



City of Saint George, KS

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APPROVED

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY
June 8, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim Pralle	A	Judd McCormack	X
Matt Ruhnke	X	Debby Werth	X
Jeremy Holliday	X	Spencer Parsons	X

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 2023 Financial Statement.
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt the consenting agenda consisting of May 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes, and April 2023 financial statement.
Judd McCormack seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City Hall Land Update
Matt Ruhnke asked if we could knock the weeds down on the property. Ben Wheeler stated that we will be looking at seeding this in the next couple of weeks, and working on getting rock placed for a parking area, so the property can be used. We are looking at \$15,000-\$20,000 for rock of the area. Judd McCormack mentioned that the building committee will work on getting together and work on moving forward with ideas, as we didn't get any RFP.
Judd McCormack made a motion to approve Ben or Tim up to \$20,000 for the purchase of rock for the Northeast corner.
Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays
- b. Daras – Sewer Discussion
No current update.
- c. Scenic Woods – Water Rates/Agreement Discussion
Discussion was held between council and Cody Hartwich about water being provided to the Scenic Woods development on the North side of Sixth St. Water will be provided to this area, and Cody will work with Ben to make sure everything is in compliance with KDHE. City Attorney Todd Luckman will start working on an Agreement for Hartwichs with the City. The City Council was provided with Ordinance 2023-10, for review. This includes the water rate for outside city limits. The council was ready to approve and move forward.
ORDINANCE 2023-10
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING WATER RATES IN THE CITY OF ST GEORGE, KANSAS; AMENDING SUBSECTION 32-21 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CHARGES TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS AND AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 32-60 REGARDING CONNECTION CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE.
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-10.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Todd Luckman asked that an item be added to the agenda. The council unanimously approved adding an item. Mr. Luckman informed the council that the Ridge MHP has filed an appeal in district court, to do with abating the mobile homes. This Resolution was 2023-04, passed at the April 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mr. Luckman suggested we hold off until he can get a good idea on how to move forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Employee Handbook – Update

Job Descriptions

The council was provided with a grievance policy to add to the employee handbook along with Job Descriptions that they had been working on.

Judd McCormack made a motion to add the grievance policy and job descriptions to the employee handbook.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Matt Ruhnke asked that we add an agenda item to New Business about drainage on Second St. The council unanimously agreed to add the item.

Ruhnke explained how the water runs of Northern Heights and down Second Street to Jackson, and there are bad erosion issues with the road. The council agreed that we need to look into this more as it has been a problem in the past, and that keeps getting worse. They would like to talk with Brian Foster with BG Consultants to see what can be done to fix this.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Mayoral Report - NA

b. City Council- NA

c. Law Enforcement

Chief Burton introduced the new code enforcement officer Christine Moylan to City Council.

d. Code Enforcement - NA

e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports- NA

f. Treasurers Report- NA

g. Administration Report

The City Clerk stated that in her report she had added some quotes from Aflac for supplemental insurance. After looking into this, she spoke with the City of Westmoreland and the City provides an accidental policy for city employees. Debby Werth mentioned that she has been looking into other benefits for employees and had spoken with the City Clerk about options. She felt like this would be a good one. The City Clerk explained this would be a benefit for all employees' not just full time. If the employees wanted additional coverage that expense would be on them.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion for the City to pay for an Accidental Policy for the employees.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

h. Water/Sewer Report- NA

i. City Operations Report- NA

j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team

KAWnsas Fest is working on a new logo. The next meeting is June 20, 2023 6pm at the City Park. There will be two meetings in July and August.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays