Raymore is home and lives in a neighborhood that is significantly affected by this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend asked if there were any questions from Council for staff. Hearing none, he thanked the elected officials for their comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend opened the floor for public comments.

The following spoke in favor of Bill 3783:

Kit Starr, 9500 Meadow Lane, Leawood, KS  
Pam Hatcher, 1403 N Madison, Raymore, MO  
Andrea Lukenbill, 100 E Foxwood Drive, Raymore, MO  
Sarah Thompson, 806 Bridgshire Drive, Raymore, MO  
Pat Gore, 206 Gore Road, Raymore, MO  
Danielle Turpin, 1208 Thompson Circle, Raymore, MO  
Randall Wills, 22303 S Harper Road, Peculiar, MO  
Colleen White, 14801 Peterson Road, Kansas City, MO  
Rick Meyers, 14550 Raytown Road, Kansas City, MO  
Todd Berck, 1214 Buckingham Court, Raymore, MO  
David Little, 10705 State Route 150 Highway, Kansas City, MO  
Shelly Little, 207 SW Pinnell Drive, Lee's Summit, MO  
Terri Clark, 1553 Brompton Lane, Raymore, MO  
Don Byttner, 2918 SW Arthur Drive, Lee's Summit, MO  
Bryan Casey, 1414 Creekmoor Drive, Raymore, MO  
Steve Pohle, 2355 SW County Line Road, Lee's Summit, MO  
James Woods, 309 N Park Drive, Raymore, MO  
Raymond Kinney, 701 Mesa Ridge Drive, Raymore, MO  
Patricia O'Connell, 14900 Peterson Road, Kansas City, MO  
Michael Gulyas, 1602 Grandshire Drive, Raymore, MO  
Tom Circo, 605 S Sunset Drive, Raymore, MO  
Victor Skulavik II, 2213 SW Morris Drive, Lee's Summit, MO

No comments were heard in opposition to Bill 3783.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

**MOTION:** By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the first reading of Bill 3783 by title only.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Holman emphasized the secrecy surrounding this project.

Councilmember Barber noted that the developer stated in the hearing on Tuesday on HB909 that they have purchased property, however, none of the parcels in question have been purchased.

Councilmember Burke noted that the EPA has stated that every landfill leaks and would have undeniable negative effects on the environment.

Councilmember Forster stated there is a transfer station in Grandview, very close to the location of the landfill.

Councilmember Abdelgawad stated we've heard from industry professionals that there is no need for a landfill in the region and the necessity should be a regional discussion.

Councilmember Wills noted the deterioration of property values and development in Raymore should this project happen.

Councilmember Berendzen stated that we need to continue to work together as a community to defeat this project.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye
	Councilmember Wills	Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend noted that this item is an emergency and called for the second reading of Bill 3783 in its entirety.

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3783 in its entirety.

**MOTION:** By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the second reading of Bill 3783 in its entirety.

**DISCUSSION:** None

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye
	Councilmember Wills	Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3783 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2023-011.**

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend thanked those in attendance for their participation and support, and urged citizens to continue contacting legislators regarding HB 909 and SB590.

**5. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to adjourn.

**DISCUSSION:** None

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye
	Councilmember Wills	Aye

The regular meeting of the Raymore Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hill  
City Clerk