

1. GENERAL AGENDA

Mayor Dean Katerndahl opened the work session at 5:08 p.m. on September 19, 2023, at City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, Parkville, Missouri. In attendance were aldermen Tina Welch, Philip Wassmer, Brian T. Whitley (*joined at 5:17 p.m.*), Bob Bennett (*joined at 5:25 p.m.*), Douglas Wylie, Stephen Melton, Michael Lee and Allyson R. Berberich.

The following staff was also present:

Alexa Barton, City Administrator
Bryan Kidney, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director
Jeffery Rhodes, Assistant City Administrator
Kevin Chrisman, Police Chief
Dan Harper, Public Works Director
Stephen Lachky, Community Development Director
Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director
Chris Ashley, Parks & Recreation Project Manager
John Mautino, City Attorney

A. Missouri American Water Lead Service Line Replacement

Susan Harris and David Still, Missouri American Water, presented information on the lead service line replacement program. The revised the lead and copper rule. Missouri American Water would be looking for lead or galvanized materials in residential homes due to a revised lead and copper rule from the Environmental Protection Agency. They had until October 2024 to notify customers that had lead pipes in their homes. Harris said that canvassing would start in early 2024 and they would use contractors in the area that they used before.

Discussion focused on rolling it out to customers and notifications.

B. IRIS Microtransit Program Overview

Bill George, WHC Global Live, said that Kansas City, Missouri was the founding partner of the IRIS Microtransit Program. WHC Global Live contracted with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and dedicated 30 vehicles per day.

City Administrator Alexa Barton stated that five cities in the Northland met to discuss the program because they were seeing an increase in use of their transportation. They discussed what it would look like in the Northland and who would use it. Barton felt a stronger user base would be Park University, so she spoke with President Shane Smeed who said he would like to see Parkville participate in the first three months to determine what ridership would be. She added that staff and the city attorney were reviewing the contract and the Board would need to determine if it was interested in moving forward.

Discussion focused on residents connecting with cities that were not participating. George responded that they would be connected with a bus service that provided service to the area.

The consensus of the Board was for staff to gather more information.

C. **City and private property owner responsibilities within public rights-of-way**

Community Development Director Stephen Lachky stated that staff had conversations with and questions from residents about trees, retaining walls and other items within the City's right-of-way. Per Missouri law, ownership of the underlying fee extended to the center line for properties adjacent to right-of-way.

City Attorney John Mautino said that Missouri law allowed cities the ability to make adjoining property owners maintain sidewalks and it was ultimately the City's responsibility to keep the sidewalks safe.

Lachky said that information was spread through the Municipal Code and the Property Maintenance Code, but not within one location in the codes. He provided an overview of the responsibilities of property owners. Tree maintenance along Main Street had been done in the past through one-time Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance grants. The right-of-way permit allowed the ability to plant or remove trees or for utility work.

Discussion focused on who should be responsible for trees in the right-of-way, if the City should continue to remove leaves blown into the street by residents from the right-of-way along Main Street or should it be discontinued.

The following made public comments: Marcy Katerdahl, 404 Main Street; Bob Sholar, 8208 NW Lakeview Drive; Steve Sturgess, 600 Main Street; and Kathy Ayers, 504 Main.

Due to time constraints, the remainder of the presentation was postponed to an October 3 work session.

2. **ADJOURN**

The work session ended at 7:16 p.m.

The work session minutes for September 19, 2023, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the third day of October 2023.

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