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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

February 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim Pralle	<u>X</u>	Iris Holloway	<u>X</u>
Chris Collins	<u>X</u>	Debby Werth	<u>X</u>
Steve Zimmerman	<u>A</u>	Chris Cahoj	<u>X</u>

4. Consenting Agenda:

- a. Approval of January Regular Meeting Minutes, and December 2019 Financial Statement.
Debby Werth made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items.
Chris Collins seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Unfinished/Old Business:

- a. 6th St Improvements – Update
No current update to give at this time
- b. Water Project – Brian Foster Update
- Change Order

Brian Foster said we need to be moving forward to not lose time. KDHE says all easements have to be in check before any construction is started. In order to start in March 2020 we need to remove part of the contract with a change order, this will be added back in at a later date with a new change order. Brian asked council for Change Order No 1 in the amount of \$23235.25.

Debby Werth made a motion to proceed as presented.

Chris Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

- c. Jackson St Sewer – Update
No Update at this time

Mayor Tim Pralle asked to add to Old Business with a Code Violation Update. Council was not opposed.

- d. 416 Second St – Code Violation

Council approved unanimously to give another 60 day extension to Mr Sweet, they are seeing that progress is being made.

6. New Business:

- a. Vote on New Council President

Iris Holloway nominated Debby Werth, Chris Collins seconded the nomination. Debby Werth accepted the nomination.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

- b. Pottawatomie County Sheriff – Shane Jager/Doug Adams

Sheriff Shane Jager introduced himself and Under Sheriff Doug Adams. Sheriff Jager said he would like to keep communication open and work with the community as well as the St George Police Department, which they hold a good relationship with. He asked everyone to join the department on Facebook and look for information at <https://ptsheriff.com/>. While attending the meeting Sheriff Jager talked about Community

resource groups. He would like to learn the needs of the community and asked if anyone had anything.

Debbly Werth voiced concerns with Flush and 24 HWY. She recommended special areas there to have more coverage and more appearance from law enforcement.

Shawn Cheever would like to see that morning and afternoon traffic abide with the left lane as a passing lane only especially in the Flush and 24 Hwy area. As well as officers in the area especially before and after to school to keep the children safe that travel for school.

Sheriff Jager said that he would look into special enforcement in that specific area and wanted to let the community know that if Chief Trechter is off duty do not hesitate to call. Chief Trechter does a good job in the area and the Sheriff's Office can take reports and pass on to Chief Trechter for follow up when he comes back on duty.

c. Kristen Johnson – Historical Society

Kristen Johnson from the Historical Society introduced herself and shared information on what programs she works with. Information that is available at <https://www.kshs.org/>. Kristen presented information with the program and things they look for.

d. Jim Lowrey – Lighthouse Baptist Church

Jim was unable to attend the meeting. Will be moved to March 12, 2020 Regular Meeting.

e. Ordinance 2020-02 – No Parking on Kelly Lane

Mayor Tim Pralle opened the floor to the public with any questions regarding Ordinance 2020-02.

R. Hulett asked why the City is changing this. Mayor Pralle explained that there are issues with parking on both sides of the street, especially if emergency vehicles need to get through.

R Rafferty lives in the area and is in favor for this, especially with kids playing and cars being parked on both sides.

No more comments from the public.

Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, BY PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF KELLY LANE. AND AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF SIGNS SUPPORTING THE SAME.

Chris Collins seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

f. Parking at the Park

Chief Trechter addressed council with issues that we are having with residents living by the park, parking at the park making it so that people visiting and using the park have no parking. Chief Trechter is looking for options that can be enforceable and wanted to start the discussion with Council so we could look at options. Council brought up an idea of a fence on the North side of the residence. Mayor Tim Pralle and City Operator Ben Wheeler will get numbers together for this for the next Regular Meeting.

g. Animal Control

Chief Trechter informed Council that we have had numerous calls for animals running around town, and that we need to look into a way to contain the animals. The most cost effective way after checking in with other communities would be figuring out a way to build a kennel. Kendal Richter gave recommendations on what the City had in previous years and what to expect. Debbly Werth asked Chief Trechter to get prices together and we would address this next Regular Meeting.

h. Property Maintenance – Bernard Irvine

Bernard Irvine was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Will discuss this next Regular Meeting.

7. Committee, Commission and Department Reports

Planning and Zoning

Shawn Cheever asked Council for approval to approach the City Engineer to get approved for new regulations. A formal approach to get prices and to be able to bring to Council so the City has set standards.

Council proved for Shawn to talk to Brain Foster with BG Consultants.

8. Open Comments-

- Debbly Werth: The end of this month or next will be having a peer review with another city, once they approve it. This is working with First Impressions to see how our town is looked at on First Appearances. We were matched with the City of Perry and will move forward once their City Council approves it. Once they get approved we will have three people go rate their town while they rate ours, then give reviews and get information on things we should look at improving.

- Kendal Richter: Read in the City Newsletter that residents are not to get in their meter pits for any reason. She wanted to know what would happen if she had to, as her house doesn't have a main shut off and if she had a huge leak she would have to shut it off in the pit and not wait for someone to come do it as her home was flooding (hypothetically). Ben Wheeler the City Operator let her know if something were to get broken while she was in the pit the responsibility would be on her but if her home was flooding and water needed to be shut off for an emergency then to do so but contact City Hall as soon as possible to let us know.

James Willbanks: Will be getting a dumpster at the corner store location and wanted to make sure it was ok for it to be there for 30 days while they do cleanup. They would like to put it on the grass on the side of the building but wanted to make sure it was ok for it to be on the street in case they couldn't get it next to the building. Council was ok with this.

James told Council the floor was evened out in the building and will be working on the sidewalk and the cellar. He

also wanted to approach Council that when bidding opens to think about parking downtown. Look into diagonal parking on Main Street. He is planning on doing temporary parking on the vacant lots on First St until something permanent is looked into.

KAWnsas Fest – Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30 pm and Purple Door Events Center, he will be posting this on the Facebook page.

9. Executive Session-

Mayor Tim Pralle as for an executive session for non – elected personnel for 15 minutes.

Chris Collins made a motion for an executive session for non – elected personnel for 15 minutes.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Tim Pralle brought the meeting back in order.

Chris Collins made a motion to give a 6% raise to all full time employees across the board and freeze raises for 18 months.

Jason Rogers asked if this would affect the raise he was promised after he received his license. Council said he would still get the raise as promised prior.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

10. Adjournment -

Chris Collins made a motion to adjourn.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

The next regular meeting for the City of St George is March 12, 2020 @ 7 P.M. at Lighthouse Baptist Church (308 Lincoln St).