

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2024

I. Call to order

President of Council Kyle Bunker called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on July 2, 2024, at City Hall. The following council were present: Sara Woolf, Aaron Raines, and Aaron Gleason. Mark Bryant and Bobby Stimatze were not present.

City Personnel: Tori Perez, Mike Sanders, Curtis Smith, and Pam Watson.

City Attorney: Danny Lynch

Attendance: None

II. Additions to the Agenda – None

- a) 10 minutes executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege.

Gleason moved to add a 10 minutes executive session to the agenda. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

III. Citizen Comments – None

IV. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2024

Raines moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for June 18, 2024. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #070224AP - \$48,225.96

Raines moved to approve appropriation ordinance #070224AP in the amount of \$48,225.96. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

V. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor – Update on the new bucket truck.
b) Water/Sewer Supervisor - None
c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
d) Police Department – None
e) Fire Chief - None
f) City Clerk—Update on the pickleball court. Discussions about the CDBG grant for Hood Haven’s building. Stafford County Economic Development asked permission to apply for the CDBG grant in the City’s name. Discussions about liability and financial responsibilities. The consensus of the Council is to wait until the next council meeting so the director of SFCO Economic Development can be here to answer questions.
g) City Attorney—None

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

Discussions about putting out demolition bids to take down these houses. No action taken.

- b) 5th Street Road by White's Foodliner—On 06/27/2024, the city was awarded a grant from KDOT up to \$787,867.20. We are now waiting for KDOT to send the contract to be signed.
- c) 2024 Housing Violations—Updates on the progress on some of the properties we sent the letters to. At the next meeting, the clerk will have a list of the properties that have not contacted the city office or addressed the violations.
- d) 2024 Rate Study – Discussions about the proposed rates and the future plans.

Gleason moved to approve the proposed water rate from the 2024 rate study. The clerk will work with Priority Power to draft the ordinance, which will be presented for final approval at the next council meeting. Raines seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- e) Franchise Agreement with Kansas Gas Service—Gleason abstained from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. Discussions about the rate and the duration of the agreement.

Raines moved to approve Ordinance# 1095-24 Kansas Gas Service Franchise agreement. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Gleason abstained.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Executive Session

- a) Gleason moved for 10 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 City Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Woolf seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:45 PM.

The President of the Council called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:45 PM. No action was taken.

- 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 City Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:50 PM.

The President of the Council called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:50 PM. No action was taken.

IX. Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall

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



MAYOR



CITY CLERK