

City of Saint George, KS

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY June 10, 2021 7:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim Pralle X Debby Werth X
Nick Cahoj X Matt Ruhnke X
Jeremy Holliday X Scott Moses X

4. Consenting Agenda:

Approval of May 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, and April 2021 Financial Statement Debby Werth made a motion to approve the Consenting Agenda.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. 6th Street - Update

Pay App NO 1 from Bettis Asphalt and Construction Inc for \$108,577.09 Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve Pay App NO 1 for the amount of \$108,577.09. Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Second St - Update

Starting design, still planning to get this constructed this season via change order with Bettis

b. Jackson Street Sewer – Update

Project is complete. There was a video done and everything looked good. They will do one in another 30 days to make sure everything looks good and is working properly.

- Street Repair Chapman and Dalton Gultch
 Bettis will be working this in as they finish up 6th street.
- **d.** City Hall Update

No update to give

e. Charter Ordinance – 2021-09 Publishing Ordinance

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1651; AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH RELATES TO THE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE PROVISIONS THEREFORE.

Scott Moses made a motion to adopt Charter Ordinance 2021-09.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

f. Ordinance 2021-10 Comprehensive Plan

AN ORDINANCE APORTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OR

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS BY THE ADOPTION, BY REFERENCE, OF THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT KNOWN AS THE "2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN"

Debby Werth made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-10.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

g. City Vehicle

City Council had given the Mayor permission to purchase a City Vehicle up to the amount of \$17500.00 at the March 18, 2021 Special Meeting. Mayor Pralle told Council we are not finding anything in that range without it being high mileage. Pralle suggested that we discuss this at the Budget Meeting that we will set in New Business later this month. City Council unanimously agreed.

h. Code Violation – Extensions

502 N Lincoln - No extension given

406 N Lincoln - No extension given

After a lengthy discussion with Property Owners it was unanimously agreed on with City Council that extensions would not be given for either properties. The current agreement was that they would be taken care of in 90 days. The 90 day extensions that were given are up on June 17, 2021. If they are still out of compliance they will be sent to Municipal Court.

6. New Business:

a. American Recovery Act

Tabled to Special Meeting that we will hold on the same night as the Budget Workshop, which will be discussed in New Business.

b. Ross Property Sewer

Terry Robinson, the builder for the homeowners at 313 Chapman Road addressed the City Council to put in a septic rather than connect to city sewer. With the elevation they would have to be right on to make it work and not back up and would be very costly. City Council discussed opinions on the situation. Council unanimously decided to have a contract be drawn up and let Larry and Linda Ross do a septic tank.

c. Nick Cahoj – Emergency Sirens

Nick Cahoj updated City Council on a follow up of Emergency Sirens. He contacted Emergency Management through Pottawatomie County. They only provide the sirens that the City currently has. If more are wanted they must be purchased by the City. The cost of these would be around \$25k a piece and \$30-\$40 monthly to maintain. These sirens are to warn you if you are outside not to wake you up at night. Nick asked that we get the information out via Facebook and the City Web Site for people to sign up for emergency alerts through Pottawatomie County.

These alerts will automatically send a message to your cell phone or email. You can choose what alerts that you want. City Council agreed that this would be good information to get to residents, as the \$50k for more sirens and then a month cost isn't something they are interested in at this time.

d. Set a workshop for Budget

A Budget Workshop was discussed and City Council agreed to hold this on June 23, 2021 at 7pm, and we will hold a Special Meeting the same night before this at 6:30pm.

e. Resolution 2021-08 GAAP Waiver

Scott Moses made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

f. Shane Kolde – Riverfront Improvement

Shane was unable to attend the meeting. The City Clerk explained to Council and provided them with drawing on what Mr. Kolde is envisioning down by the river. This would have areas for campers to camp with electrical hook ups. City Council liked the idea and suggested that he start with Planning and Zoning.

g. Resolution 2021-09 – Mitigation Plan Adoption

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09 to adopt the Mitigation Plan through Pottawatomie County.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes o Nays

7. Reports-

City Council: Scott Moses wanted to talk about sidewalks to River View Hills. There are a lot of kids that walk this and its not safe for them to be walking on the road. Debby Werth said that in the Comprehensive Plan we wanted to work on this through Safe Routes to School. It is in the beginning stages on working on this.

Police: Chief Trechter talked about the Old Tahoe, how it broke down on the officers and had to be towed to town. The expense to fix this was estimated at \$2867.75. Trechter asked the council to approve this because we need this vehicle.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve fixing the Tahoe for up to \$3200.00.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Community Enrichment Team: Ashley updated on Movie Night for June 19th.

8. Open Comments -

N/A

9. Executive Session -

N/A

10. Adjournment -

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Scott Moses seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays