



# City of Saint George, KS

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### Minutes

#### REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

February 11, 2021

7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tim Pralle	<u>X</u>	Scott Moses	<u>X</u>
Matt Ruhnke	<u>X</u>	Debby Werth	<u>X</u>
Steve Zimmerman	<u>A</u>	Nick Cahoj	<u>X</u>

**4. CONSENTING AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of January Regular Meeting Minutes, and December 2020 financial statement.

*Debby Werth made a motion to approve the Consenting Agenda Items consisting of January Regular Meeting Minutes and December 2020 Financial Statement.*

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

**5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements – Update

*Brian Foster updated City Council on the project. The project was sent out to bid and the bid meeting will be February 23.*

*Mr Foster also touched on the Water Project, informing Council that its right at the end.*

- b. Jackson Street Sewer – Update

*Brian Foster went over bid results with City Council. Mr Foster explained that results came in higher than he expected, this is due to being a small project and dealing with the railroad and needing extra insurance. City Council can do one of two things take one of the bids, or we can put out to bid again and hope for something lower. Its not an emergency project but it does need to be taken care of so it doesn't eventually create a bigger problem.*

*Debby Werth made a motion to award the project to Municipal Pipe Tool for \$38,000.00 and authorize Mayor Tim Pralle to sign all documents and proceed with construction.*

*Scott Moses seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

Brian Foster also brought up Storm Water Mapping. Mr Foster has been working with Planning and Zoning with storm water mapping ideas. Planning and Zoning would like to get a map done of storm water drainage for the City. This would be a start and a master study could be done for the city in the future. Brian Foster made a proposal to use BG Consultants hourly rate under contract to do the mapping project, projecting about \$5000.00.

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to move forward with mapping the Stormwater infrastructure.*

*Debby Werth seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

- c. City Hall Building

No new updates.

- d. Update Fee List – Burn Permit

William (BJ) Coon and Chief Trechter went over their thoughts with Burn Permits. Suggestions were made and will be talking to Bernard to get an Ordinance for the next City Meeting. Table to next meeting to have an Ordinance to look at.

- e. Security Cameras

Mayor Tim Pralle gave an update on thoughts with security cameras. We had looked into other companies after the sewer plant break ins. After doing some research their prices were to high for our needs. We are currently using WTC and they are fitting our needs just fine.

- f. Force Mow – Bids  
The City Clerk sent out emails to local lawn companies for bids for the City's force mows. We had a couple ask what it entailed and had no interest after hearing what it was. We had one bid reply from Garibay for \$100.00 per hour, same as last year. Mayor Pralle gave his recommendation to use Garibay for the 2021 year.  
*Scott Moses made a motion to accept the bid from Garibay for \$100.00 per hour for the 2021 calendar year.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*
- g. Animal/Foul Permits – ORDINANCE 2021-01  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO KEEPING ANIMALS AND FOWL.  
*Nick Cahoj made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Lighthouse Donation  
Mayor Tim Pralle asked council that we increase our donation this year to \$2500.00 rather than the \$1000.00 we usually do. This increase in donation is because this year we have used the building a lot more than we have in the past for meetings.  
*Debby Werth made a motion we make a donation to Light House Baptist Church for \$2,500.00.*  
*Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*
- b. Building Code Adoption  
Mayor Pralle said this item of business is not ready. Shawn Cheever and Bernard Irvine are still discussing.
- c. Planning and Zoning Appointments  
Mayor Pralle stated that three people are interested in joining planning and zoning. Mayor Pralle is working with the City Attorney to get this set on 4 year terms, and how to avoid all new members at one time. Figuring out a way to stair step them off and on so that the committee isn't all new every few years.  
Item was tabled to next meeting.
- d. Web Site - Discussion  
Matt Kenny and Robert Disberger have joined tonight to discuss GovBuilt for a new city website. Mayor Pralle and Debby Werth both talked about the Rossville website and how user friendly it is along with a nice look. The city reached out to GovBuilt about a web site after finding out they did the City of Rossville. We are currently using the GovBuilt program for Licensing, Permitting and Codes. GovBuilt gave the city an agreement stating installation including development and hosting and security for \$3,100.00, the yearly hosting and security will be \$600.00, the end of year three there is an optional redesign with a fee of \$1,500.00. Start of year two not to exceed 5% per year increase for technology support.  
*Debby Werth made a motion to go with GovBuilt for the City Web Site for a starting cost of \$3,100.00 for this year.*  
*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*
- e. Vehicle – Administrative/Code Vehicle  
Ben Wheeler and William Coon presented council with some quotes for new vehicles through Foster Ford and Valor Ford. Discussion was held with City Council on if the City should go with a New Vehicle or a Used vehicle. Council asked to visit this again next regular meeting and would like to see some used vehicle options to decide what would best fit for the city.
- f. Fire Hydrant Replacement – Grant and 1<sup>st</sup> St  
Last year while flushing hydrants the one located at Grant and First St the city workers could not get to turn off. After working with it they finally got it to stop, when this happened they bagged it and it has been out of commission. Ben Wheeler got an estimate from Larson Construction to fix this. Ben stated that the city is not qualified to work on this as it is concrete asbestos pipe, so he called Larsons to get a proposal.  
Mayor Tim Pralle recommended to council to approve Larsons bid to replace with a 2 way hydrant.  
*Nick Cahoj made a motion to approve Larsons bid with a two way hydrant not to exceed \$5798.00.*  
*Scott Moses seconded the motion.*  
*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*
- g. Discussion of Ordinances  
- Nudity in a Public Place  
- Urinating in Public  
Chief of Police Dan Trechter spoke to City Council about adding these Ordinances. Council would like these to be in affect and asked Chief Trechter to talk with Bernard Irvine and have these ready for next regular meeting.

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

- a. Mayoral Report  
*Mayor Pralle told City Council that there will need to be a special meeting in March, for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.*
- b. City Council
- c. Law Enforcement
- d. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports
- e. Treasurers Report

- f. Administration Report
- g. Water/Sewer Report  
*Jason Rogers reported the dumpster has been delivered.*
- h. City Operations Report
- i. Saint George Community Enrichment Team  
*Ashley reported that the Enrichment Team is planning on hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and partner with TRU Church for the event. The Enrichment Team has started a Facebook Page to get information out to the public.*

**8. OPEN COMMENTS:**

None

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Non-Elected Personnel

*Mayor Tim Pralle asked for a motion for non-elected personnel and property accusation for 30 minutes.*

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion for 30 minute executive session for non-elected personnel and property accusation.*

*Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays*

*Nick Cahoj made a motion for the six full time employees for 2021 fiscal year to receive a \$1000.00 bonus.*

*Scott Moses 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*

**The next regular meeting for the City of St George is March 11, 2020 @ 7 P.M. at Lighthouse Baptist Church (308 Lincoln Ave).**