

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024

I. Call to order

Mayor Bobby Stimatze called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on May 21, 2024, at City Hall. The following council were present: Sara Woolf, Kyle Bunker, Aaron Gleason, and Aaron Raines. Mark Bryant was not present.

City Personnel: Tori Perez, Patrick Piper, Curtis Smith, Jason Wyatt and Pam Watson.

City Attorney: Danny Lynch.

Attendance: None.

II. Additions to the Agenda

- a) Work session for the Council under new business

Bunker moved to add the work session under new business. Raines seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

III. Citizen Comments – None

IV. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2024

Raines moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for May 7, 2024. Woolf seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Gleason abstained.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #052124AP - \$109,796.10

Raines moved to approve appropriation ordinance #052124AP in the amount of \$109,796.10. Gleason seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

- c) Petty Cash - \$643.39

Raines moved to approve Petty cash in the amount of \$643.39. Gleason seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor – Discussed the generating problem during the last power outage. Discussed the Sheriff's Department Auction on June 1st.
- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – Discussed the problem at the swimming pool. Jason is going to purchase a camera and see if he can find where the crack(s) in the pipe might be.
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
- d) Police Department – Officer Piper graduated from the academy.
- e) Fire Chief - None
- f) City Clerk – None
- g) City Attorney—Discuss junk vehicles. Updates on 101 E 6th property—a letter has been sent to the owner.

VI. Old Business

- a) Property code violations –
- a. 518 W 4th – Resolution #2023-07
- b. 101 E 5th – Resolution #2023-06
- c. 406 E 1st – Resolution #2023-11
- d. 112 S Monroe – Resolution #2023-04

- b) Swimming pool – Updates during department head reports
- c) EPIC proposal from Economic Development – Project completed.

Bunker moved to remove EPIC proposal from the old business. Gleason seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

- d) 5th Street Road by White's Foodliner – No Update
- e) Quote from Layne Christensen Company to replace 4 media at the Nitrate Plant – Discussed funds and when the work starts.

Gleason moved to approve a quote from Layne Christensen Company for \$175,350.00 to be paid out of the Capital Project Improvement—Water Fund. Bunker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. New Business

- a) Housing Violations—The city clerk presented a list with pictures of each property. The council is to look it over and decide which property they want to start with.

Consensus of the council to tabled this to old business.

- b) Sewer Pond Sealed Bid – 1 sealed submitted

Raines moved to approve Sandra Davis's sewer pond bid of \$225.00 for the 2024 season. Gleason seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

- c) Set Date for Budget Work Session

Gleason moved to hold a special meeting for the budget work session on June 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Raines seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

- d) Work Session – Discussed training sessions from the League of Municipalities, the governing handbook, and other sources of information available to the Council.

VIII. Executive session

- a) Gleason moved for 3 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 Attorney, City Council, Police Chief, and City Clerk. Woolf seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:11 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:11 PM. No action was taken.

- b) 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 Attorney, City Council, Police Chief, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:16 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:16 PM. Gleason moved to hire Michael Craven as a part-time summer help for the city at \$15.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Gleason moved to hire Michael Craven as a part-time Police Officer at \$19.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk will check with the auditor on how to split the pay and monitor that Michael Craven's hours do not exceed 35 between city work and police work per week.

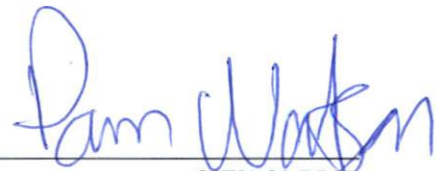
IX. Adjournment

- a) Special Council Meeting and Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM at St. John City Hall

Bunker moved to adjourn the regular council meeting. Gleason seconded. Motion carried 4-0

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK