

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 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 March 17, 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: Not present.

Attendance: Ryan Russell, Stephanie Marsh, Megan Bruey, and Stan Hernly appeared via Teams.

2. Additions to the Agenda

- a) 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel under executive session.

Gleason moved to add a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to the agenda. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Citizen Comments – None

Clerk asked the council to move section four on the agenda to allow more time to get connected with those appearing via Teams.

Gleason moved to move section four – bid awarding for the CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation Grant after the consent agenda. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2026

Raines moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2026. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #031726AP - \$219,045.24

Bryant moved to approve the appropriation ordinance #031726AP in the amount of \$219,045.24. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Petty Cash - \$300.00

Bryant moved to approve the Petty Cash in the amount of \$300.00. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) C&D Irrigation - \$3,056.15

Bryant moved to approve the invoice from C&D Irrigation in the amount of \$3,056.15 for the water well testing project. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

5. CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation Grant for Hood Haven

- a) Bid Awarding – the clerk presented the council with the bid from Keeler Construction to renovate the exterior of the Hood Haven building in the amount of \$193,207.00. There were discussions regarding the exterior and interior bidding process and the budget of the interior work.

Gleason moved to award the bid for the exterior renovation of the Hood Haven to Keeler Construction in the amount of \$193,207.00. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor – Smith proposed and discussed with the council the problem with one of the vehicles for the electric department – the transmission problem on the red Dodge pickup.

Smith gave two quotes from local businesses to fix the transmission, along with a quote to replace the vehicle. There were discussions of the new vehicle's features, the budget for its purchase, and sales tax.

Gleason moved to allow Smith to spend up to \$27,000.00 to purchase the new vehicle. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – None
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – Wyatt, Sanders, and the council discussed the installation of the yield signs around 7th Street and Pearl Street, or 7th and Monroe Street. Consensus of the council to install the yield signs on each side of 7th Street and Pearl Street.
- d) Police Department – None
- e) Fire Chief – None
- f) City Clerk – Watson gave updates on the code enforcement. There were discussions regarding the 1% sales tax payment on the treasurer's report, the liquor license for the Jubilee, the remaining balance in the 5th Street Project Fund, and the due date for the first lease payment for this project.
- g) Attorney – Not present but available by phone.

7. 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 – Discussion regarding forming a committee, relocation if we are to build a new pool on the old Leisure lot

8. New Business

- a) Resolution No. 2026-03 – Watson presented the council with the updated version of Resolution No. 2026-03 based on the city attorney's suggestion. This resolution allows the Jubilee committee to have alcoholic beverages on the public street.

Bryant moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-03. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Sealed bid opening for 1993 Chevy Pickup – Watson informed the council that there was only one bid submitted for the vehicle and opened the sealed bid. The bid was from Lonnie Carter in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Gleason moved to accept Lonnie Carter's bid of \$1,200.00 for the 1993 Chevy Pickup. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

9. 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, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:39 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:39 PM.

Gleason moved to hire Lilly McAlister as a lifeguard at \$8.00 per hour. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

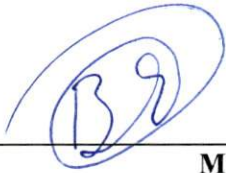
- b) Gleason moved for 10 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police, and City Clerk. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:49 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:49 PM. No action taken.

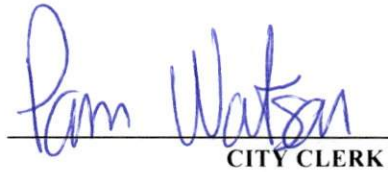
10. Adjournment

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

Gleason moved to adjourn the regular council meeting. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK