



# City of Saint George, KS

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY

February 9, 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

**4. CONSENTING AGENDA:**

- a. *January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 2022 Financial Statement.*  
*Debby Werth made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items.*  
*Jeremy Holiday seconded the motion.*  
*Judd McCormack wanted to add a change under the council report, add the discussion for work session and work on employee evaluation forms.*  
*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

**5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. City Hall – Update  
RFP – Discussion  
Judd McCormack went over the RFP that the Building Committee brought to the City Council for the future Commercial Building at the New City Hall Property. A meeting was held on February 2, 2023 and the RFP was drafted to see if it fit what the City is wanting. A lengthy discussion was held on different items in the document. Mayor Pralle asked that any comments or changes that you would like seen to the document and send to the City Clerk by February 21 so she can get them to the Committee before the next work session. That work session was set for February 23, 2023 at 7pm.
- b. Mayor Tim Pralle asked that we add an item to the agenda. The council approved the agenda item.  
Chief Dale Burton received the invoice for the New Police Vehicle, and it came in \$244.38 over the allotted amount by City Council at the March 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pralle asked for Council approval of \$244.38 for the final purchase.  
*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the \$244.38 for the Police Vehicle.*  
*Debby Werth seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. KCamp – Insurance Renewal  
Mayor Pralle went over the rates changes with City Council. The renewal rate went up from \$20, 952.00 to \$24,001.00.  
*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the KCamp renewal for \$24,001.00.*  
*Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays.*
- b. FHRC – Membership Dues  
Judd McCormack asked about FHRC and what we gain being a part of it. Debby Werth explained that there is a region and that they work together to find funding for communities. The money that is coming down a lot of smaller cities don't qualify for. They are working trying to apply for it as a region. Hopes are that in time we will get a little bit of that for a project.  
*Debby Werth made a motion to approve the membership dues for FHRC for \$948.60.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays.*

- c. Mayor Pralle asked that an item be added to New Business, we got the Ordinance early this week. This will be Ordinance 2023-01. The council approved to add the agenda item.  
Discussion was held between City Council, the City Attorney and Code Enforcement. After discussion and questions were answered the council was not in favor of the Ordinance. No motion was made.

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

- a. Mayoral Report  
Mayor Pralle informed Council and patrons in attendance that Officer Morris was recently promoted to sergeant for the Police Department.
- b. City Council  
Debby Werth wanted to let Council know that KDOT cost share will be opening again soon. Before she put to much work into it she wanted to see if Council thought this is something they wanted to try for again this year. Discussion was held and Mayor Pralle asked for Debby to get some information from what was submitted last time as to what our match would need to be.
- c. Law Enforcement  
Chief Burton talked to Council about the graphics that were purchased for the Police Vehicles. It was around 550 per vehicle. New uniforms were purchased as we are continuing working to make the department more professional.
- d. Code Enforcement  
Kate asked if permits can be issued for locations that have public hearings next month. City Attorney Luckman said yes, they can. Kate also updated that she would like to get abatements out of court and brought to council. The council was ok with these being brought in front of them.
- e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports  
Cody mentioned that their will be a Hearing at the March Planning and Zoning Meeting for zoning codes, once they are approved there, they will be brought in front of the City Council. Notification for the hearing will be going out next week. After this is all approved, we will get this on the web site so people have access.
- 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  
Kawnsas Fest meeting will be starting up soon, watch your emails for meetings.

**8. OPEN COMMENTS:**

Jarod and Amber Hyde talked with City Council about personal service of receiving code violations. There were numerous questions about when codes changed. Discussion was held with Council and the Hydes about why this was done and what we are doing to correct the issue.

Susan Koupal asked a few questions about the RFP. Judd McCormack spoke about the RFP and let her know that the work sessions held for these are open meeting and invited her to attend.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.*

*Judd McCormack seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*