



City of Saint George, KS

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY November 12, 2020

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Mayor Tim Pralle	x	Scott Moses	x
Matt Rhunke	x	Debby Werth	x
Steve Zimmerman	x	Nick Cahoj	x

4. **Consenting Agenda**

Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve the Consenting Agenda for October 2020, October 2020 Special Meeting and Financial Statement.

Debby Werth seconded the motion

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. **Unfinished/Old Business**

a. **6th Street Improvements:**

No changes, everything is still on schedule.

b. **BG Consultants:**

Water Project Update: Change Order NO 4 for \$7, 000.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve change order NO 4 for \$7,000.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Pay App NO 9 for \$86,239.98.

Scott Moses made a motion to approve Pay App No 9 for \$86,239.98.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

c. **City Hall Building:**

Will (Tim, Ben, Liz, Dan) be having a meeting Friday with the architect from BG Consultants with what we would like to see and what the cost would be. We will bring this to Council next month.

d. **Lincoln St – Code Violation:**

Mr Yeager said they tore apart today and got it in the dumpster, will be hauled off this next week.

e. **Parking at the Park:**

Concern Parking at the Park

we approve the fence to designate the entrance for the city park. Prices for lumber

have increased about \$200. Council was ok with this still with the increase. Mayor Pralle stated that we would start getting supplies. Ben Wheeler said around here supplies for this are sparse we would have to travel to get them. Debby Werth mentioned talking to Bruce with him traveling over the road he may be able to help pick up supplies. Ben was going to get in contact with Bruce Werth and figure something out.

6. New Business

a. Monthly Gas Fee – Re-Evaluate

Dan Trechter has been paying \$50 out of his pocket monthly for gas for taking the Patrol Vehicle Home. Scott Moses doesn't think he should be paying this. He is given this to be able to respond to calls, in a timely manner when he is off duty. Chief Trechter has been called out three times over just the past few months.

Debby Werth had another question regarding the Police Department. Why did you buy the decals for the PD Vehicle for breast cancer awareness, do we not have a fund where this money could have come from? Chief Trechter said the fund did pay for the magnet badges, the police officers about their own badges that they wore.

Debby Werth agreed at this point with Scott Moses as long as it is Saint George responses.

Scott Moses made a motion to not have Chief Trechter pay the \$50 toward gas monthly for the police vehicle.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

b. Planning Zoning Appointment

Mayor Tim Pralle: We have been looking for a replacement to Sage TeBest for Planning and Zoning since she resigned. Shawn Miller expressed his interest in the position and after talking to him he has accepted with councils approval.

Scott Moses made a motion to accept Shawn Miller on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes and 0 Nays

7. Committee, Commission and Department Reports

Mayoral Report:

We received a call today about run off on Spani Drive. I walked the property and their looks to be an issue but it looks like it is on them, not due to anyone else. They filed a complaint earlier this year with KDHE and it was resolved and KDHE saw no issues with the new development in the area causing the problem. After talking to Bernard and Brian Foster (BG Consultants) they don't believe this to be a City Issue.

Council doesn't think there is anything the City needs to do, this would be the property owners issue. Tim Pralle will talk to the owners tomorrow.

Council Report:

Debby Werth spoke about the Comprehensive Plan Meeting. We had a good turn out and will continue to have monthly meetings.

Patty Reinhart reached out to Debby Werth after the first Comprehensive Plan Meeting and would like to restart the Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Saint George. (This is not the Parks and Recreation that does all of the sporting events) Patty would like to see the Christmas decorations put back up in town and would like to put up a tree and do a lighting

ceremony, possibly do something like the trunk or treat, that had a really good turn out being held down town. Tim Pralle thought this was a good idea and asked City Council to approve up to \$1000 from the parks and rec fund to help with Christmas decorations and lights.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for Christmas decorations and lights from the Parks and Recreation Fund.

Steve Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstained

Police Department Report:

Chief Trechter told City Council the new hire we had for Code Enforcement had back out of the position, but Liz and I have a meeting set up for next week with a back up person and we feel good about this.

Water and Sewer Report:

Mayor Pralle addressed council that Jason had brought this to City Council a few years ago but it was turned down. This is purchasing a dumpster for the the sewer plan. We are currently renting the one we use and if we were to purchase one it would pay for itself in a few years. The current one we are using is long and the door of the plant will not shut, so when the heater is running in the winter we are wasting a lot of electricity, along with the fact that sewer plant has been broken into twice the past month and this is how they are gaining entrance. The dumpster is used a few times a month with a linner for pressing, we could also use this dumpster when not in use for the City Wide Clean Up and not have to pay a rental fee. They dumpster is \$4580 and will pay for its self with in a few years.

Steve Zimmerman made a motion to approve the purchase of the dumpster for \$4580.00.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes and 0 Nays

8. Open Comments

No Comments

9. Executive Session

No session needed.

10. Adjournment

Steve Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays