

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026

1. Call to order

Mayor Bobby Stimatze called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on January 20, 2026, at City Hall. The following council members were present: Aaron Gleason, Mark Bryant, Nita Keenan, and Aaron Raines. Kyle Bunker was not present.

City Personnel: Jason Wyatt, Mike Sanders, and Pam Watson.

City Attorney: Not present.

Attendance: Ryan Russell.

2. Additions to the Agenda

- a) Swimming Pool under the new business.

Raines moved to add the swimming pool to the new business. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

3. Citizen Comments

- a) Raines made a welcoming statement to the new and reelected council members.

4. Stafford County Economic Development

- a) Resolution #2026-02 Downtown Planning – Russell updated the council about the same grant that he applied for last year for the downtown planning, the timelines, and the requirements of the grant. Russell also updated the council on the process of the different projects he is working on.

Gleason moved to pass Resolution #2026-02 Downtown Planning. Keenan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2026

Bryant moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2026. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #123125AP - \$34,425.68

Bryant moved to approve the appropriation ordinance #123125AP in the amount of \$34,425.68. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- c) Appropriation Ordinance #012026AP - \$53,240.21

Bryant moved to approve the appropriation ordinance #012026AP in the amount of \$53,2340.21. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- d) Petty Cash - \$450.35

Bryant moved to approve the Petty Cash in the amount of \$450.35. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- e) KMEA Mid State - \$3,545.00

Bryant moved to approve the invoice from KMEA Mid State in the amount of \$3,545.00. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor – None
- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – Discussions regarding the timeline of getting the water samples tested between the council and Wyatt.

- c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
- d) Police Department – Discussed recent training for the Chief, and hiring new officers.
- e) Fire Chief – Discussed the progress of getting the new radios for the police and fire department.
- f) City Clerk – None
- g) Attorney – None

7. Old Business

- a) 5th Street Road by White's Foodliner – The last curbs are cut as of today. The engineer is preparing the final paperwork for the final inspection to close out this project.
- b) Fountain – Quote will be presented for paint at the next meeting.
- c) Water Well Testing – See discussion under Water/Sewer Supervisor session.
- d) Port Authority – No update
- e) Extension of Sewer and Water mains on West Street – Clerk presented the council with the letter from the other engineering company declining to submit the bid.

Gleason moved to accept the quote from EBH Engineering to design and survey this project, and to spend up to \$30,000.00. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- f) KP&F and KPERS Plan – Clerk presented the council with the updated information for KP&F and the breakdown of the estimated amount to convert the time from KPERS to KP&F. The department's budget was also discussed. The council tabled the KPERS time conversion.

Bryant moved to switch the retirement plan for all full-time police department positions from KPERS to KP&F for 2027. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

8. New Business

- a) 2025 Year-End Transfers – Clerk presented the council with the list of scheduled transfers based on the 2025 budget.

Gleason moved to approve the 2025 year-end transfer as listed. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- b) Swimming Pool – Raines suggested we explore different available or possible options to improve the current conditions of the swimming pool. There were discussions regarding pool prices, the location for constructing a new pool, and using some of the 1% sales tax to help pay for it. Clerk is to explore options and report back to the council.

9. Executive Session

- a) Gleason moved for 10 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the employee evaluations exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Council, Public Works Utility Supervisor, and City Clerk. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:20 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:20 PM.

Gleason moved to increase Dale Thomas's wage by \$0.38 per his annual evaluation. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Gleason moved to place Jerry Curry on a six-month probation and to revisit and reevaluate his wage after the probation period. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Gleason moved to increase Michael Craven's wage by \$0.53 per his annual evaluation. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

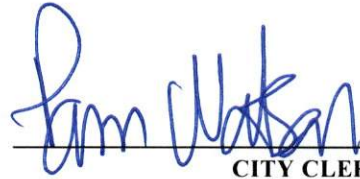
10. Adjournment

- a) The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall.

Gleason moved to adjourn the regular council meeting. Raines seconded. The motion carried 3-1. Bryant opposed.



MAYOR



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