



City of Saint George, KS

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

January 14, 2021

7:00 P.M.



1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim Pralle	X	Debby Werth	X
Nick Cahoj	X	Matt Ruhnke	X
Steve Zimmerman	X	Scott Moses	X

4. Consenting Agenda:

Approval of December 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, November 2020 Financial Statement

Matt Ruhnke asked that his name be corrected in the minutes.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items with Matts corrections.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. 6th Street Improvements – BG Consultants

We are still waiting on Evergy to relocate Utilities. Brian Foster asked City Council for approval to advertise the bid. Council approved sending this item out to bid.

b. Jackson Street Sewer – BG Consultants

Brian Foster stated that bids were higher than expected. Brian will email information on the bids.

c. City Hall Building - Update

Brain Foster went over the concept plan that had been put together after a meeting with Mayor Tim Pralle and employees with the City. This plan included ideas and thoughts for a new building. The plan was to give City Council things to consider and options to think about. Mayor Tim Pralle and Brian will evaluate some possibilities on a location. Mayor Pralle let Council know that the City Clerk is working with our Financial Advisors to see our options and what we can afford.

d. Parking at the Park Review

Mayor Tim Pralle state the property is cleaner but still needs to be worked on, its not where it needs to be. The homeowner for 107 N Lincoln agrees and she is diligently working on this. She is taking all the steps to better serve that area. Matt Ruhnke asked about the price that it would cost to cut the curb. Mayor Pralle said it should be under \$2500. The homeowner would like to keep parking how it is but if the City wants the fence put in she would ask for curb cutting cost. After discussion among Council a motion was made.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion for the City to finance the curb cut at 107 n Lincoln up to \$2350.00 and the resident will be responsible for rock to park on at the residence.

Scott Moses seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

6. New Business:

a. Update Fee List

Nick Cahoj made a motion to adopt the fee list as presented.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

b. Force mow Contract out to Bid

Mayor Tim Pralle informed Council that we need to get bids for Force Mows for the 2021 Calendar Year. Council agreed to get bids for the 2021 Calendar Year. This will be discussed next Regular Meeting.

c. Street Repair – Chapman Rd and Dalton Gultch

Ben Wheeler the City Operator went over a few ways that this issue can be fixed long term. The City will not be able to facilitate this project. Table to the March 2021 Regular Meeting.

d. COVID Pay 2021

Mayor Tim Pralle asked City Council to approve another 14 day quarantine pay for COVID, if an employee is put in quarantine by a Doctor or Health Department.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve another 14 day quarantine pay for COVID, if an employee is put in quarantine by a Doctor or Health Department.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

e. Security Cameras

Mayor Tim Pralle explained to Council that the sewer plant has been broke into twice. We are looking at options for other cameras. INA Alert has been in business for 10 years and they would like to talk to council briefly about their products and services they offer.

Jake Strecker spoke to council about products and services they provide.

Mayor Pralle would like the Chief of Police to speak with them and go over their services.

Table to February Regular Meeting

Mayor Tim Pralle asked to add an item to the Agenda. This item is an Animal and Foul Permit. Council Approved

Animal Foul Permit for 3 Rabbits at 406 1st Street.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the permit.

Scott Moses seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle asked City Council if these permits need to be brought forward to City Council or if they felt comfortable with Code Enforcement/ Chief of Police approving these. City Council agreed it didn't need to be brought before the board. An Ordinance will be provided for the next Regular Council Meeting for approval of the change.

REPORTS:

Mayoral - Mayor Pralle introduced William (BJ) Coon as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Council - Debby Werth talked about the Comprehensive Plan and an overview of the previous two meetings that have been held.

Planning and Zoning – Approval is needed for the Greater Saint George boundary map for the Comprehensive Plan. Planning and Zoning brought to council the boundary they would like Council to approve.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve the presented Greater Saint George boundary map.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Operations – Jason Rogers updated council with the dumpster that was approved for purchase. It should be delivered next week.

Enrichment Team- Resolution 2021-01 was brought to City Council for review and Approval.

RESOLUTION 2021-01

A RESOLUTION JOINING THE PRODE PROGRAM BY THE CITY OF ST GEORGE, KANSAS.

Debby Werth made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Updates from the Enrichment Team : Meeting place will be Light House Church February 13, 2021 from 10am-11am. The next event they are working on will possibly be an Easter Egg Hunt.

7. Open Comments-

William (BJ) Coon asked council to think about a City Vehicle that could be used by all departments. BJ feels like people will be more comfortable with his position taking pictures and recording violations if they know that he works for the City of Saint George and not just a random person taking pictures.

8. Executive Session-

Mayor Pralle asked for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

Debby Werth made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

Nick Cahoj seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Pralle asked for a 10 minute executive session for attorney client privilege.

Debby Werth made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for attorney client privilege.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

9. Adjournment -

Steve Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

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