

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
September 3, 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 September 3, 2024, at City Hall. The following council were present: Mark Bryant, Sara Woolf, Aaron Raines, Aaron Gleason, and Kyle Bunker.

City Personnel: Curtis Smith, Jason Wyatt, Michael Sanders, and Pam Watson.

City Attorney: Danny Lynch.

Attendance: Orrin Feril, Patrick Piper, and Erik Crowley. Justin Cobb attended via Zoom.

II. Additions to the Agenda

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

Gleason moved to approve the 10-minute executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege before the Groundwater Management District presentation. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) 5 minutes executive session to discuss the non-elected personnel.

Gleason moved to approve the 5 minutes executive session to discuss the non-elected personnel. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

III. Citizen Comments – None

IV. 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 Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:12 PM.

The Mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 7:12 PM. No action was taken.

V. Groundwater Management District 5

- a) Grant to help with water projects – Representatives presented the drafts of the grant application for final approval from the council. Discussions about wordings within the drafts that could potentially create liabilities for the city. The representatives and the city attorney worked together to revise the drafts. The final drafts were revised and emailed over to the clerk for the council. The final drafts are to be submitted as soon as Cobb receives the signed copy of the agreements.

Gleason moved to approve the final draft of the application for the loan repayment of \$531,772.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Gleason moved to approve the final draft of the application for the sewer pipe lining and phreatophyte removal for \$562,508.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Gleason moved to approve the final draft of the application for the surveying, design, and permitting costs for the 3rd Avenue waterline replacement of \$67,000.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2024

Bryant moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for August 20, 2024. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #090324AP - \$94,838.96

Bryant moved to approve appropriation ordinance #090324AP in the amount of \$94,838.96. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Petty Cash - \$288.84

Bryant moved to approve the petty cash in the amount of \$288.84. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0

VII. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor—Discussions about the purchase prices of diesel fuel for the power plant from different companies, maintenance contract from Foley for generators #2 & #6, and the water leak on generator #5.

Gleason moved to approve the purchase of diesel fuel for the power plant up to \$20,000.00. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Raines moved to table the maintenance contract from Foley to the old business. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – None
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
- d) Police Department - None
- e) Fire Chief - None
- f) City Clerk – None
- g) City Attorney – Discussions about 101 E 5th and the title search for 209 W 6th.

VIII. 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) 5th Street Road by White's Foodliner
- c) 2024 Housing Violations – Discussed under City Attorney session.

IX. New Business

- a) 2025 Budget & RNR Hearing

Gleason moved to pause the regular council meeting and open the 2025 Budget and RNR public hearing. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

A copy of the 2025 Budget and RNR was attached to the council meeting packet for review. The notice of the hearing has been published in the newspaper for the last three weeks. There were no comments/concerns during the hearing.

Gleason moved to approve the final draft version of the 2025 budget. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Gleason moved to exceed the current RNR of 64.873 and set the city's RNR at 66.774. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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

X. Executive Session

- a) Gleason moved for 3 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss the employee evaluation exception, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(1) to include the Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Public Works Utilities Supervisor, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:15 PM.

The Mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:15 PM.

Raines moved to approve a \$1 raise for Les Mishler based on his yearly evaluation. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Gleason moved for 5 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 Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Bryant seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:21 PM.

The Mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:21 PM. No action was taken.

- c) Gleason moved for 5 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 Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:26 PM.

The Mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:26 PM. No action was taken.

- d) Gleason moved for 5 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 Attorney, City Council, and City Clerk. Raines seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 8:32 PM.

The Mayor called the regular council meeting back to order at 8:32 PM. No action was taken.

XI. Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 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



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