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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY

July 13, 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	Debbly Werth	X
Jeremy Holliday	X	Spencer Parsons	X

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 2023 Financial Statement.

Debbly Werth made a motion to approve the Consenting Agenda consisting of the June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 2023 Financial Statement.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City Hall Land Update

Mayor Pralle updated that there is now rock for a parking lot. Judd McCormack commented that last weekend the Little Apple Paddle used it for parking and did a great job, guessing about 60 cars were parked in there.

- b. Daras – Sewer Discussion

Mayor Pralle has been talking with Chris Dara, and it sounds like Home of the Flint Hills would also like to be connected. A discussion will need to be held with Brian Foster to get some numbers. Mr Foster is currently on vacation and won't be back until the 17th. Joe Johns is also out of town until August, and the ball is in his hands on if he will let us go through his property. More discussion will be held at the next Regular Meeting.

- c. Scenic Woods – Water Rates/Agreement Discussion

City Attorney Todd Luckman provided council with a draft of an agreement for Scenic Woods for review. Ben Wheeler said he would also like Brian Foster to review. A copy will be sent to Brian Foster and Cody Hartwich for review. This will be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

Matt Ruhnke asked about the discussion of drainage for Jackson and Second St. Mayor Pralle has not been able to talk with Brian Foster with BG Consultants due to him being on vacation. This item will be added to the next regular council meeting agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2022 Audit

Alex Mitte with VonFeldt Bauer and VonFeldt provided City Council with the 2022 Audit.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the 2022 Audit.

Debbly Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

- b. 2023 Budget

Houston Pierce reviewed the proposed 2024 Budget to the City Council.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Budget.

Debbly Werth seconded the motion..

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Debbly Werth made a motion to intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mayoral Report: N/A

b. City Council:

Debby Werth- Safe routes to school have been in contact and we are working on setting up a meeting to go over final items.

Judd McCormack- we have the possibility option of purchasing the house at 218 First St. The house and the lot 100x100. Judd explained to City Council the amounts that we are spending in renting between current city hall and the storage unit, he also explained how he visioned the future lot to look like as city hall. We have looked at different rates for a 5, 10, 15 lease purchase. A couple of us on the building commission had gone to look at this at the end of last week, to see if it would even be a workable solution and we think it is. Discussion was held about where the city shop would go, if we were to purchase the property. The council decided that they would all like to look at this before they make a decision. A special meeting was set for August 17 at 6pm for a decision on the property purchase.

c. Law Enforcement: N/A

d. Code Enforcement:

Mayor Pralle stated that we will discuss after an executive session that we are needing to have.

e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports:

Cody Liming informed the council that Kyle with Oneth Panning will be stepping down, he received a promotion at work and is unable to find the time to still be able to effectively be able to help us. Cody says that he will also be stepping down from planning and zoning in September/October of this year as his term has ended. Planning and zoning are currently working on strategic downtown planning.

f. Treasurers Report:

Financial Statement was attached in the Council Packet.

g. Administration Report: N/A

h. Water/Sewer Report: N/A

i. City Operations Report: N/A

j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team:

Cody Liming asked city council for up to \$1000.00 of city funds for the fee for the generator and for a stage. Last year the City paid for the generator.

Matt Ruhke made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 of city funds for the generator fee and a stage for Kawnsas Fest.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Judd McCormack said we might have an issue getting the stage and food trucks where they are planning to have them. The Rogers are planning to put up a fence in the area that they let us use last year. A couple of committee members are going to talk with them to see if they will allow this again this year, but we might need to have another option.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Hans Tessman wanted to inform the council that a resident had passed and that The Ridge will be abating the property they will just need a little time. Dale Burton explained that Mr Tessman has reached out to code enforcement and that it has been noted and we understand due to the circumstances that more time will need to be given.

Andrew Donovan addressed the council with a couple of items. The first one being the nitrate issue at wells 7 and 8. Mr Donovan has been doing research and found a grant through the EPA. Mayor Pralle asked Mr Donovan to send the information to the City Clerk and we will take a look at it. We can always use help and appreciate that. Donovans second item was a code letter that he received about the easement behind his home. Dale Burton explained that this was not a violation letter, it was a reminder that they are responsible to the center of the street. Mr Donovan understood this but is asking that the city help, due to the incline and power poles. Mayor Pralle was going to look into this more.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pralle asked for two executive sessions tonight. The first one being attorney client privilege and the meeting to resume at 9:09pm and asked that the Chief of Police and City Clerk be present.

Matt Ruhke made a motion for executive session for attorney client privilege with Chief of Police and City Clerk to be present.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting resumed at 9:09 pm.

Mayor Pralle asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel with Chief of Police and City Clerk being present until 9:25pm. Judd McCormack made a motion for an executive session for non-elected personnel with Chief of Police and City Clerk being present until 9:25pm

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting resumed at 9:25pm.

Judd McCormack made a motion for Officer Russell McKnight to move to full time pay with the completion of the academy to \$19.50.

Matt Ruhke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Judd McCormack made a motion to move City Employee and Code Enforcement Officer Christine Moylan to a full-time city employee with pay of \$17.00 per hour.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

We did skip the Code Enforcement Report earlier, I would like to review that stated Mayor Pralle.
Dale Burton presented three resolutions for the City Council due to Code Enforcement being on vacation. These resolutions are for abatement of codes that Christine is following up on after Kate left.

RESOLUTION 2023-12
A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN NUICANCE CONDITIONS AT 520 JEFFERSON ST., ST. GEORGE, KANSAS PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 12-86.
Judd McCormack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION 2023-11
A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN NUICANCE CONDITIONS AT 203 GRANT AVE., ST. GEORGE, KANSAS PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 12-86.
Judd McCormack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-11.
Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION 2023-10
A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN NUICANCE CONDITIONS AT 305 OAKVIEW CT., ST. GEORGE, KANSAS PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 12-86.
Judd McCormack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10.
Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays