

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was convened at 5:04 p.m. at City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, Parkville, Missouri on March 21, 2022, and was called to order by Acting President of the Board Marc Sportsman. City Clerk Melissa McChesney called the roll as follows:

Present:

Ward 1 Alderman Tina Welch - *via videoconference*
Ward 1 Alderman Philip Wassmer- *via videoconference*
Ward 2 Alderman Dave Rittman - *via videoconference*
Ward 2 Alderman Brian T. Whitley - *via videoconference*
Ward 3 Alderman Robert Lock - *via videoconference*
Ward 4 Alderman Marc Sportsman
Ward 4 Alderman Greg Plumb

Absent:

Mayor Nan Johnston - *with prior notice*
Ward 3 Alderman Douglas Wylie - *with prior notice*

A quorum of the Board of Aldermen was present.

The following staff was also present:

Alexa Barton, City Administrator
Alysen Abel, Public Works Director (*via videoconference*)
Stephen Lachky, Community Development Director (*via videoconference*)
Jeffery Rhodes, Assistant to the City Administrator

2. CITIZEN INPUT

3. CONSENT AGENDA

4. ACTION AGENDA

A. Action on Municipal Officials Ethics Commission Report

Acting President of the Board Marc Sportsman opened the floor to public comments.

The following provided public comments: Nan Johnston, 8103 Redbud Court; Don Breckon, 7320 NW Katie Circle; Sheryl Wilde, 165 NW North Shore Drive, Lake Waukomis; Corky McCaffrey, 200 East Street; David Slater, 7118 Sobbie Road, Pleasant Valley; Kelly Martin, 9474 Lime Stone Road; Trisha Szasz, downtown business owner; Mark Rowe, Kansas resident; John Delich, 8419 NW Vista Circle; Chad Earwood, 16255 Sharp Station Road, Platte City; Brett Krause, 8125 Shoreline Drive; and Robin Ayers, 1310 NW 47th Terrace, Kansas City.

Alderman Whitley stated that the complainant was concerned about some of the aldermen having a conflict of interest because they gave money to the mayor's election campaign. The Municipal Officials Ethics Commission mentioned a three percent threshold and Whitley said his contribution did not meet that requirement.

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Additional public comments were provided by: Don Breckon; (*name and address inaudible*) read into the record an e-mail submitted by Cathy Kline; and Sheryl Biermann, 5310 NW Bluffs Way. Nan Johnston stated that the Board should consider some of the information that the Commission received as false and acknowledged the hard work of the Commission.

Aldermen Rittman and Wassmer recommended a review of the Ethics Code.

City Clerk Melissa McChesney read the reprimand letter from the Board of Aldermen to Mayor Johnston into the record; letter attached as Exhibit A.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED BY ALDERMAN PLUMB AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WHITLEY TO ACCEPT THE ETHICS COMMISSION REPORT AND APPROVE THEIR RECOMMENDATION.

RESULT: MOTION PASSED 6-1.

AYES: TINA WELCH, PHILIP WASSMER, DAVE RITTMAN, BRIAN T. WHITLEY, MARC SPORTSMAN, GREG PLUMB

NOES: ROBERT LOCK

ABSTAIN: NONE

5. STAFF UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES

6. MAYOR, BOARD OF ALDERMEN & COMMITTEE REPORTS & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

7. ADJOURN

Acting President of the Board Marc Sportsman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The minutes for March 21, 2022, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the fifth day of April 2022.

Submitted by:

Melissa McChesney
City Clerk Melissa McChesney

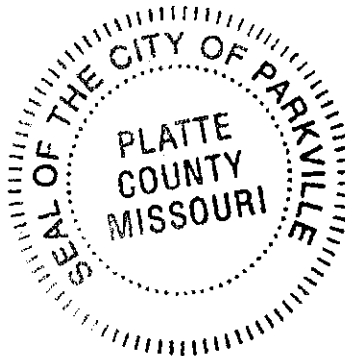




Exhibit A
Special Meeting
Minutes 3/21/22

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March 21, 2022

Mayor Nanette K. Johnston
8103 Redbud Court
Parkville, Missouri 64152

Mayor Nan Johnston,

As publicly elected officials, we should all strive to conduct ourselves in a manner that is above reproach and no matter the circumstances, always treat the citizens we serve with respect. While this is our goal, this Board does not forget we are human beings with our own human emotions and failings. We, as a Board, at the request of one of our Citizens and Board Members, convened a Municipal Officials Ethics Commission under the City of Parkville Ordinances to address claimed violations of the Parkville Code of Ethics. That Commission met over several weeks, heard evidence, deliberated and issued its findings. We thank the Commission for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of the City of Parkville.

Although the Commission found no ethics violation regarding nine of the seventeen claimed violations, the Commission did find your conduct, in eight circumstances, failed to rise to the level becoming of an elected official of this City. The Commission acknowledged that two of the violations had already been dealt with by other institutions. It is unfortunate the Commission found you failed to meet the goal of conducting yourself above reproach and that your failure was deemed to be a violation of the City's Ethics Code. The Commission acknowledged the standard of "above reproach" is a very high bar. You have acknowledged you are remorseful for your identified shortcomings. Based on the recommendations of the Parkville Municipal Officials Ethics Commission, we strongly advise you, as well as current and future elected City officials, that this Board and the Citizens of the City of Parkville expect its elected officials to do their best to exemplify conduct that is above reproach no matter the circumstances. This Board further sternly advises it expects for the remainder of your term you will conduct yourself, as you have in most circumstances, in a manner consistent with the goal to always act in a manner that is above reproach and respectful to the Citizens of Parkville.

Board of Aldermen
City of Parkville, Missouri