

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
June 4, 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 June 4, 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: Patrick Piper, Curtis Smith, Jason Wyatt, Lara Wolfenden and Pam Watson.

City Attorney: Danny Lynch.

Attendance: Bill & Darlene Mastins and Stephanie Smith.

II. Additions to the Agenda

- a) Stafford County Economic Development Director to talk about the Hood Haven building.
- b) 5 Minutes executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege.

Gleason moved to approve the addition to the regular council agenda before the consent agenda session. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

III. Citizen Comments

- a) Darlene expressed her concerns about the demolition of the old Leisure Homestead and asked that extra steps be taken to ensure the health of the residents around the property.

No action was taken.

IV. Stafford County Economic Development

- a) Director Ryan Russell presented a draft of the resolution declaring 312 N Main building blighted so he can apply for a grant through CDBG to remodel it.
 - The council and the director discussed the plans and the grant. The address on the drafted resolution was incorrect. The director will send a new copy with the correct address to the clerk for the mayor to sign.

Gleason moved to approve resolution number 2024-02, declaring that the 312 N Main building was blighted, with the address on the drafted copy corrected. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

V. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2024

Raines moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for May 21, 2024. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #06042024AP - \$69,502.00

Raines moved to approve appropriation ordinance #06042024AP in the amount of \$69,502.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- c) Petty Cash - \$177.72

Raines moved to approve Petty cash in the amount of \$177.72. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

VI. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor – None
- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor—Discussion about the problems at the swimming pool. The camera did not find the leak. Mayer Specialties will be here tomorrow to inspect the pipes with their cameras. The council consensus is to fill the pool even if we cannot find the leak.
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
- d) Police Department – None
- e) Fire Chief - None
- f) City Clerk – Letters to property owners on the 2024 housing violation list.
- g) City Attorney—Discussion about legal action for 101 E 5th. 420 N Main appeal case is set for June 26th with the district court.

VII. 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) 5th Street Road by White’s Foodliner – No Update
- d) 2024 Housing Violations

VIII. New Business

- a) Governing Handbook and Training Session

Raines proposed a training session at the end of each regular council meeting to review the governing handbook. It is the consensus of the council for the clerk to order the handbooks from the League of Kansas Municipalities.

IX. Executive session

- a) Gleason moved for 3 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss employee evaluation exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Woolf seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:56 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:56 PM.

Gleason moved to raise Patrick Piper’s pay to \$22.00 per hour. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- b) Gleason moved for 5 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the attorney/client privilege exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council. Raines seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:03 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:03 PM.

No action was taken.

- c) Gleason moved for 2 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the attorney/client privilege exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council. Raines seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:06 PM.

The mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:06 PM.

No action was taken.

X. Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall

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



MAYOR



CITY CLERK