



# City of Saint George, KS

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY

November 09, 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
(via Phone)			

### 4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023, and September 2023 Financial Statement.

Mayor Tim Pralle and City Clerk Elizabeth Wagoner explained on the minutes, the title would be changed from Agenda to Minutes. Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items consisting of the Regular Meeting Minutes with the above stated changes and the September 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 updated the council that not much has changed. He will be working with BG Consultants to get a plat started with the empty lot to see if there is any interest. We need to put a plan together on what we want to do.

#### b. Daras – Sewer

Mayor Pralle said he is still waiting to hear from Joe Johns, which is expected to be done at the end of this month. This was relayed last City Council meeting and nothing has changed, we hope for an update in December.

#### c. Discussion – Mayor/Council Pay

Mayor Pralle explained that things are taking a lot more time, especially with the mayor position. Pralle said this won't affect him but is looking out for the next Mayor as things are getting busier and taking more time, he would like to suggest increasing the mayor's pay. His proposal is \$30 per meeting with \$150 a month included and move the council from \$20 a meeting to \$30 a meeting.

The City Council discussed and agreed that the mayor position should go up, but they didn't feel like the City Council needed to change.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to increase the Mayoral Pay to \$150 a month and \$30 a meeting starting January 1, 2024.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays and 1 abstained.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

#### a. Statement of Violation – 206 Second St

The city attorney, Todd Luckman went over how the statement of violation works. Code Enforcement will show the council her findings and then the homeowner can explain and show differences in the property.

Christine Moylan brought pictures to the council and explained from her finding the house is in disrepair.

The owners of 206 Second Street agreed that the home needs to be demolished but the garage is in good condition, and they would like to be able to deconstruct that. After a lengthy discussion with the city council, it was decided that the homeowners would put the home up for sale, with it being disclosed that the home must be torn down.

The city attorney will draft a Resolution for the December 14 regular meeting for consideration.

Mayor Pralle asked that one more item be added to the agenda. The council approved adding the additional item.

The mother-in-law suite that is going in at 205 Chapman is asking that they have the water connection reimbursed, because they are not adding a new meter, they are tying into the existing water connection at the residence.

*Spencer Parsons made a motion to refund the connection fee in the amount of \$1200.00.*

*Judd McCormack seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

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

**a. Mayoral Report**

Mayor Pralle congratulated all the newly elected members for the City.

**b. City Council**

Judd McCormack would like either in December or January to have a work session for strategic planning. This way the council can talk about projects and categorize them for the next 3-5 years.

A work session was set for Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Police Station.

Judd also suggested that we talk with BG Consultants about the infrastructure on Second Street. If we are going to fix part of the road, we should make sure that the infrastructure is all good or think about updating it as we go. Mayor Tim Pralle is going to talk with Brian Foster from BG about this.

**c. Law Enforcement – N/A**

**d. Code Enforcement – N/A**

**e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports**

Ben Hawkins let council know that Planning and Zoning will be working on dwelling units and invited a couple to attend the planning meeting next week.

**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 Cunningham with the enrichment team reminded everyone that the Christmas in the Park will be December 9, 2023 from 4-6. Events will be the tree lighting, carriage rides, and ornament making.

**8. OPEN COMMENTS:**

James Willbanks wanted to remind council that with the work session for projects not to forget about the park committee. Maybe we can start clearing some of the trees in the park (area by the creek by Jefferson St).

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Tim Pralle asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel, with the meeting resuming at 8:15pm.

*Matt Ruhnke made the motion for non-elected personnel with the meeting resuming at 8:15pm.*

*Judd McCormack seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

8:15 Meeting resumed.

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to give Mayor Tim Pralle spending authority of \$5,500.00 for the holiday.*

*Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Debby Werth made a motion to adjourn.*

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*