



City of Saint George, KS

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY
October 14, 2021
7:00 P.M.



APPROVED

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	A

4. Consenting Agenda:

Approval of September 9 Regular Meeting Minutes, September 20 Special Meeting Minutes and August 2021 financial statement.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the Consenting Agenda including the September 9 Regular Meeting Minutes, September 20 Special Meeting Minutes and August 2021 financial statement.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. 6th Street/2nd Street-Update

Mayor Pralle updated City Council, 6th Street is done. We are still waiting on a few numbers for 2nd Street.

b. City Hall-Update

Mayor Pralle updated that a formal offer has been made, we have not heard back on that offer at this time.

c. Vacating 3rd Street

City Operator Ben Wheeler explained why we should vacate this street. After Council discussed we need to talk to Bernard to see what we need to do. Table until next meeting.

d. Probationary Period of Police Officers

Mayor Tim Pralle told City Council that this was in Chief Trechters report last month and asked for it to be placed on the Agenda for consideration. This would move the 90 day probation period for Police Officers to a one year probation period.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to move the probation period for new Police Officers to one year.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

e. Meter Reading-Ben

Mayor Tim Pralle talked to City Council about meter reading in the mobile home court. With staff being low and the amount of time it takes to read those meters and we have a master meter installed. We don't fix water leaks there as its private property. Its recommended that we read the master meter and let the mobile home park bill their residents.

Debby Werth made a motion effective January 1, 2022 that the City will only read the master

meter.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion, pending checking with Bernard for legal counsel on doing this correctly.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

6. New Business:

a. Roy Patrick- Codes (Bill)

Mr Patrick was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Brad Cook – Concrete Barriers

Brad Cook was unable to attend the meeting but wanted City Council to think about a barrier at the end of Rockenham Rd where its connects to Sixth Street. City Council discussed this and ask Planning and Zoning Chair Shawn Cheever for recommendations. This will be looked into and tabled until we have numbers.

c. Lift Station Repair – Ben Quote

City Operator Ben Wheeler explained that when the maintenance people were working on the lift station the cable broke. Its not been determined as to how or why but they are asking the City to help cover half of the cost. After discussion City Council asked that we get a more detailed statement before any decision will be made. Ben will get this and have at the next meeting.

d. Snyder Urban Impact Area Request

A request was sent to the City from Pottawatomie County for a notice of rezoning request. This is a 32.4 acre parcel located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 10, Range 9 in St George Township, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. This property is currently zoned as A1- Agriculture, and is being asked to be rezoned to AR – Agriculture/Residential for the purpose of a residential subdivision.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the request.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion passed with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

7. Committee, Commission and Department Reports-

Mayoral Report- X

City Council Report-

Debby Werth wanted to ask Council if anyone would be interested in filling in on the Flint Hills Regional Council so the City will have a vote at the table. Debby said she can't right now, due to working for them doing grant writing. Matt Ruhnke and Jeremy Holliday said they would fill in until Debby is done with the grants.

Law Enforcement Report- Written Report provided

Planning and Zoning Committee Report-

Shawn Cheever would like help figuring out what we need to do to get Ben Hawkins to be the FEMA representative for the City. Planning and Zoning would also like to move forward with a permanent placement of the demonstration project on First St but without the side posts.

Treasurer Report-Written Report provided

Administration Report- X

Water/Sewer Report- X

City Operations Report- X

Saint George Community Enrichment Team-Debby Werth helped get a grant for the PRIDE for \$200.00.

Match Day with the Commerce in Wamego made \$650.00. The Christmas Tree Lighting this year will be on December 5 from 4pm-6pm at the City Park, this will include Carriage Rides.

The Enrichment Team will start repainting/refinishing the entrance sign by the school .

8. Open Comments-

A resident from the Snyder addition wanted to ask about a house being built over a sewer line and what was going to be done with the situation. After discussion it was determined that this was here say and that a house was in fact not built over a sewer line.

9. Executive Session-

10. Adjournment -

Debby Werth made a motion to adjourn.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays