CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
January 5, 2026

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM, on Monday, January 5, 2026 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building.

The opening was led by Pastor David Boudreaux of the Crescent Lake Christian Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem St. John.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem St. John.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Reggie St. John, Councilman Stephen Spear, Councilman Gary Renne, and Councilman John McGovern.

Absent: Mayor Mark Spohn.

VISITORS: None.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2025:

Councilman Spear made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 15, 2025. Motion was seconded by Councilman McGovern. All in favor; motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 15, 2025 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA:

Councilman McGovern made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McGovern, Renne, Spear, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

The agenda passed and approved January 5, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-01, CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE OF FEES REGARDING THE FIRE TRAINING FACILITY:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Ordinance No. 26-01-01.

Joseph Maddick, Fire Chief briefed the Council of the Ordinance.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to place Ordinance No. 26-01-01 amending the Schedule of Fees regarding the Fire Training Facility on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Renne.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Spear, McGovern, Renne, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title the second reading of Ordinance No. 26-01-01.

Councilman Renne made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-01-01 amending the Schedule of Fees regarding the Fire Training Facility. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Renne, Spear, McGovern, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 26-01-01 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-02, CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH CLAY COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES FOR MEALS AND A VISIT PROGRAM.

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Ordinance No. 26-01-02.

Nate Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Center briefed the Council of the Ordinance.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to place Ordinance No. 26-01-02 approving an agreement with Clay County Senior Services on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Spear, Renne, McGovern, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title the second reading of Ordinance No. 26-01-02.

Councilman Spear made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-01-02 approving an agreement with Clay County Senior Services. Motion was seconded by Councilman Renne.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McGovern, Spear, Renne, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 26-01-02 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1630, CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES TASK ORDER FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT'S LIME SLAKER REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Resolution No. 1630.

Chad Birdsong, Director of Public Works briefed the Council of the Resolution.

Councilman Spear made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1630 approving a Task Order for Lamp Rynearson Inc. related to the Lime Slaker Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion was seconded by Councilman McGovern.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Renne, McGovern, Spear, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1630 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1631, CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLANNING 2 PRESERVE, LLC:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Resolution No. 1631.

Mallory Brown, Community Development Director briefed the Council of the Resolution.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1631 selecting Planning 2 Preserve, LLC and approving an agreement related thereto. Motion was seconded by Councilman Renne.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McGovern, Renne, Spear, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1631 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL FOR NEW OWNERSHIP OF Y LIQUOR:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title the Consideration.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Consideration.

Councilman Renne made a motion to approve Mr. Prakashkumar Patel as the new owner working as Akshar Pramukh, LLC, doing business as "Y Liquor," located at 1742 West Jesse James Road, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Renne, McGovern, Spear, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

The Consideration for liquor license approval for the new owner of Y Liquor passed and approved January 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1632, CONSIDERATION OF UPFITTING PURCHASE FOR 2026 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Resolution No. 1632.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Resolution.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1632 approving the purchase and installation of police vehicle upfitting equipment for a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Spear, Renne, McGovern, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1632 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1633, CONSIDERATION OF NEW AGREEMENT FOR USE OF POLICE SHOOTING RANGE WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Resolution No. 1633.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Resolution.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1633 approving the form of a range use agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McGovern, Spear, Renne, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1633 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1634, CONSIDERATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED POLICE RECORDS:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Resolution No. 1634.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Resolution.

Councilman Spear made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1634 approving the destruction of certain Police records in accordance with established city protocol and procedures. Motion was seconded by Councilman Renne.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Renne, Spear, McGovern, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1634 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1635, CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND DASH CAMERAS:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Resolution No. 1635.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Resolution.

Councilman Renne made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1635 approving the purchase from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Body-Worn Cameras and In-Car Dash Cameras. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Spear, McGovern, Renne, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution No. 1635 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-03, CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES, TITLE I, APPENDIX A, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO ANIMAL CONTROL FEES AND REPEALING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS, CATS, AND MINIATURE PIGS:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Ordinance No. 26-01-03.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Ordinance.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to table Ordinance No. 26-01-03 amending the Schedule of Fees, Title 1, Appendix A, of the Municipal Code related to Animal Control Fees and repealing license requirements for dogs, cats, and miniature pigs on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Renne.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McGovern, Renne, Spear, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 26-01-03 was tabled January 5, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01-04, CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO NUISANCES, CHAPTER 235.140-235.146:

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title Ordinance No. 26-01-04.

Gregory Dull, Chief of Police briefed the Council of the Ordinance.

Councilman McGovern made a motion to place Ordinance No. 26-01-04 amending the City Code regarding Chronic Nuisance Properties on second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spear.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Renne, McGovern, Spear, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John read by title the second reading of Ordinance No. 26-01-04.

Councilman Spear made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-01-04 amending the City Code regarding Chronic Nuisance Properties. Motion was seconded by Councilman Renne.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McGovern, Spear, Renne, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 26-01-04 passed and approved January 5, 2026.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL:

City Manager, Molly McGovern:

1. I noticed a publication announcing the Small Town Showcase. Excelsior Springs was one of sixteen communities that were selected for this honor. It provides for a voting opportunity. We have between January 1st and February 1st to vote in hopes that we will become one of the five communities selected, based on votes received, to receive a podcast episode and short film about our community. Hopefully you will vote and vote often. We have done it multiple times on multiple days. Go to the city's Facebook page for the link to vote with Missouri Humanities: Mohumanities.org/small-town-showcase/.

Councilman Renne:

1. I'm very proud of our city being on the cutting edge with opening our fire training facility and shooting range to outside departments. I'm going to enjoy seeing them come into our community and using our facilities.
2. Come Monday when the Meals and a Visit Program begins, my next door neighbor Francis McGaugh is going to be thrilled, as well as a number of seniors in our community. Whoever visits next door to my home, they better be prepared to stay a while.

Councilman McGovern:

1. If I could take the liberty to speak on behalf of the council and express our sympathy and condolences to Brian Rice and his family on the passing of his father Steve Rice who was a former city employee in the Public Works Department.
2. We are privileged tonight to have a weather man in our presence, Vern Hendricks.

Councilman Spear:

1. I was excited to see the $216 Million that was granted to Missouri for rural hospitals and hope to leverage that to the benefit of our wonderful hospital.

Mayor Pro-Tem St. John:

1. Something that popped up today is that it has been 11 years that DEP has been led by Lyndsey Baxter; we thank her for that.
2. This is the first meeting of 2026 and I'm just thinking back at what was accomplished in 2025. In 1977 my wife and I drove into a flood on Kennedy Avenue and I hope no one else has to experience that again. There are so many things that have occurred over this past year and it is phenomenal. The stage is set for even a better 2026.

Mayor Spohn:

1. Absent.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 610.021.1, RSMO.:

With no further business at hand, Councilman McGovern made a motion to close the Regular City Council Meeting of January 5, 2026 and go into CLOSED SESSION immediately following pursuant to Section 610.021.1, RSMo. Councilman Spear seconded. No discussion was held by City Council Members.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Spear, McGovern, Renne, St. John

Nays: None, motion carried.

The Regular City Council meeting of January 5, 2026 adjourned at 6:48 pm.

ATTEST:

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SHANNON STROUD, CITY CLERK

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MARK D. SPOHN, MAYOR