



City of Saint George, KS

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

August 10, 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	A

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

- a. July 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, July 20 Special Meeting Minutes, and June 2023 Financial Statement.
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the July 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, July 20 Special Meeting Minutes, and June 2023 Financial Statement.
Debby Werth seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City Hall Land Update
Judd McCormack share with council that he and Liz had met with Brian and Grant from BG Consultants about the design phase for the new city hall. In conversation a few things were reduced in size. They should be getting back with us in the next couple of weeks with some drawings and a rough cost estimate. At this time the building committee can start meeting again.
- b. Daras – Sewer Discussion
Tim Pralle had no update at this time, he is waiting for Joe Johns to get back from Wyoming, as he wants to talk in person about this project.
- c. Scenic Woods – Agreement Discussion
Ben Wheeler had sent the agreement to Cody Hartwich for his input. Cody had not received the email, so Ben sent it again and has not heard back at this time.
- d. Second St and Jackson – Drainage
Due to everyone’s summer schedules, this has not been investigated yet. Ben and Brain will get together and discuss the drainage issue.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ron Etter – Code Violation Hearing
This was taken care of before tonight’s meeting.
- b. RVH Final Platt Review
Greg Fief with Schwab and Eatton presented council with a Platt that was approved by planning and zoning for the final land development in river view hills. Council Members along with Mayor Pralle stated that this wasn’t in the Comprehensive Plan and didn’t even come close to what is in there. There was no action taken by City Council.
- c. Trunk or Treat – October 22, 4p-5p
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to close the street from 3:30-5:30 for Trunk or Treat on October 22, 2023.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle asked that an item be added to the agenda that was overlooked. The council agreed, and Mayor Pralle have the floor to Kindall Richter to discuss a code violation. Kendall referenced the code violation she received and not having the correct address on it. Code Officer Christine Moylan stated that the letter was a reminder not a code violation and she apologized for the address being incorrect.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mayoral Report: *N/A*
- b. City Council:
Judd McCormack made mention of attending a HWY 24 Corridor meeting. He would recommend that a representative for the City attend the next one, but no date was given at this time.
- c. Law Enforcement
Chief Burton would like to spruce up the Police Department. He talked with a local business to repaint the green to either black or grey and power wash the building. The quote was \$650.00 and would be done over the weekend.
Judd McCormack made a motion to Mayor Tim Pralle an additional \$150 to up his spending authority to \$650.00 to paint the Police Department.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion passed with 4 Ayes and 0 Nays
- d. Code Enforcement
Christine Moylan updated the council on 520 Jefferson, time is up, and the city is going to abate. This resolution has already passed, and nothing has been done yet. The quote given to the city is \$900-\$1800.00 to clean up this property.
- e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports
Cody Liming stated that he will be stepping down from chair of planning and zoning in September. Cody will stay on the board until October to help the new Chair. Kyle with Oneth Planning will also be stepping down due to a promotion at work and not having the time to provide us with help.
- f. Treasurers Report
- g. Administration Report
- h. Water/Sewer Report
- i. City Operations Report
- j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team
KAWnsas Fest is August 26 we have the 3-3 basketball, 50/50 drawing and organized walk (parade) along with vendors and bands.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

James Willbanks asked city council for approval of two liquor licenses. This would be for the locations of 208 First St for Willies Hideout and 207 E First St for the Coffee Shop/Purple Events.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the application to the state for the Liquor License.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Andrew Donovan wanted to let the council know that he is renting the area by the depot from Hanns Tessman and is planning to hold a Haunted House event through the month of October every single weekend. Wants to use barricades for the alley way for extra safety for kids. Trying to work on a petting zoo, a zombie shootout. Wanted to coordinate with community enrichment to bring in food trucks. Todd Luckman, the city attorney advised against closing the alley and suggested signs to slow traffic. Matt Ruhnke asked if any painting was going to be done. Donovan stated if he could get to it. Judd McCormack suggested using light towers like what will be used during the KAWnsas Fest to help light the area up.

Andrews second request getting back to the painting question, right now they have no utilities, wondering if there would be a possibility to run a hose from the city shop to pressure wash the outside so he will be able to spray it. This won't be for a couple months but wanted to bounce the idea around. The council had no problems with him using water from the shop to do this to clean that property up.

Alan McNerny spoke to the city council about his water bill. He was out of town and ended up with a large leak which caused his water bill to exceed \$500. He corrected the leak as soon as he got home and asked Council if they would forgive any of the bill. After discussion the Council would like to work on a policy for this in the future if these problems were to arise.

Judd McCormack made a motion to adjust the bill to last month and any additional overages over that is a calculation of our cost of water.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Jarod Hyde wanted to say that he has had something similar happen before and asked the City if they were aware of high-water pressure. Ben is going to talk with the City Inspector to see if he was aware of this.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Non-Elected Personnel

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to go into executive session until 8:50pm for non-elected personnel.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting resumed at 8:50pm.

Debby Werth made a motion to extend the executive session for another 5 minutes until 8:57pm.

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays
Meeting resumed at 8:57pm.*

*Debby Werth made a motion that we give the following raises
PT Officers an increase of .25
Ben goes to \$28 hourly
Christine stays at \$17
Elizabeth goes to \$26
James Westgate goes to \$22.50
Rebel goes to \$21.15
Russell stays at \$19.50
Thomas Flanders goes to \$17.50
Chief Dale goes to \$63,000 salary
Raises will take place August 14. Russell will take place August 21.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

10. ADJOURNMENT:

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.
Debby Werth seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*