

**MERRIAM CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL
9001 WEST 62ND STREET
July 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ken Sissom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Scott Diebold
Chris Evans Hands
Bruce Kaldahl
Brian Knaff
David Neal
Bob Pape
Jason Silvers
Whitney Yadrich

Staff present: Chris Engel, City Administrator; Ryan Denk, City Attorney; Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Assistant City Administrator; Donna Oliver, Finance Director; Jenna Gant, Communication and Public Engagement Manager; Bryan Dyer, Community Development Director; Anna Slocum, Parks and Recreation Director; Darren McLaughlin, Police Chief and Juli Pinnick, City Clerk.

III. PUBLIC ITEMS

Members of the public are encouraged to use this time to make comments about matters that do not appear on the agenda. Comments about items on the regular agenda will be taken as each item is considered. ***Please note: individuals making Public Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.*** In accordance with the *Governing Body Rules of Procedure*, the City reserves the right to refuse Public Comments that are personal, impertinent or slanderous.

Nancy Hammond, 5845 Perry Ln., commented that she is so pleased with the we-go swing recently installed at Chatlain Park. Her nephew has been able to use it and swing for the first time in 28 years. He has muscular dystrophy and he is inviting all his friends to come use the swing. They also notified Children’s Mercy Hospital about the swing. Many of her neighbors feel there is a problem with speeding in their neighborhood. Some neighbors have suggested having speed bumps installed on Perry Ln., Knox, and 55th St. they would like to request a stop sign on Perry Ln. at Hocker Dr. She further commented about a home on 56th Ter.

that is in disrepair and yesterday she observed a couple of juveniles inside the property smoking marijuana.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the heading are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separate.

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held June 28, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER PAPE MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1. COUNCILMEMBER SILVERS SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Employee Service Awards – 2nd Quarter 2021.

Mayor Sissom presented the following Employee Service Awards:

20 Years of Service

Chris Brokaw - Police Department

15 Years of Service

Halen Covell - Public Works

5 Years of Service

Trey Daniels - Police Department

Mayor Sissom commented that another staff member present is retiring after 44 years of service to the City of Merriam. Charlie Yocum started his career with the City of Merriam as a police officer. He retired from that position, after 32 years as a police officer but, returned to the city to accept a position as a civilian employee with the Merriam Police Department as a Community Services Officer. His last day will be Wednesday. Mayor Sissom indicated that Mr. Yocum is the only employee in the history of the city to have a 44-year tenure. Mayor Sissom thanked Charlie for his many years of service and dedication and wished him well on his final retirement with the City of Merriam.

2. Proclamation declaring July 2021 Parks and Recreation Month.

Mayor Sissom read the proclamation declaring July 2021 Parks and Recreation Month. Mayor Sissom thanked Parks and Recreation Director Anna Slocum and staff members present for the great work they do.

VI. COUNCIL ITEMS

1. CIP Update.

Public Works Director Jim MacDonald provided the following CIP updates:

2021 Street Improvement Program is moving along very well and the overlay program portion is substantially complete with the exception of a few pavement markings on Goodman and manhole adjustments. Sod is scheduled to be installed in September. 95% of the substandard curb and sidewalk has been replaced on East Frontage Rd. from 67th St. to 75th St. Three streetlights have been relocated between 74th St. to 75th St. On Carmax Dr. all the substandard curb has been replaced. Along 60th St. all the substandard curb and sidewalk sections have been removed.

The engineer, for the West Vernon Place Preliminary Engineering Study has a completed exiting condition evaluation and next they will start on the proposal options.

VII. STAFF ITEMS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER HANDS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:23 PM COUNCILMEMBER PAPE SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

APPROVED: July 26, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Juliana Pinnick

City Clerk