



City of Saint George, KS

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MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY
December 14, 2023
7:00 P.M.

APPROVED

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 09, 2023 and October 2023 Financial Statement

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items consisting of the regular meeting for November 9, 2023 and the October 2023 Financial Statement.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes o Nays

Mayor Tim Pralle would like to take a minute and ask Mrs. Barbara Books to come forward. Mayor Tim Pralle presented a citizenship award to Mrs. Brooks. As many people don't know Mrs. Brooks walks almost everyday around town, and picks up trash, this is not something that she was asked to do, she just does it and we think her actions need to be recognized. Mrs. Brooks accepted the award and thanked Mayor Pralle and the City Council.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. City Hall Land - Update

No update at this time.

b. Second Street -

Mayor Pralle stated that we are working on getting bids for water and sewer lines, and those numbers are not available as of tonight. We will discuss next regular meeting when we have numbers to look at.

c. Daras – Sewer

Mayor Pralle talked to Joe Johns, he is waiting on the survey and is in hopes this will be done by the first of the year, it has taken longer than he was expecting. Tim said he will get with Debby the newly elected Mayor and Joe Johns for a meeting.

d. Resolution 2023-15 – 206 Second St

A RESOLUTION DEEMING THE PROPERTY AT 206 2ND STREET, ST. GEORGE, KANSAS AN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS BUILDING AND THAT THE SAME SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO DEMOLATION UNDER CITY CODE SECTION 8-175.

The owners of the home updated city council that the home is listed for sale by owner and that they currently have some interested parties. They are aware that the structure must be demolished. The home is empty of items that they want and they are working on clearing the items in the yard that they are taking with them.

The City Council asked for an update at the January 11, 2024 meeting, the owners agreed that they would be there for an update.

Debby Werth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-15.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

e. Infrastructure Water and Sewer – Second St

Discussed on section b. Second Street

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Jared Trembley – Flint Hills MPO

Jared Trembley with Flint Hills MPO attended the meeting to discuss the US 24 and Flush Rd safety study that was done by KDOT.

b. Holiday Schedule 2024

2024 Holidays

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| Martin Luther King Day | Monday | January 15, 2024 |
| Presidents Day | Monday | February 19, 2024 |
| Memorial Day | Monday | May 27, 2024 |
| Juneteenth | Wednesday | June 19, 2024 |
| Independence Day | Thursday | July 4, 2024 |
| Labor Day | Monday | September 2, 2024 |
| Columbus Day | Monday | October 14, 2024 |
| Veterans Day (observed) | Monday | November 11, 2024 |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday-Friday | November 28-29, 2024 |
| Christmas Eve/Day | Tuesday-Wednesday | December 24-25, 2024 |
| New Years Day | Wednesday | January 1, 2025 |
| Floating Holiday | TBD | Use or Loose |

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

c. Lighthouse Donation

Mayor Pralle asked for the total of the prior donation, that total was unavailable at the meeting but was thought to have been \$2400.00 in total. Mayor Pralle asked that we add \$500 to the amount of the prior years donation to the church for the use of rooms for meetings that we hold, and court.

Debby Werth made a motion we approve a donation to Lighthouse Baptist Church in the amount of not more than \$3000.00 and Rebel will check the last donation and add \$500.00, if the amount is over \$3000.00 she will come back and talk to us about it.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

d. Ordinance 2023-12 STO

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION 2023, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS; PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2022-09 STO AND ALL AOTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Spencer Parsons made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 Standard Traffic Ordinance.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

e. Ordinance 2023-13 UPOC

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENCE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION 2023, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2022-08 UPOC, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Spencer Parsons made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-13 Uniform Public Offence Code.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

f. Ordinance 2023-14 Mayoral Pay

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 REGARDING CITY OFFICER SALARIES IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-14 Mayoral Pay.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes 0 Nays 1 abstained

g. Resolution 2023-16 Funds Transfer

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS FUND AND THE SREET PROJECTS FUND OF THE CITY.

Debby Werth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-16 Funds Transfer.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

h. Dogs - Cruelty/Noisy Dogs

Christine with Code Enforcement spoke with the city council about all the complaints that she has been receiving and that our codes don't allow for much to happen. There was a lengthy discussion between codes, the council, and the city attorney. The city attorney is going to put together a rough draft for the next meeting from the information that he received for council to review.

i. KMIT – 2024 Approval

Mayor Pralle presented the KMIT (workers comp insurance) to the council for the past 4 years 2021 for \$8,480, 2022 for

\$10,109, 2023 for \$5,391, and the 2024 for \$7,952. We need approval for 2024 in the amount of \$7,592.00
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the renewal for workers cop through KMIT for the amount of \$7,592.00.
Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Mayoral Report – NA

b. City Council –

Matt Runke thanked Mayor Pralle for the time he spent as the mayor and presented him a gift from the employees and the council to say thank you.

Debby Werth would like to ask the council to retro pay Tim Pralle for the last year with our new ordinance. Tim Pralle said he didn't need it and if it was given to him that he would be donating it. He asked that the council think about this for a month before they decide. Debby also stated that she is working with Brian Foster for a possible grant for the water treatment plant.

c. Law Enforcement - NA

d. Code Enforcement - NA

e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports -

Ben Hawkins stated that the Committee has been working on accessory dwelling units and that they would not be having a meeting in December. They will resume meetings in January 2024.

f. Treasurers Report - NA

g. Administration Report - NA

h. Water/Sewer Report - NA

i. City Operations Report - NA

j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team –

Debby Werth said that they had a good turn out for the Christmas Downtown, she is estimating about 150-175 people by the number of cups that she went through.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays