

**City of St. John**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
March 3, 2026

**1. Call to order**

Mayor Bobby Stimatz called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on March 3, 2026, at City Hall. The following council members were present: Aaron Gleason, Mark Bryant, Nita Keenan, Aaron Raines, and Kyle Bunker.

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

City Attorney: Daniel Lynch.

Attendance: Ryan Russell, Delaney Smith, and Angela Hansen.

**2. Additions to the Agenda - None**

**3. Citizen Comments - None**

**4. 2025 Audit Report**

- a) Annual Financial Audit Reporting – Delaney Smith from Adams, Browns LLC, presented the council with the findings from the annual financial audit. There was no budget violation. Three recommendations were made regarding monthly LIEAP payment reconciliation, missed encumbrance from the 5<sup>th</sup> Street project, and the late bond payment to the State.

**5. Stafford County Economic Development**

- a) Ryan Russell presented the updates on the different projects Economic Development currently has.

**6. Consent Agenda**

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026

**Bryant moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2026. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.**

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #030326AP - \$102,585.63

**Bryant moved to approve the appropriation ordinance #030326AP in the amount of \$102,585.63. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Gleason abstained.**

- c) Petty Cash - \$308.60

**Bryant moved to approve the Petty Cash in the amount of \$308.60. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.**

**7. Committee & Department Head Reports**

- a) Electric Supervisor – None
- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – Wyatt gave updates on the baby pool.
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
- d) Police Department – None
- e) Fire Chief – None
- f) City Clerk – Watson gave updates on the plan to redo the landscape by the big playground at Brown Park.
- g) Attorney – None

## 8. Old Business

- a) Water Well Testing – None
- b) Port Authority – None
- c) Extension of Sewer and Water mains on West Street – None
- d) KP&F and KPERS Plan – None
- e) Swimming Pool – Question for the public’s opinions regarding the pool went out in the newsletter with the utility bills.

## 9. New Business

- a) 2026 Insurance Renewal – Watson presented the council with the insurance renewal quote from Ag360 Insurance. There were discussions regarding the budget and the allocation of the dividend payment.

**Gleason moved to approve the renewal quote from Ag360 Insurance in the amount of \$162,496.00. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.**

- b) KMEA Board Member Election – Watson presented the council with the information to elect the new directors to serve on the KMEA board. There were discussing of the duties of the directors.

**Bryant moved the elect, Curtis Smith as director 1, Aaron Gleason as director 2, and Kyle Bunker as alternate. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.**

- c) Lawncare Services – Watson presented the council with three quotes from Miller Lawns, Hydro-Chem, and D&L Turf Pro. There were discussions regarding the price difference on the West Street ditch and the services from each company between the council, Angela Hansen, and Watson.

**Bryant moved to award the 2026 lawncare services to D&L Turf Pro. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Raines abstained.**

## 10. Executive Session

- a) Gleason moved for 5 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the potential hire exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Council, Attorney, and City Clerk. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:37 PM.

**The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:37 PM. No action taken.**

- b) Bryant moved for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the potential hire exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Council, Attorney, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:41 PM.

**The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:41 PM.**

**Bryant moved to hire the following for the 2026 Swimming Season. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 5-0.**

**Kristen Knight – Pool Manager at \$7,500.00 per season**

**Tara Dowling – Assistant Pool Manager at \$14.00 per hour**

**Zoey Carter, Liam Knight, and Lydia Reed – Returning lifeguards at \$8.50 per hour**

**Jalyn Fisher, Averi Fisher, and Jennifer Gracia – new lifeguards at \$8.00 per hour**

**11. Adjournment**

- a) The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall.

**Gleason moved to adjourn the regular council meeting. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-1. Bryant opposed.**



MAYOR



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