

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2024

I. Call to order

President of Council Mark Bryant called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on August 6, 2024, at City Hall. The following council were present: Sara Woolf, Aaron Raines, Aaron Gleason, and Kyle Bunker. Bobby Stimatze was not present.

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

City Attorney: Danny Lynch.

Attendance: Erik Crowley, Lara Wolfenden and Ryan Russell.

II. Additions to the Agenda

- a) 10 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Raines moved to add a 10-minute executive session to the agenda. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) 5 minutes of executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege.

Gleason moved to add a 5 minutes executive session to the agenda. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

III. Citizen Comments – None

IV. Stafford County Economic Development

- a) CDBG Grant for Hood Haven's Building—Ryan Russell presented the council with a memorandum of understanding regarding the city's liability on the CDBG grant application.

Gleason moved for the City to sign the memorandum of understanding with Stafford County Economic Development. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Housing Project Discussion – More discussions about the delay and the contract.

V. Consent Agenda

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

Gleason moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for July 18, 2024. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #080624AP - \$245,614.55

Gleason moved to approve appropriation ordinance #080624AP in the amount of \$245,614.55. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Petty Cash - \$363.35

Gleason moved to approve the petty cash in the amount of \$363.35. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0

VI. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor - None
b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – None
c) Street/Park Supervisor – Present the quote from Marmie for repairing the truck.

Raines moved to approve the quote from Marmie not to exceed \$8,000.00. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) Police Department – Informed the council about the emergency drill on Saturday. Chief informed the council of the accident with one of the patrol vehicles and presented quotes from KHP and SERV for the new patrol vehicle. Discussions about the quotes, the insurance, and buyback options. Tabled this to old business to wait for the insurance company's response.

There were also discussions about golf carts regarding age restrictions and car seats. No action was taken.

- e) Fire Chief - None
- f) City Clerk – Discussions about the budget and RNR hearing process. Informed the council that both hearings are set for September 3rd. Budget discussions to fix the dirt road on West Street.
- g) City Attorney – None

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

Discussions about the clerk's email regarding taking bids to demolish these houses. No action was taken.

- b) 5th Street Road by White's Foodliner

The Clerk presented two estimates to the council—one for asphalt and one for concrete. The representative from EBH will be here on August 20th for questions. Discussions of concrete from 281 highway to the driveway of Hampel. The clerk is to check with EBH about this.

- c) 2024 Housing Violations

The Clerk updated the council on the progress of two properties on the approved list from the last meeting to proceed with the title search. The consensus of the council is to wait to do the title search on those two properties but to proceed with the title search on 209 W 6th.

VIII. New Business

- a) New ordinance to update the water rate—The clerk presented the drafted ordinance to the council regarding the water rate. The summary of the rates is noted in the clerk's report to the council.

Gleason moved to approve ordinance #1096-24, and Raines seconded it. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) New patrol vehicle – See discussion under department head reports.
- c) Items need to be approved for seal bids - The clerk presented a list of items the city no longer needs to auction/bid off. The council consensus is to put the old bucket truck, the old vac truck, and the John Deere mower on Purplewave to be auctioned off and advertise the rest of the items on the list for sealed bids.
- d) Repair on Dodge pickup truck for the Street Department – See discussion under department head reports.

IX. Executive Session

- a) Raines 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 City Attorney and City Council. Bunker seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:52 PM.

The President of Council called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:52 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 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 9:00 PM.

The President of Council called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:52 PM. No action was taken.

X. Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall

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



MAYOR



CITY CLERK