

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025  
LOCATION: HOUSTON CITY HALL  
601 S. GRAND AVE., HOUSTON, MO.**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Ave. with the following members present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, Alderman Tim Ceplina, City Attorney Sean Smith, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers, Joe Honeycutt, City Treasurer, Police Chief Brad Evans, Fire Chief Robbie Smith, and Parks and Recreation Director Robbie Mortensen.

Mayor Narancich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk Rodgers called roll call.

Mayor Narancich established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2025 closed session meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Mayor Narancich directed City Clerk Rodgers to include the location of the meeting in the heading of the minutes. Motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to amend the motion to have the location added to the heading of the minutes. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payroll dated for January 13, 2025 for period of December 30, 2024 through January 12, 2025. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve payment of invoices for January 17 and January 21, 2025. (\$90,797.97) as presented. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Guest:

Brenda Senter shared information about the upcoming Emmett Kelly Festival with the council. Thanks to a grant, a historical marker for three Emmett Kelly murals on Grand Ave. were received. Senter would like the murals dedicated the morning of the festival. The annual festival takes place the last weekend in April.

James Hall, sculptor presented a model of a bench statue of Emmett Kelly that individuals could take pictures with.

Jon (KPM Audit Report Review) is rescheduled to the next regular scheduled council meeting February 3, 2025.

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2025-100 Amending Chapter 5, Article I, to add a new section 5-1 (Building Permits).

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to place Bill 100 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2025-100 Amending Chapter 5, Article I, to add a new section 5-1 (Building Permits).

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to place Bill 100 on a second and final reading by title only to become Ordinance 2025-100. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

A certificate of Deposit (CD) at Bank of Houston matured on January 22, 2025 for \$110,722.21. The current rate and term options were provided to council that included The Bank of Houston, Progressive Ozark Bank, Security Bank, Simmons Bank and West Plains Bank and Trust.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to renew the CD at Bank of Houston for a 7 month term at 4.25%. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

A motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the purchase of 2025 GATOR XUV 845E from John Deere in the amount of \$20,059.44 for the golf course. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Alderman Kelley presented a utility committee update. A motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina authorizing City Administrator Wells to contact Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) to do a study of the city's electrical distribution system. The study is free to member municipalities. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

City Administrator Wells reported the City has received two RFP's for GIS Mapping. This will be on the agenda at the regular council meeting February 3, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Romines to purchase wastewater clarifier parts from CopperState Machine and Industrial Service in the amount of \$21,985.41. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to purchase 10 transformers from Arkansas Electric Coop not to exceed \$46,540.00. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Mayor Narancich thanked public grounds for cleaning up limbs and making our town look nice.

City Administrator Wells shared a letter he received about John McCloud, the City's bus driver. The letter complimented McCloud on the services he offers and things he does to help the passengers.

Water department employees Brad Smith and Steve Floyd will be traveling to Washington D.C. in February to compete in a national water quality event.

Alderwomen Gettys shared that she has spoke with a couple residents that expressed their concerns about getting important city information in a timely manner. The council will discuss options at the next regular council meeting February 3, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection 91), Subsection (3), Subsection (9), and Subsection (12). Motion carried with six yes votes.

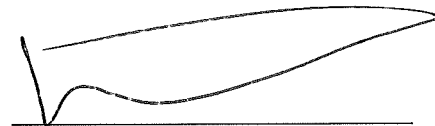
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			



The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Barbara Rodgers  
Minutes Taken By

  
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Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Rodgers  
City Clerk