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APPROVED

MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY
September 14, 2023
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	Spencer Parsons	X

*Mayor Pralle started the meeting by switching the agenda around. due to the RNR and Budget Hearing.

Mayor Pralle opened the floor for the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing.

With no comments or questions the hearing was closed.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NUTERAL RATE.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle opened the floor for the 2024 Budget Hearing.

With no comments or questions. the hearing was closed.

Debby Werth made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget as proposed.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. August 10, 2023. Regular Meeting Minutes. and July 2023 Financial Statement.

Debby Werth made a motion to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 2023 Financial Statement.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City Hall Land Update

Judd McCormack has not received a final drawing yet. We lowered the square footage to get the cost down. Judd asked the council if they want to work on another Request for Proposal or do we want to look at platting this out and selling individually. to see lot sizes and how many lots we will have.

The council agreed to a preliminary plat to see what possibilities would be at the location.

- b. Dara's – Sewer Discussion

Tim had two meetings set up with Chris Darrah and Joe Johns both of which got rescheduled. A new meeting with them has been set up for next week. as of tonight there is no update.

- c. Scenic Woods – Agreement Discussion

Mayor Pralle asked the council if they had any questions on the agreement that was attached in the council packets. Matt asked why the dollar amount was empty. Tim stated that Ben is working on bids currently. With no other questions Tim asked for a motion to adopt.

Judd McCormack made a motion to adopt the Water Extension Agreement with the Hartwich Brothers LLC.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 1 Nay

- d. Second St and Jackson – Drainage

Brain Foster was not at the meeting. but Mayor Pralle update the council on some numbers from Foster. A few years back when we looked at this, we were around \$100K. we are now looking at around \$200K. A discussion was held with the

council and decided to have the City Clerk get in touch with bond council for numbers for bonding and Tim would speak with Brian on when this could be started. Mayor Pralle said if we need a special meeting in order to get this going, we will.

e. Leak Adjustment Policy

A leak adjustment policy was given to the council for review per the request last regular council meeting.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve the leak adjustment policy.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Budget Hearing

This was held at the beginning of the meeting. *

b. Rodney Hoover – 502 1st St

Rodney Hoover asked for an extension of 45 days for the code violation at 502 1st St. Rodney stated he has been working on the property and getting it cleaned out as they have a couple of offers for the home.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the 45-day extension for the code violation at 502 1st St.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

c. Statement of Violation – 206 2nd St

Resolution 2023-14

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE PROPERTY OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, AND LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE PROPERTY AT 206 2ND STREET, ST. GEORGE, KANSAS SHOULD NOT BE DEEMED AN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS BUILDING AND BE SUBJECT TO DEMOLATION PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 8-175.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-14.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle asked that we add one more item to the agenda for Franchise Fees. The council unanimously agreed to add an item.

Ordinance 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING TO EVERGY KANSAS CENTAL, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF.

Spencer Parsons made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-11.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Pralle thought that the KAWnsas Fest went well, we had a great crowd throughout the day.

b. City Council

Debby Werth started off the report talking about grant possibilities and wanted to know Councils thoughts on watching these and applying for what we could. The worst thing that would happen is that we don't get any. The council was in support of applying for what we could, in hopes we get something.

Judd McCormack spoke to the council about East Manhattan Gate Way plan and that they are taking applications for community advisor committee if anyone is interested. Starting next month, Judd will be on County Planning Commission. He is trying to approach 24 and Flush intersection from as many different angles as he can to try and avoid a right stop J turn style intersection.

c. Law Enforcement

N/A

d. Code Enforcement

N/A

e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports

Cody Liming reported that he is still the chair for planning and zoning due to being a tie vote at the last planning and zoning meeting. Next week at the planning meeting they will be going over dwelling units and revote for the Chair for planning and zoning.

f. Treasurers Report

N/A

g. Administration Report

N/A

h. Water/Sewer Report

N/A

i. City Operations Report

N/A

j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team

Ashley with the Community Enrichment Team: Match Day will be held October 5, 2023, if anyone would like to help. The date for the Christmas Tree lighting is set for Saturday, December 9.

Cody Liming said there were a few hiccups with the KAWnsas Fest this year. A meeting was held after the fest, the date has been set for next year August 24, 2023. Next year we are looking at different sound and lights and bands starting earlier for music. Looking for local talent. We are also looking for more things for kids to do throughout the day, thinking of a petting zoo and adopting a pet.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Debby Werth wanted to speak as a citizen and not a council member and ask about truck parking. Debby asked if the rock parking lot could be used for truck parking. It was decided that the Council wasn't fond of the idea of overnight parking or large loads being parked on the gravel lot. It was suggested that parking could be done on the side of the street on S Lincoln, until it becomes an issue, then this topic could be revisited.

Rodney Hoover wanted to know about the no camping sign at the boat dock, he noticed it's no longer there. The Council said there is no camping as far as residing, a discussion was held about having a type of permit for this so people could camp but not reside there. Rodney also asked about the maintenance of the restrooms at the boat ramp, and they need attention. It was also mentioned that every morning on morning walks he runs into a lady that is always picking up trash around town, the city should look into community pride ideas, to thank the people that go above and beyond without thinking about it.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No session was needed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays