



# City of Saint George, KS

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APPROVED

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

September 10, 2020

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
Steve Zimmerman	A	Scott Moses	A

#### 4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. Approval of August Regular Meeting Minutes, August Special Meeting Minutes and July 2020 Financial Statement.  
*Debby Werth mad a motion to approve the consenting agenda items.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays*

#### 5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> St Improvements – Update  
*Mayor Tim Pralle updated council with a report from Brian Foster. The City didn't get the kdod grant we were hoping for, but we will reapply for another one, and we are still waiting on utilities that will need moved. We are still on track to start the project in the spring of 2021.*
- b. BG Consultants – Update  
*Mayor Tim Pralle updated council for Brian Foster. Everything is running as planned, we will start wrapping the project up with final meetings and training.*  
Pay App 7- \$112,257.00  
*Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve Pay App NO 7 for \$112,257.00 for the water project.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays*
- c. City Hall Building  
*Mayor Tim Pralle updated council on ideas for a new City Hall. Pralle stated that he has talked with a couple of realtors about some property for sale in the City of St George, and would need a short executive session at the end of the meeting for attorney client privilege. Also Mayor Pralle wanted council to know something needs to be done soon, he was informed this week that the City Shops roof is starting to fall in on the back side.*
- d. The Ridge – MHP Business License (monthly update)  
*Mayor Pralle updated council and the work Ilissa Larimore has been doing in the Mobile Home Park. Council was also updated in the Police and Administration Reports. The Business License issue will be taken up at the next Regular Council Meeting in October.*
- e. 416 Second St – Code Violation  
*Council was given pictures and updates on the Code Violation at 416 second st. The owners of the property were not at the meeting. Council was suggested to give the owners 30 days to clean the property before the City takes action and cleans it.*  
*Debby Werth made a motion to extend the violation 30 more days to have the property cleaned up (from the building that was torn down) before the City takes action and cleans it up.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays*

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Business License – Discussion  
*This past month we had a resident question why they need a business license when its home based. The question then arised as to why do we do business licenses. After talking with the City Attorney there was no specific answer, larger towns don't do them smaller ones still do. Mayor Pralle asked Council on their thoughts to the matter. Council agreed*

*that if there is no real reason to be doing them then we should stop. We will be in contact with the City Attorney to get an Ordinance drawn up for the next regular meeting.*

- b. Business License – Roche Media Group  
*Due to the discussion on whether or not we will continue to do business licenses, this was tabled until the next regular meeting.*
- c. Ordinance 2020-10 (Cares Act)  
*Table to next regular meeting, didn't receive this yet from the City Attorney.*
- d. Force Mow/Clean UP – Sub Contractor  
*Mayor Pralle informed council that the City doesn't have the extra time or equipment to do some of the force mows that need done in town. City Operator Ben Wheeler confirmed that there are a couple properties that our mowers can't do and we would have to rent equipment to do this. It would be in the City's best interest to hire a company to do force mows at \$100 per hour with a 1 hour minimum. The City currently charges \$150 per hour with a one hour minimum and the rates would stay the same. Mayor Pralle talked to four different companies and only one has time to work this in with their schedule at this time and that is Garibay Lawn Care. City Attorney, Bernard Irvine told Mayor Pralle that this late in the year we could contract out but next year we would need to do a bid for a company if we planned to continue. Debby Werth made a motion to approve Garibay Lawn Care at \$100 per hour with a one hour minimum. Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays*
- e. Payroll Tax Deferral  
*Debby Werth made a motion to opt out of the payroll tax deferral. Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion. Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays*

**7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- a. Mayoral Report: NA
- b. City Council Report:  
*Debby Werth updated council on the comprehensive plan, by next month they will have a goal and timeline. They are expecting that by March 2021 this project will be completed.*
- c. Law Enforcement Report:  
*Written report was given to council. Chief Trechter introduced Officer Vargas-Baez to council. Officer Vargas-Baez started last week for the City and is settling in.*
- d. Planning and Zoning Report: NA
- e. Treasure Report:  
*Financial Statement was given.*
- f. Administration Report:  
*Written report was given.*
- g. Water/Waste Water Report: NA
- h. City Operations Report: NA
- i. Parks and Rec Report: NA

**8. OPEN COMMENTS:**

No Open Comments were made.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Mayor Tim Pralle asked for a motion for a 10 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege.*

*Nick Cahoj made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege.*

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays.*

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.*

*Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays*