



# City of Saint George, KS

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## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY December 10, 2020

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

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

Before starting with consenting agenda Mayor Pralle said that we needed to have a Public Hearing for Grant Addition. This is in New Business but it needs to be addressed first.

At 7:01 Mayor Pralle opened the floor to the Public Hearing.

Debby Werth asked if this was sent from Planning and Zoning. Mayor Pralle answered yes. Scott Moses asked for an overview of what this entails. Mayor Pralle said that the empty lot in the Grant Addition isn't buildable because of the setbacks, this would change them so that it would be a buildable lot. Public Hearing closed at 7:02 with no more comments.

4. Consenting Agenda

Approval of November Regular Meeting Minutes and October 2020 Financial Statement.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve the consenting agenda.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Unfinished/Old Business

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements:

Mayor Pralle addressed council and explained that Brian Foster with BG Consultants had put in for another grant for the street improvement and we were denied again. If another one opens up we will try again. Brian will be putting this out to bid here soon so the project can start in March of 2021.

- b. BG Consultants -

Water Project – Update

Mayor Pralle stated the project is done and water is flowing. We should have one more payment and this project will be completed.

- c. City Hall Building

We met with an architect a few weeks ago; I was hoping we would have information tonight on the start of a plan and price. We will try to have this for the next meeting.

d. **Lincoln Street – Code Violation**

Mr Yeager stated to council its done, the trailer was torn down and has been hauled off.

6. **New Business**

a. **2021 Holiday Schedule**

Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday schedule.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

b. **Bond Council – New Bond Council**

Stan Jones whom the City Works with for public finance was in attendance. Stan went over numbers if the City is interested in refunding bonds.

Debby Werth made a motion to move forward with refunding bonds, but would like to take a few of the bonds out of the equation.

Scott Moses seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle updated council about Jonathan Smalls retiring and that the City needs new bond council. Jon Small high recommended Gina Riekhof with Gilmore and Bell.

The City Attorney said he has worked with them before and they would do a good job.

Stan Jones said he has worked with Gina and she is top notch.

Debby Werth made a motion to hire Gilmore and Bell as the Citys new Bond Council.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

c. **Public Hearing for Grant Addition**

This was taken care of at the beginning of the meeting.

d. **Ordinance NO 2020-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A UTILITY EASEMENT AND SETBACK ON LOT ONE IN THE GRANT ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS.

Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2020-12.

Scot Moses seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

e. **Ordinance NO 2020-13**

ABATEMENT AND ASSESMENT OF COSTS RELATED TO REMOVAL OF WEEDS.

Debby Werth made a motion to adopt Ordinance NO 2020-13.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

7. **Committee, Commission and Department Reports**

**Mayoral Report:**

We received a letter from Morrison, Frost, Olsen, Irvine & Shartz, LLP. In this letter the City Attorney is asking for his hourly rate to be increased to \$210.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2021.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve the rate increase.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

**City Council Report:**

Debby Werth updated City Council with the Comprehensive Plan update. During Tuesdays nights meeting discussion was held about safe routes to school, the MPO attended the meeting and

talked about the program. Will also be looking into the Riverview Hills area on how to let kids get to school safely.

**Police Department Report:**

A written report was given in Council Packets.

Debby Werth asked about the policies that are being worked on and why?

Bernard Irvine said with everything going on today we want to make sure we have and are using the best practice. We have also been talking with insurance on if support is available if something happens. There is a program out there that has insurance and support. This is just updating to make sure everything is taken care of.

**Planning and Zoning Committee Reports: NA**

**Treasurer Report:** Financial Statement was given in Council Packets

**Administration report:** Written report was given with Council Packets

**Water and Sewer Report:** Business as usual

**City Operations Report:** Business as usual

**Parks and Rec Report:** Ashley Cunningham represented the department which is newly formed committee. Ashley said the committee is working on finding a name so there isn't confusion with the Parks and Recreation (ballfields). At the Christmas lighting there were over 200 people in attendance and around 175 kids that made and worked on ornaments for the City Tree. The committee has been discussing doing an Easter Egg Hunt, and maybe a movie night in the summer.

**8. Open Comments**

Dixie Martin politely asked City Council to rethink parking at the park. Going forward with the plans of the fence will take her parking away. Dixie asked that City Council give her 30 days to clean up her property and get it looking nice and revisit other ideas for parking.

After discussion council decided to hold off on putting up the fence and revisiting next regular meeting on where to go from there.

**9. Executive Session**

No session needed.

**10. Adjournment**

*Matt Rhunke made a motion to adjourn.*

*Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*