

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2022**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Council meeting is being conducted through the use of a Webinar invite in which all members of the City Council, staff and citizens are participating in the meeting remotely. Section 610.015 of the Mo. Sunshine Law provides that members of the Council who are not physically in the Council Chambers can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes. Thus, these minutes reflect that the U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—COVID-19. The Missouri Governor and the County Executive have issued Orders limiting meetings and gatherings sizes. These Orders are intended to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus. Therefore, all members of the City Council, and staff, are participating in this meeting electronically as matter of public health and safety for each other and the general public.

Mayor Ella M. Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Naquittia Noah	Present	Mayor Ella M. Jones	Present
Councilwoman Fran Griffin	Present	Councilwoman Linda Lipka	6:28pm
Councilwoman J. Toni Burrow	Present	Councilwoman Phedra Nelson	6:09pm
Councilwoman Heather Robinett	Present		

A quorum was declared. Also present were City Manager Eric Osterberg, Attorney Apollo Carey, and City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING

Enterprise Fleet Management

City Manager Osterberg announced that the City’s fleet has aged with the average age of a vehicle being 7+ years with many miles. This potential represents safety liabilities for insurance calculations, provides significant ongoing maintenance costs, and projects a certain image to the public. He explained that Enterprise Fleet Management services can provide the City with their expertise in tracking the depreciation schedule for our fleet, maximize its residual value, and routinely selling and acquiring new vehicles for our Fleet. This would reduce staff time spent on fleet management across all departments, reduce annual maintenance costs, and capture greater value on the sale of our vehicles that we can use to purchase new ones. Enterprise would start selling and then replacing vehicles from our fleet at a variable rate annually. It was proposed that the city would lease 10 vehicles annually, taking an estimated 6-7 years to replace the entire fleet.

Representative Ryan Owens provided an overview of the program and pricing, clarifying that costs are inclusive of outfitting all vehicles with necessary equipment and decals. Discussion was held regarding maintenance and it was noted that the package includes the leased vehicles. As there is also a potential to phase out the internal maintenance department in future years, additional maintenance packages are available.

GOGov Code Enforcement Software

City Manager Osterberg announced the City’s existing public works software (Innoprise) presents significant obstacles for Code Enforcement operations. He introduced GOGov’s Code Enforcement software, stating it provides direct and consistent communication between the department and our community. Citizens will be able to report code violations via image submission through their phones or computers. Citizens will enjoy a Code department that is

more responsive and will also be updated in real time as to the steps being taken to remedy a code violation. In addition, the app-based software will allow for Code items to be assigned and monitored by the Code Supervisor.

Representative Kevin Strass provided a demonstration and offered responses regarding the updates of property owner contact information, noting it is as often as the city choses (estimated at quarterly). Discussion was also held regarding challenges with the previous program (SeeClickFix).

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Burrow and seconded by Councilwoman Noah to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved on the 8th day of February , 2022.

ATTEST:

Ella M. Jones, Mayor

Octavia Pittman, City Clerk