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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY
March 11, 2021
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim Pralle	X	Debby Werth	X
Nick Cahoj	X	Matt Ruhnke	X
Scott Moses	A/X via zoom		

4. Consenting Agenda:

Approval of February Regular Meeting Minutes, and January 2021 financial statement.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve the February Regular Meeting Minutes and January 2021 financial statement.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. 6th Street Improvements – Update

Brian Foster spoke to City Council about the bids received for the 6th street project. Brian Foster gave City Council a letter of recommendation to accept the Bettis Asphalt bid of \$25,274.11.

Nick Cahoj made a motion to accept the recommendation to accept the Bettis Asphalt bid of \$25,274.11, and authorize the mayor to sign.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

Debby Werth made a motion to hire BG Consultants on an hourly rate to oversee the 5th street project and pay for this through General Fund.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

Brian Foster also updated council with the HWY 24 bridge work that is scheduled to start on March 15, 2021. The project on sixth street shouldn't have any effect on the project as far as alternate routes. We may want to think about flaggers toward the end of the project where sixth street meets with Rockenham.

There was a meeting to discuss the increase of traffic due to the bridge replacement on HWY 24, KDOT said they cannot pay for extra law enforcement in the City. Brian Foster asked about flaggers around the elementary school, KDOT couldn't comment on that.

This will be a wait and see to decide how traffic will affect the City.

b. Water Well Project – Final Pay App

Mayor Tim Pralle asked to table this to the Regular April Meeting. hopefully water will be running at that time. Council agreed to table to April.

c. Jackson Street Sewer – Update

Brian Foster gave an update stating that contracts were signed tonight and the project should be starting mid to late April.

d. City Hall Building – Update

Gina Riekhof

Gina Riekhof gave a presentation to City Council about different ways to finance a City Hall.

Stan Jones gave numbers to the City for 20 and 30 year payment options. Mayor Pralle asked for a 15 year also. Stan will be getting those numbers out this next week to City Council.

Stan was going to go over refunding bonds, the numbers that he had were not as accurate as he would like.

He will be working on those and getting those to the City Clerk when available.

e. Building Code Adoption

Ordinance 2021-05 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL CODES, WHICH REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION, ERRECTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, DEMOLATION AND OTHER ASPECTS OF EXISTING AND NEW CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

f. Planning and Zoning Appointments

Mayor Tim Pralle thanked Hans Tessmann and James Willbanks for getting us going and where we need to be with Planning and Zoning. With that being said we have two members we would like to take the place of Mr Tessmann and Mr Willbanks.

Mayor Pralle would like to appoint Ben Hawkins to Planning and Zoning on a three year term.

Debby Werth made a motion to appoint Ben Hawkins to Planning and Zoning on a three year term.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle would also like to appoint Cody Liming to Planning and Zoning on a two year term.

Debby Werth made a motion to appoint Cody Liming to Planning and Zoning on a two year term.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

g. Vehicle – Administrative/Code

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h. Ordinances – Review for approval

2021-02 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PROHIBITING NUDITY IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

2021-03 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PROHIBITING URINATING OR DEFECATING IN PUBLIC.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-03.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

i. Street Repair – Chapman Road and Dalton Gultch

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j. Burn Permit Discussion

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k. Pet Licensing Ordinance

2021-04 AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING SECTION 6-38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO PET LICENSES AND REGISTRATION.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

6. New Business:

a. KCamp Insurance – Presentation

Harvey Felzke gave a presentation for KCAMP Insurance for the City Council

b. Copeland Insurance – Review

Lance Copeland gave a review for yearly insurance to City Council

City Council agreed that they would like to review the insurance more for both KCamp and Copeland Insurance and place on the Agenda for the March 18, 2021 meeting.

c. Fee List – Resolution

TABLED TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING

d. Rock Creek

After Prom Donation

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the After Prom Committee for Rock Creek Schools.

Chik Fil A Leader Academy

The Chik Fil A Leader Academy presented to City Council. They are wanting to place a blessing box in the City. They will initially fill the box, and hope that the community will follow their lead and keep it stocked with non-perishable items.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the blessing box.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

City Council will discuss the placement of the box at the Special Meeting on March 18, 2021.

e. Grant – Rural Design

Debby Werth talked to City Council about a grant that she has been working on for a Rural Design. Debby wanted to make sure Council was ok with her sending the information off. City Council agreed for her to send the grant.

f. City Clean Up Day

Code Enforcement updated that City Clean Up Day will be held the weekend of March 27, 2021. At this time we will just be using the dumpster from the sewer plant. If it gets full fast we may have a Special Meeting if we think that we could use another dumpster.

g. Code Violation – 406 N Lincoln

h. Code Violation – 502 N Lincoln

With a lengthy discussion for both code violations it was agreed that Code Enforcement would meet with Mr Yeager and Mrs Soeken and work on a plan and present to City Council at the March 18, 2021 Special Meeting to set a date for the property to be cleaned up.

7. Open Comments-

Josh Wilden would like to set up a meeting to see what the steps are for annexing some property into the City Limits of St George. Mayor Pralle told Mr Wilden he would get him his information so they could discuss what the steps are.

James Willbanks announced that they have set a date for the Kawnsas Fest. Meetings will be starting soon.

James also wants to see the City get the Parks and Recreation Department up and going, he is willing to be on the committee. Mayor Pralle thanked James.

Debby Werth made a motion to put James in the lead of a Parks and Recreation Department.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

8. Executive Session-

9. Adjournment -

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays