

*City of Hannibal*

**OFFICIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday January 3, 2023  
Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Hark, Council Members Phillips, Welch, Veach, McCoy, and Franke. -6

**Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobson. -1

**CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hark called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was then given by Deputy City Clerk Cogdal.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hark then requested Officer Borgmeyer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Dobson from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips.

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member McCoy to approve the agenda, as presented, and posted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS**  
**Second Half – December 2022**

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the payroll and claims for the second half of December 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips.

Motion carried.

**MARSHA MAYFIELD – HANNIBAL JUNETEENTH COALITION**  
**Re: Request, Street Closures – Martin Luther King Celebration**  
*Sunday, January 15 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.*

Marsha Mayfield on behalf of the Hannibal Juneteenth Coalition was present to request street closures for the upcoming Martin Luther King Celebration to be held Sunday, January 15 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. as well as police assistance for the clearing of the streets. Ms. Mayfield advised Council the theme is Unity to All of Us. Ms. Mayfield explained she is requesting the usage of Broadway to 10<sup>th</sup> street, crossing Church Street and ending the march on Lyon Street at Helping Hands Baptist Church. Mayor Hark advised that all approvals and documents are in order for the event.

Council Member Veach made a motion to approve the request for street closures for the Martin Luther King Celebration to be held Sunday, January 15 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch.

Motion carried.

**KYLE KRONER – MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Re: U.S. Highway 61 Hannibal Expressway Study**

Kyle Kroner, with HNTB Corporation representing Missouri Department of Transportation stepped forward to update Council on the U.S. Highway 61 Hannibal Expressway Study. Mr. Kroner advised Council they were hired by MoDOT to assist in technical work as well as public outreach. Mr. Kroner advised they have prepared a brief study update to present this evening as well as what's coming next. Mr. Kroner discussed the previous study, the re-evaluation of the previous study and new routes, the public and stakeholder engagement program, the schedule and where the public can find detailed information.

Mr. Kroner closed by advising Council they are on a very aggressive schedule with closing out the study in December 2023. Mayor Hark and the Council thanked Mr. Kroner for the update and attending.

**APRIL AZOTEA – 323 N MAIN STREET, HANNIBAL**  
**Re: Citizen Complaint Filed, Security, Codes and Ordinances**

Mayor Hark welcomed April Azotea to the podium. Ms. Azotea advised she is here to address concerns regarding a citizen complaint she placed in the City Clerk's office as well as the discrepancies between the State Statue and City Charter and the City's form of government. Ms. Azotea advised she has concerns with the structure of the City regarding the Executive positions and their job descriptions.

Mayor Hark and Council thanked Ms. Azotea for attending.

**JAMES HARK - MAYOR**  
**Re: Recommendation of Re-appointment**

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
➤ **Jeff Evans – reappointment for a term to expire January 2029**

Mayor Hark then made the recommendation of the reappointment to the Industrial Development Authority of Jeff Evans for a term to expire in January 2029.

Reappointment will be slated for approval during the next Council meeting.

**TREE BOARD**  
➤ **Harry Graves – reappointment for a term to expire September 2026**

Mayor Hark then made the recommendation of the reappointment to the Tree Board of Harry Graves for a term to expire in September 2026.

Reappointments will be slated for approval during the next Council meeting.

**Re: Recommendation of Appointments**

**POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT BOARD**  
➤ **Dalton Benn – appointment as alternate for a term to expire  
December 2025**

Mayor Hark then made the recommendation of the appointment to Police and Fire Retirement Board of Dalton Benn for a term to expire in September 2025.

Council Member Veach made the motion to approve the appointment of Dalton Benn to the Police and Fire Retirement Board with a term to expire December 2025. Council Member Welch seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**LISA PECK – CITY MANAGER**  
**Re: District House Lease -Congressman Sam Graves**  
*Office Space Lease at Hannibal Regional Airport*  
*(Resolution No. 2432-23)*

City Manager Peck advised Council she was presenting the contract for Congressman Sam Graves office space at the Hannibal Regional Airport. Ms. Peck advised the contract amount is one hundred and fifty dollars per month with the contract to expire January 2, 2025.

Mayor Hark advised Resolution 2432-23 to follow.

**JAMES LEMON – CITY ATTORNEY**  
**Re: Proposition One – Citywide Sales Tax on Retail Sales**  
*Retail Sales of Adult Use Marijuana*  
*(Bill No. 23-002, to follow)*

City Attorney Lemon advised Council with the passing in the State of Missouri of the recreational marijuana use the state will tax sales at six percent. Mr. Lemon advised that a local tax rate of three percent can be assessed on sales.

Mayor Hark advised Bill number 23-002 to follow for first reading.

**DARRIN GORDON - GENERAL MANAGER**  
**Hannibal Board of Public Works**  
**Re: Proposition S – Setting Tax Rate for Funding a Stormwater Utility**  
*(Bill No. 23-001, to follow)*

General Manager Darren Gordon then addressed Council, advising that he had provided a memo regarding the Stormwater Funding Ballot Initiative language to be considered for the upcoming April 2023 election. Mr. Gordon reminded Council that in 2017 the Council tasked the Hannibal Board of Public Works with implementing a stormwater utility and repair program. Mr. Gordon continued that the Board had hired a engineering firm in September 2017 to design a suitable funding source however the Hannibal Board of Public Works has refreshed the initial study and is now proposing that a simple measurement of total acreage be assessed at \$567.15 per acre.

Mayor Hark stated Bill number 23-001 is to follow for a first reading.

**STEPHAN FRANKE – 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD COUNCILMEN**  
**Re: Establish Chain of Command over City Clerk Position**

Council Member Phillips addressed Council, advising that himself and Council Member Franke are proposing directing City Attorney Lemon with drafting an ordinance to establish a chain of

command for supervision of the City Clerk to require the City Manager to perform a evaluation on the City Clerk and report to the Council.

Council Member Phillips then made a motion to approve the draft Ordinance requiring the City Manager to advise the City Council in closed session and annual report of the performance of the City Clerk and to advise the Council within twenty-four hours of any complaint regarding the City Clerk made by any employee, department head or citizen of Hannibal in addition Section 2.7 and Section 2.8 to be amended as submitted. Council Member Franke seconded the motion.

Council Member Phillips then amended his motion to allow time for the City Attorney to review the proposed Ordinance change to ensure that it follows with the City Charter and to ensure the City maintains checks and balances required. Council Member Franke seconded the amended motion made by Council Member Phillips.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Yes:** Mayor Hark, Council Members Phillips, Welch, Veach, and Franke. -5

**No:** Council Member McCoy. -1

**Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobson. -1

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2432-23**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DISTRICT HOUSE LEASE BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN SAM GRAVES AND THE CITY FOR OFFICE SPACE LEASED AT THE HANNIBAL REGIONAL AIRPORT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150 PER MONTH**

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2432-23 and call the roll for adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Yes:** Mayor Hark, Council Members Phillips, Welch, Veach, McCoy, and Franke. -6

**No:** - 0 -

**Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobson. -1

**BILL NO. 23-001**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL CALLING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, TO ALLOW HANNIBAL VOTERS TO CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TAX RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A UTILITY TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE CITY'S STORMWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM, *Proposition S***

***First Reading***

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to give Bill No. 22-001 a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch.

Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 23-002**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL (*PROPOSITION ONE*) TO ALLOW THE CITY OF HANNIBAL TO IMPOSE A CITYWIDE SALES TAX ON ALL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE MARIJUANA TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, April 4, 2023**

***First Reading***

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to give Bill No. 23-002 a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch.

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Franke to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips.

Motion carried.

---

**James R. Hark, Mayor**

---

**Melissa Cogdal, Deputy City Clerk**