



City of Saint George, KS

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY

May 12, 2022

7:00 P.M.



1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim Pralle	X	Judd McCormack	X
Matt Ruhnke	X	Debby Werth	X
Jeremy Holliday	X	Nick Cahoj	A

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Special Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022, and March 2022 Financial Statement
Debby Werth made a motion to approve the Consenting Agenda consisting of the April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Special Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022, and March 2022 Financial Statement.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 6th St – Update
Mayor Tim Pralle stated that we are waiting on grass to grow before the final payment is made. At this point no grass is growing, they will be contacted to get this taken care of.
- b. City Hall – Update
No current update
- c. Personnel Policy – Update
A date for Tuesday, May 17, 2022 was set for a workshop to work on the Personnel Policy. This will start at 6pm at the City Shop.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Set date for budget workshop
June 1, 2022 was the scheduled date for a budget workshop. This will be held at 6pm at the City Shop.
- b. Appointments
Mayor Tim Pralle would like to reappoint (as follows)
City Clerk – Elizabeth Wagoner
City Treasurer – Rebel Eichelberger
Chief of Police – Dan Trechter
City Inspector – Kirby Hawkins
City Judge – Tom Addair
City Attorney – Bernard Irvine
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the list of Appointments.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays
- c. Planning and Zoning Proposal
Planning and Zoning brought a proposal to the City Council to contract with O&H Planning to help the Planning and Zoning department with planning services including City Planning and Community Development Related Projects, Mapping and Geographic Information Systems, Planning and Zoning Meeting Attendance/Support, Research and Grant Writing, and On-call Consulting, Advice, and Technical Insight.
The pricing for these services are at a rate of \$50 per hour.
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the Contract for O&H Planning at Consultants for Planning and Zoning.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

The next item of business is the 107 N Jackson Property. Mayor Tim Pralle asked that Council President Debby Werth take over the meeting for this item of business to avoid any conflict of interest, due to being friends with Luke Humbree. At this time Debby Werth took over the meeting.

- d. 107 N Jackson property
Mr Hembree addressed City Council about the fact he is purchasing the property at 107 N Jackson where there is a known easement issue. Hembree stated that he is going to tear the home down and in hopes that he will be able to put in Duplexes on that property if it passes with Planning and Zoning. Luke asked if the City would help with half of the demolition cost of a total of \$8000.00. City Council discussed this and they don't want people to think that we will always do this but being as there is an easement issue, this would help the City also.
Judd McCormack made a motion to cover up to \$4000 to help with the demolition of 107 N Jackson contingent on the sale of the home.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays

At this time, Mayor Pralle took back over the meeting.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mayoral Report
Tim shared a thank you letter from the Rock Creek after prom for the donation the City made. Mr Pralle also wanted to thank Shawn Cheever for everything he has done for the Planning and Zoning Committee over the past few years.
- b. City Council
Debby Werth said that safe routes to school grant has been sent out and we should hear something around the 1st of July. Judd McCormack talked about the conference that he went to in Manhattan for Elected Personnel. It was very informative and he will be getting copies to Council about up-coming changes with the Legislation.
- c. Law Enforcement
Chief Trechter had a few things from his written report that he would like to talk to Council about. First item was to get an ok to open up the full time position to uncertified officers to try and get more applicants. City Council was in agreeance to this request.
Chief also talked about a program that the Police Office started using and there are more costs involved in order for the program to run correctly. Trechter explained that this is not a mandatory change but that area Departements are making the switch and eventually we will need to have it. The initial cost is \$4721.44 and then a yearly cost of \$1720.00.
Debby Werth made a motion to approve the initial cost of \$4721.44 and the yearly cost of \$1720.00 for the software.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays
- d. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports
Shawn Cheever talked about the workshops that were held to keep the Comprehensive Plan updated and moving forward. Mr Cheever stated that Cody Liming will be taking over as Planning and Zoning Chair for the City of St George. Cheever also asked that Council think about having legal counsel at Planning and Zoning meetings to make sure that things are done correctly and to avoid any future issues. Planning will be working on getting the 1984 codes up to date.
- e. Treasurers Report
NA
- f. Administration Report
NA
- g. Water/Sewer Report
NA
- h. City Operations Report
NA
- i. Saint George Community Enrichment Team
Working on KAWnsas Fest. have a music lineup. Cody had questions about having a beer tent and how to look into making this happen. The next meeting is schedules for June 1, 2022.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Russell Kalcik approached City Council about an issue on Third Street. The drainage isn't working correctly and it creating a wash out that he is afraid that a child or car will eventually fall in. With the ball fields on both sides of his home and people parking along the street with it continuing to wash away it may also eventually start taking part of the road with it. He brought a couple pictures to Council so that they could see what he was describing. Mayor Pralle said that he would talk to the City Operator and put this on the top of the list to get taken care of.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.
Judd McCormack seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays