



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JULY 10, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Regular Business

- A. Discussion Regarding the Design and Development of Freedom Park
- B. Discussion Regarding Repurposing the City Hall Auditorium as an Attraction for the Downtown District
- C. Discussion Regarding a Dog Park Proposal by Monett Main Street
- D. Discussion Regarding Playground Equipment Proposal for the South Park

V. Convene Into Closed Session Pursuant to Sections 610.021-610.022RSMo for the Purpose of Discussing the Following: Personnel Matters as Defined by Section 610.021(3) and (13)

VI. Adjournment



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Staff Report

To: Mayor & Commissioners

From: City Administrator

Date: July 10, 2025

Re: Design and Development of Freedom Park located at 100 6th Street adjacent to the Jerry D. Hall Pavilion.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Due to FEMA restrictions the city owned property at 100 6th Street has limited usage. The FEMA restriction does not allow flow obstruction in the parcel of property. The land can be used if flow is not restricted. This green space is ideal for activities requiring open space. This could include but not limited to open disc tossing, kite flying, relay activities, and vender tents. Additional activities requiring open space could be conducted here.

Due to the popularity of the Freedom Silo the name of the space would fall in line with this key attraction. The monument sign would serve to bring honor and respect to those who have served our country, resulting in the freedom we hold. The sidewalk would bring additional walking trails and connectively for the downtown district. The green space would be worked to bring improvement to the grass on the site.

PROPOSAL

Allow city staff to design and plan a cost-effective approach resulting in the establishment of Freedom Park by June 2026.

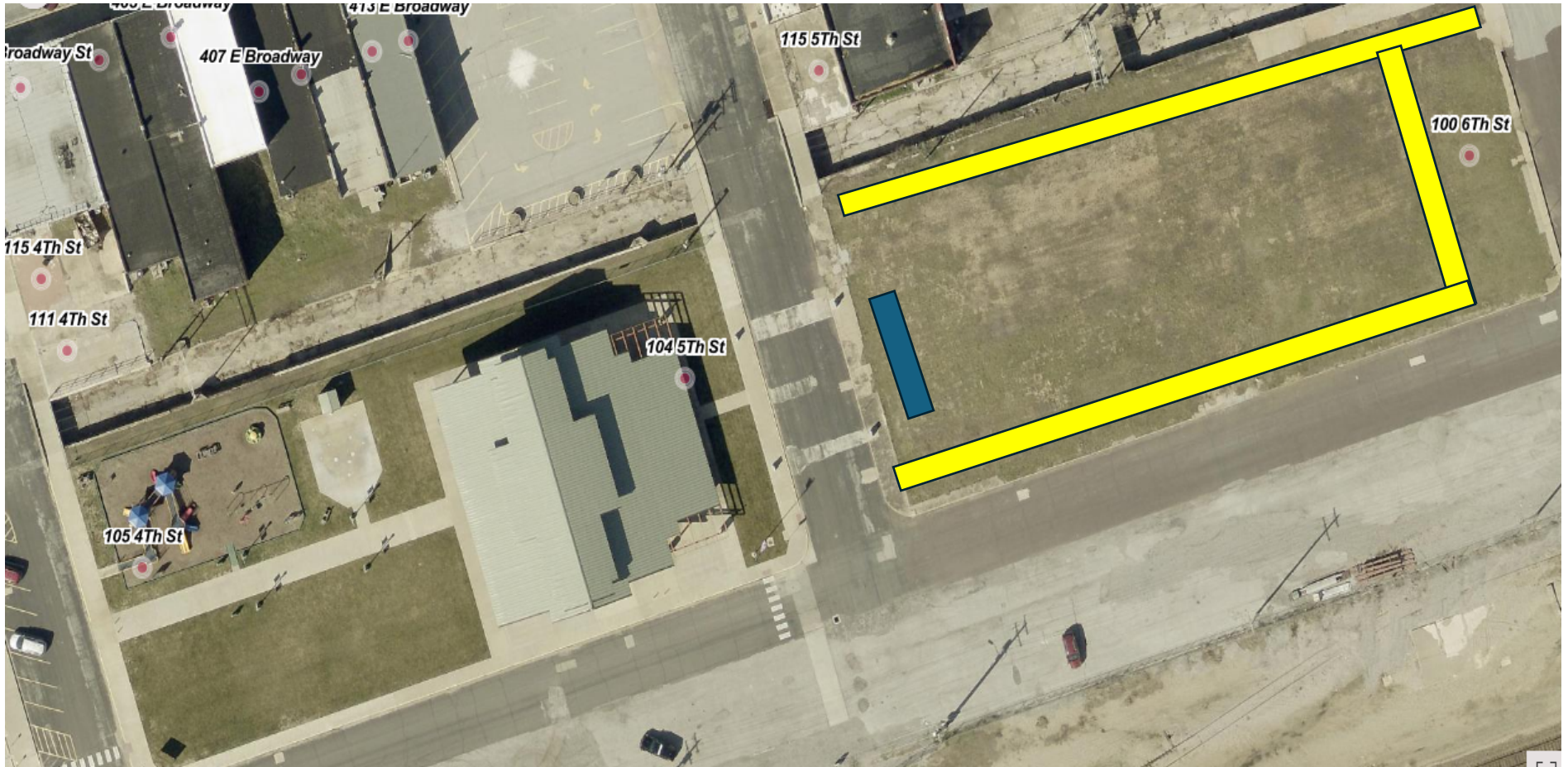
RECOMMENDATION

Assign the Park Superintendent the task to design the park project for City Council approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- Site map with potential signage and sidewalks.
- Mockup of the monument sign.

Proposed site for Freedom Park



Blue = monument sign.

Yellow = 6' Sidewalk



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Re: Repurpose the City Hall Auditorium as an attraction for the downtown district.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Monett City Hall has a second-floor auditorium which seats 547. The space has been used in past years for a variety of purposes. The space could be repurposed to provide entertainment space to draw crowds downtown. The space could be used for acoustic sets of musical talent and other entertainment which requires minimum sound and light production.

The elevator shaft was separating from the building. This repair has been completed. The elevator will need to be inspected to ensure it is in operating condition. The elevator is needed to comply with ADA regulations.

The Economic Development Committee has a work group which has looked at ways to use music as an economic driver. Currently there are events within the downtown district utilizing music to draw large crowds. The space could be used on a limited basis for the same purpose.

PROPOSAL

Partner with the Monett Main Street and the Monett Chamber of Commerce Foundation to promote the venue. The oversight of the venue would fall to the Monett Tourism Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Form a Feasibility Study Group to explore the benefits and barriers to using the venue to attract crowds to the downtown district. The group’s membership could include city staff, chamber board member, main street board member, tourism committee member, and citizen.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Re: Dog Park proposal by Monett Main Street

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Monett Main Street has raised funding for a dog park to be located in the downtown district of the City of Monett. The project has been halted due to FEMA restriction and then an alternate location due to deed restrictions. Each situation has delayed the construction of a dog park.

PROPOSAL

Monett Main Street has submitted a letter (attached) of request to the City of Monett. The jest of the letter is requesting the city owned property at 901 East Broadway Street be used for the location of the downtown dog park. The city also owns a building on the same lot located at 913 East Broadway Street. The initial conversations with city staff and members of the Monett Main Street have suggested street parking for those who use the facilities. The section of Broadway closest to the proposed facilities is marked as parallel parking. The count appears to be adequate for this usage.

RECOMMENDATION

City staff have recommended a Development Agreement between the City of Monett and Monett Main Street for improvements on the property resulting in a dog park. The facilities and improvements would be fully funding by Monett Main Street. The property would remain with the City of Monett. After completion of the improvements the City of Monett will take ownership of maintenance.

The Development Agreement shall specify the overall size of the dog park, distinguish large dog/small dog amenities, shelter facilities and/or structures, service needs such as water, and self-maintenance stands for bags/containers for dog waste.

Pursuit of Council directive, the City Attorney will draft the Development Agreement and Resolution.



ATTACHMENTS

- Letter received from Monett Main Street dated June 30, 2025
- Proposed site map
- Proposed site map with flood information



June 30, 2025

City Council for the City of Monett

City Administrator

CC: City Clerk

Transmitted via email: mmary@monettmo.gov, kmcmillan@monettmo.gov

The Board of Directors of Monett Main Street is pleased to be working on a dog park project for downtown Monett. We have the funds and support needed to complete the project in 2025.

We were presented with the opportunity to develop the parking lot adjacent to the old Monett Times building in 2024, but we were halted when we discovered there was a deed restriction that prevented the land from a change of use that could not be overcome.

We were told about another location the city owns between 9th and 10th on the South side of Broadway. We have been meeting with the city engineer to determine if this location would be suitable. As of now, we have been assured that if the City Council and city leadership agree, we should be able to finish the dog park at this alternate location.

We hereby request that City Council withdraw the ordinance passed in 2024 and make arrangements to retain the parking lot at the old Monett Times building as a city lot.

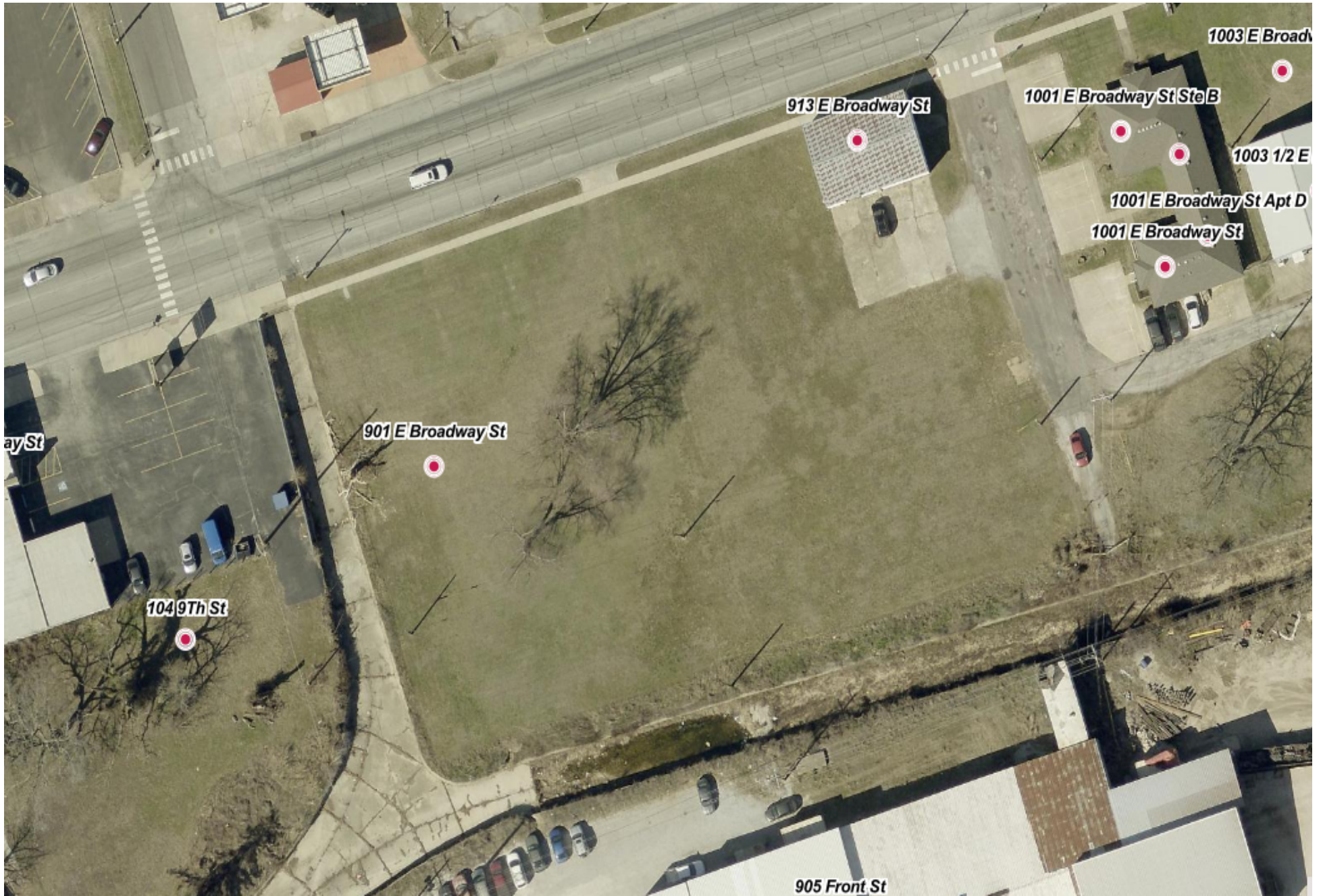
We also request that City Council considers offering Monett Main Street the property between 9th and 10th on Broadway on the south side of the street to complete the dog park project.

We are available for next steps and any meetings needed to help us finish this project. We are pleased to be supporting this project that has been overwhelmingly supported by the members of the Monett community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alyssa Vaughn, Board President

DOG PARK - Proposed Site – 901 East Broad



way Street.

Flood Information for Proposed Site of Dog Park





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Staff Report

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Re: Playground equipment proposal for South Park.

GENERAL INFORMATION

City Staff have been working with Play Power to design potential playground equipment for South Park. The designated area is shown on the attached map.

The estimated cost for the equipment is \$199,000.00. This design includes new designs from the company.

PROPOSAL

Use the design provided by the vender and place in South Park. Funding of the project could be completed by a Certificate of Participation (COP) with payments from the Park Tax over a five-to-ten-year term.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the project as designed with the appropriate funding.

ATTACHMENTS

- Design proposal
- Map of potential location
- Funding information



Playground Location

