

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

April 18, 2022 - 12:00 Noon  
Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in its first meeting of the new term in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 12:00 Noon. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josendale. Notice of said meeting was provided in the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor John Josendale	(1-0)
	Councilmember Taylor Crouse	(1-0)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(1-0)
	Councilmember Michael Grimm	(1-0)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(1-0)
	Councilmember Kenton Randolph	(1-0)
	Councilmember Jeff Schomburg	(1-0)
	Councilmember Randy Schultz	(1-0)
	Councilmember Andrew Trout	(1-0)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, Police Chief Chris Connally, Fire Chief Kenny Cordonnier, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Health Director Debra Bradley, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Finance Director Laurie Tietjen, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. Health Director Kendra Bundy, Asst Fire Chief Jamey McVicker, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multi-media Planner Ed Schilling, City Clerk Paula Heyde, Deputy City Clerk Rita K. Domini and City Manager's Executive Admin. Asst. Cindi Meers.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

47036 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Davis that Councilmember Randy Schultz be elected as Deputy Mayor. Motion carried. Ayes, Crouse, Davis, Grimm, Josendale, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--9.

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION:

47037 (Resolution No. 47037 - 4907) A Resolution (#1-22) sponsored by the Mayor and all Councilmembers expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Mayor and City Council to the outgoing Councilmembers for their public service for the betterment of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, for the 2018-2022 term, was read and adopted. Ayes, Crouse, Davis, Grimm, Josendale, Novak, Randolph, Schomburg, Schultz, Trout--9.

ADJOURNMENT:

47038 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.



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INAUGURAL CEREMONIES:

The inaugural program which commenced at 12:00 Noon, April 18, 2022, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, was as follows:

Welcome	Bryan Carter, City Manager, Master of Ceremonies
Invocation	Pastor Jim Barnett United Methodist Church (retired)
Raising of the Colors	St. Joseph Fire and Police Departments Honor Guards
Pledge of Allegiance	Zielle Dydell Second Grader, MidCity Excellence
National Anthem	Matthew Bobela, Senior Music Major Missouri Western State University
Recognition of Outgoing Officials	Outgoing Mayor Bill McMurray
Presentation of City Officials	Bryan Carter
Municipal Judge	Theodore S. Elo
City Council	Taylor Crouse, District II Madison Davis, District I Michael Grimm, District IV Marty Novak, At-large Kenton Randolph, At-large Jeff Schomburg, At-large Randy Schultz, At-large Andrew Trout, District III
Mayor	John Josendale
Administering the Oath of Office to the Municipal Court Judge	The Honorable Daniel Kellogg Presiding Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit Court
Administering the Oath of Office to the Municipal Court Judge, Mayor and City Council	Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk
Inaugural Address	Mayor John Josendale
God Bless America	Councilmember Marty Novak and Outgoing Mayor Bill McMurray

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INAUGURAL CEREMONIES: (Cont'd)

The following is the Mayor's Inaugural Address:

Honored guests, my fellow council members, citizens, and all who share our vision.

Thank you all for being here. I want to take the time to thank all elected officials, both current and former, who are here today. We are all part of a representative democracy that makes our country great. I also want to thank my wife, Jennifer, and my family for allowing me the time and giving the support to let me properly do this job.

The people sitting before you – are here today to be a mayor and council for all the people of St. Joseph, no matter who you voted for or if you voted at all. For those of you whom I did not earn your vote, I want to earn your trust. We will listen and serve all people of St. Joseph. We are neighbors. We walk the same sidewalks, use the same parks, shop in the same stores, and dream of a vibrant city even if have different paths to get there.

We must listen to each other. During the campaign, we had the privilege of listening to many narratives of the unique stories of people across St. Joseph.

We heard from neighborhood leaders who asked me to help address the challenges facing their communities – crime, cleaning the city, abandoned buildings and repairing roads.

We heard it from citizens and companies who see opportunity by reducing red tape and being a helpful government.

We heard from families and young people, who would like to find a place in our city's future and eager to pursue new pathways for opportunities here in St. Joseph.

We heard from long-time residents who work hard every day but wonder where our future is going. How will St. Joseph evolve and grow.

We heard from developers ready to breathe new life into vacant lots and existing structures, but who ask for clear rules and procedures that respect the risks they take.

We heard from people in every neighborhood, homeowners, and renters, who want good jobs, safe neighborhoods, and a healthy environment in which to live and raise their families.

Sometimes these narratives complement each other. Often, they do not. But now we have an opportunity. As we enter this time of a great opportunity, each of us brings with us our own experiences and life stories that shape our relationship with government and our vision for St. Joseph. I believe we make better decisions when we show respect and listen to all perspectives. As your Mayor, I will listen and seek to better understand the experiences of all who we serve.

I'm grateful to be joined in this effort by our new City Council. I look forward to working with our new and returning Council members. Each one of you offers a unique point of view that will make our conversations richer and our decisions more collaborative. When we disagree, I hope we will remember that our diversity of opinion reflects the diversity of our residents.

Let us govern with respect for each other and with recognition of our shared goals to help the people of St. Joseph thrive.

Of course, our job is not only to listen to each other and to our constituents. Our job is also to lead.

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INAUGURAL CEREMONIES: (Cont'd)

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Leading takes many forms, beginning with the basics. We elect mayors to make sure the essential work of government is done.

- We must make sure people are safe and secure.
- We must be wise and prudent stewards of public dollars and public spaces.
- We must manage our infrastructure so that families and businesses can function and flourish.

Leading often means finding the common ground when there is conflict. Our resolutions must be fair and transparent.

However, being a leader is more than being a referee. Leadership is about vision. It's about setting a compass toward a better future and forging a path wide enough for all of us to walk together.

As a St. Joseph resident and especially as a new Mayor, I stand here today with an immense gratitude knowing the history of this city and being given the opportunity to be part of the vision of the future.

Our city should be one that does not lack confidence. That is not envious of other cities, but instead celebrates our history and our future identity. A future that lives up to the ideal of who we can be and what we can do together.

Today my vision for St. Joseph is a city that's "changing horses"! Many new faces, new ideas and new opportunities. For us to be successful we need to embrace our history, remembering how we got here, and working together with new ideas to create a safe environment with opportunity and growth for all our futures. One city, not forgetting our Northside or Southside pride but working together for all St. Joseph so when we invest our time, treasure, and talents, we do so in ways that benefit all the people who live here.

As your Mayor, I will work to build partnerships to advance bold, innovative actions that protect our community, promote growth, and improve quality of life for us and for the generations that follow.

As your Mayor, I will listen with an open mind, and to open doors toward more collaborative decision making at all levels of government.

The journey ahead of us will not always be easy. It will take all of us working and walking alongside each other, as neighbors and as colleagues.

Let us welcome to our journey those who come to town searching for a new life and new opportunity.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead St. Joseph as we embark on the next leg of this journey together.

Let me conclude with a this.

I am a lucky man who has had the opportunity to meet people and make friends all over the world. For me it is all about people! Now as I start my role as Mayor, I want this to be my opportunity to give back to a St. Joseph that I believe in! Let's all work together to write a very successful future for our people and our community. I believe! Thank you and God Bless.