

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2024

1. Call to order

Mayor Bobby Stimatze called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on November 5, 2024, at City Hall. The following council were present: Aaron Raines, Aaron Gleason, Kyle Bunker, Sara Woolf, and Mark Bryant.

City Personnel: Curtis Smith, Jason Wyatt, Michael Sanders, Tori Perez, and Pam Watson.
City Attorney: Danny Lynch.

Attendance: Joel Krosschell, Ryan Russell, Josh Chapman, Marshal Sanders, Quade Smith and Angelika Ibarra.

2. Additions to the Agenda

- a) Main Street Project – Stafford County Economic Development

Bunker moved to add the Main Street Program to the agenda. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Comprehensive Plan – 12-747 Statute

Raines moved to add the Comprehensive Plan under New Business. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Citizen Comments – None

4. S&S Towing

- a) An updated contract was presented to the council from S&S Towing. There were discussions about the procedures and prices.

Gleason moved to approve the contract with S&S Towing. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Stafford County Economic Development

- a) Stafford County Main Street Program—The director of Stafford County Economic Development presented the Main Street Program to the Council and gave updates on the housing and Hood Haven Projects. No action was taken.

6. EBH & Associate

- a) 5th Street Project – Joel presented the council with the design for the 5th Street project. There were discussions about the easements, driveway entrances, drainage, road in front of Leisure, and sidewalk. EBH will work with the city attorney to acquire the easements needed for the project.

7. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2024

Bryant moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for October 15, 2024. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #110524AP - \$91,380.00

Raines moved to approve appropriation ordinance #110524AP in the amount of \$91,380.00. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Superior Emergency Response Vehicles - \$4,381.80 (Transfer equipment from the old Durango to the new vehicle)

Raines moved to approve the Superior Emergency Vehicles invoice in the amount of \$4,381.80. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Committee & Department Head Reports

- a) Electric Supervisor—Updates on the Fairbank maintenance and the catalyst.
- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor - None
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – None
- d) Police Department – None
- e) Fire Chief – Add Danton Hilton to the Fire Department.

Bunker moved to hire Danton Hilton as a volunteer firefighter. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- f) City Clerk—Updated the council about the postal office box, presented the new code violation report, and asked to remove all of the code violations under old business from the agenda.
- g) City Attorney - None

9. 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 – See updates under EBH & Associate.
- c) 2024 Housing Violations—The council was presented with an updated list. The clerk will proceed with the next step of the abatement process.
- d) Water Rights for Water Well #6 – Clerk will have the report ready to present at the next meeting.

Raines moved to remove all code violations from the old business to be included in the code violations report. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

10. New Business

- a) Foley Maintenance Contract – A new annual contract was presented.

Gleason moved to approve the Foley Maintenance Contract. Raines seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) 2025 CMB License for Whites Foodliner

Gleason moved to approve 2025 CMB license for Whites Foodliner. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Quote from KMEA for the new batteries for the generators

Gleason moved to approve the quote from KMEA up to \$4,000.00. Bryant seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) Comprehensive Plan—Discussions about statute 12-747 and the role of the planning commission in the comprehensive plan. The clerk informed the council that she is working with all department heads to put together a plan for next year. This plan will be presented at the first meeting in January. No action was taken.

11. Executive Session

- a) 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, Chief of Police, 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.

Gleason moved to accept Patrick Piper's resignation. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 5-0.


12. Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall

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



MAYOR



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