



City of Saint George, KS

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY

SEPTEMBER 8, 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	X

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. August 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 2022 Financial Statement
Debby Werth made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items consisting of the August 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 2022 Financial Statement. Would also like to add the August 22, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City Call – Update
No Update
- b. FEMA – Ordinance 2022-08
Table to next Regular Meeting
- c. Vacating Historic Fremont St
ORDINANCE 2022-10
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE HISTORIC FREMONT STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS AND RESERVING CERTAIN PARTS THEREOF.
Nick Cahoj made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-10.
Judd McCormack seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- d. 6th Street – Reseeding
Mayor Tim Pralle informed council that Brian Foster with BG Consultants is talking with the contractors that did the work to get this area reseeded.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. R & R Hearing – Resolution 2022-05
The floor was opened up to public comment on Resolution 2022-05 for the R & R Hearing.
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.
One question was asked about the increase for this year.
Houston Pierce said it lets us access at the same level at what the valuation amount is that has gone up. The mill rate stays the same. The increase is due to valuations in the City not a mill rate increase.
Hearing was closed with no additional questions.
Debby Werth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- b. 2023 Budget Hearing
The floor was open to public comments or questions for the 2023 Budget.
Hearing was closed with no questions.
Debby Werth made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

- c. Create a new fund for Chapman Rd – Resolution 2022-06
 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO RECEIVE, HOLD AND DISBURSE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF CHAPMAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS.
Debby Werth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

- d. Ordinance 2022-08 – UPOC
 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION 2022, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2021-14 UPOC, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-08.
Judd McCormack seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

- e. Ordinance 2022-09 – STO
 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2022, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS; PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12 STO AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-09.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

- f. Jarod Hyde – Discuss City Codes
 Jarod Hyde asked to have a discussion on Code Enforcement. Mr Hyde feels as though he is being singled out, as well as residents in the older part of town. He feels that the City is misinterpreting the code, he understands there are standards but they need to be reasonable.
 Mayor Pralle explained that when complaints come in, the Code Department takes care of them.
 Mr Hyde didn't understand how he was getting complaints but not the burned blue house across the street.
 Mayor Pralle let him know that we have had complaints on that as well as a couple others in town. Dealing with dwellings are not as easy as just sending a letter, but we are working on those.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mayoral Report
 Mayor Pralle wanted to remind everyone of the KAWnsas Fest that will be happening this weekend and to thank everyone for their help preparing for the event.
- b. City Council
 Matt Ruhnke and Interim Chief Morris met with the Superintendent of St George Elementary about a SRO for the elementary school. She is interested in this and invited them to attend the school board meeting to start the discussion. There will be a few Council Members participating for the dunk tank at KAWnsas Fest, along with an information booth for the community to be able to talk to members of the Council.
 Nick Cahoj announced his resignation at the end of September for City Council, due to moving out of town. He has enjoyed being a member and would like to stay on, but due to moving out of City Limits he can't. He wished the best for the City in the future.
- c. Law Enforcement
 Interim Chief Morris asked City Council if they would still like the monthly report that was given by the previous Chief. Council would like to still get this, Morris said she will make sure it's done.
 Officer Lawton is almost done with her FTO training.
- d. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports
 Cody Liming reported that Planning and Zoning are working on Zoning Codes. They will be working on an interactive map to have available online through the City Web Site. More information will be coming before the end of the year.
- e. Treasurers Report
 N/A
- f. Administration Report
 N/A
- g. Water/Sewer Report
 N/A
- h. City Operations Report
 N/A

- i. Saint George Community Enrichment Team
Will be working on Trunk or Treat which will be October 23, 2022 at 4pm.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Jarod Hyde wanted to address Council about fences in the City. The way some are installed they make the City look bad. Mayor Pralle stopped Mr Hyde to let him know Planning and Zoning are working on this in the new Regulations for the City.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pralle asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes, resuming at 7:55pm

Matt Ruhnke made a motion for executive session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting came back into session at 7:56pm

Mayor Pralle asked that we add on more item to the Agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays