

THE RAYMORE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR TURNBOW, COUNCILMEMBERS ABDELGAWAD, BAKER, BARBER, BURKE III, ENGERT, AND HOLMAN. ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JIM FEUERBORN, CITY ATTORNEY JONATHAN ZERR, AND CITY CLERK ERICA HILL.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Turnbow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Erica Hill called roll; quorum present to conduct business. Councilmembers Forster and Townsend were absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentation/Awards

5. Personal Appearances

Jim Haddock, 909 Wesley Circle, asked the Council to vote no on Bill 3871 Placing the Use Tax on the April 2, 2024 ballot in order to allow staff to formulate a better plan than the previous attempts to pass the use tax. He provided estimates of the amount per household the use tax could cost and estimated sales tax information.

6. Staff Reports

Development Services Director David Gress reviewed the staff report included in the packet. He reviewed items coming before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chief of Police Jim Wilson discussed citizen reporting options, the process of publishing the weekly police blotter, and the weekly update provided to the Council. He answered questions from Council.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn noted that there would be no work session on January 15 as it is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and announced a possible meeting on January 29.

7. Committee Reports

8. Consent Agenda

A. City Council Meeting minutes, December 11, 2023

B. Resolution 24-02: Appointment of Patrick Kies to the Park Board

C. Resolution 24-03: Acceptance of Public Improvements - Knoll Creek 2nd Plat

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

9. Unfinished Business

A. Calling for April 2, 2024 Municipal Election

BILL 3869: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3869 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the second reading of Bill 3869 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3869 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-001.**

B. Placing an Online Use Tax on the April 2, 2024 Election Ballot

BILL 3871: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AT THE ELECTION OF APRIL 2, 2024, THE PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A USE TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AT A RATE EQUAL TO THE CURRENT SALES TAX RATE OF 2.50% IN THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3871 by title only.

Councilmember Abdelgawad asked to allow staff to provide information in rebuttal to the personal appearance.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn stated that staff has not presented the details of the campaign to the Council and that the ballot question has not been filed with the County. The discussion regarding the campaign will be a topic at the next work session. He noted there are a number of large square footage industrial warehouses purchasing items from out of state, not only residences that would contribute to the use tax totals. Staff has identified significant needs for the use tax revenue. This is not additional revenue, it is lost revenue that the city needs to provide essential services.

Councilmember Barber asked if a household doesn't buy anything online, how much would the use tax cost them. Mr. Feuerborn answered zero.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the second reading of Bill 3871 by title only.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Holman noted a staffing study was completed in 2019, and wished to confirm that the report noted that staffing numbers in the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works are below the average. Mr. Feuerborn confirmed.

Councilmember Abdelgawad stated the Council doesn't make these decisions lightly and has questioned how to make it work with the staff we have, but as we grow we need more help to operate at the level we are currently operating.

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3871 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-002.**

C. Award of Contract - Dean Avenue Meter Replacement

BILL 3859: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BREIT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DEAN AVENUE METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 23-899-501, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,330 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO

APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN ESTABLISHED BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.”

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3859 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the second reading of Bill 3859 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3859 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-003.**

D. Budget Amendment - Dean Avenue Meter Replacement

BILL 3860: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE DEAN AVENUE METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3860 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the second reading of Bill 3860 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3860 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-004.**

E. Award of Contract - Trozzolo Communications Group

BILL 3872: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TROZZOLO COMMUNICATIONS GROUP FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S LANDFILL OPPOSITION EFFORTS."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the second reading of Bill 3872 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the second reading of Bill 3872 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3872 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2024-005.**

10. New Business

A. Award of Contract - Rec Park Trail Repairs

BILL 3862: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TC FULLER CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE RECREATION PARK TRAIL REPAIR, PROJECT NUMBER 23-436-201, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,480 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN ESTABLISHED BUDGET CONSTRAINTS."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the first reading of Bill 3862 by title only.

Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen reviewed the information included in the Council packet. This project involves repairs to the Rec Park Trail in the southeast corner and a portion of trail next to the playground areas, both of which have been identified as areas to address in the trails inventory. Seven bids were received for the Rec Park Trail Repair project on October 25, 2023. TC Fuller Construction LLC was determined to be the lowest and best bidder. Staff recommends the contract be awarded to TC Fuller Construction in the amount of \$50,480.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn stated this project is not in conflict with the rapidly moving comprehensive trail improvement project.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to approve the first reading of Bill 3862 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

11. Public Comment

12. Mayor/Council Communication

Mayor Turnbow and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Haddock for speaking this evening, thanked Mr. Kies for volunteering, and thanked the crews clearing the streets.

Councilmember Engert thanked staff and Council for their support during his illness the last couple of months.

Councilmember Burke stated that his family shared a meal with service members at the southern border over the holidays.

Councilmember Baker noted Raymore resident Luke Grimm was elected to the Associated Press All Bowl Team for his wide receiver efforts for the University of Kansas .

Mayor Turnbow asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Associate Judge Jeff Cox.

Mayor Turnbow provided a statement noting the importance of local taxes and the vital services they provide, such as police, public works, and parks and recreation. He reviewed the decreases of wireless franchise fees and landline franchise fees of more than \$2,500,000 and the multiple bills in the Missouri legislature aimed at cutting taxes on food sales and personal property taxes, and stated the use tax would be applied to online and out-of-state purchases. The City has limited resources, including our employees, which have been stretched thin in the areas of police, public works, and parks and recreation. A use tax would stay locally and would make a significant difference in allowing us to staff those departments to appropriate standards.

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation matters and personnel matters as authorized by §610.021(1)(3).

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

The regular meeting of the Raymore City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: By Councilmember Abdelgawad, second by Councilmember Holman to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Baker	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Burke III	Aye
	Councilmember Engert	Aye
	Councilmember Forster	Absent
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Absent

The regular meeting of the Raymore Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hill
City Clerk