

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Juliann M Owens, called the regular meeting of the St John City Council to order on Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Sister Catherine Therese opened the meeting with prayer.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Juliann M Owens and Council Members Bobby Stimatze, Shari Williamson, Marshal Sanders, and Mark Bryant. Troy Hanson was absent.

Staff members present were Cory Tagtow, City Superintendent; LaDona S Garcia, City Clerk; John D Beverlin II, City Attorney, Adam Saylor, Police Chief; Michael Sanders, Fire Chief.

Meeting was filmed by Carol Riegel from the Shepherd Center and Chris Arnold from KSN.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There was one addition to the agenda under citizen comments Todd Wycoff was going to read a statement from the IOOF Lodge dealing with the Dillion's closing.

*Mark Bryant moved to approve the additions to the agenda. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion Carried 4-0.*

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Todd Wycoff read the statement from the IOOF Lodge updating the status of the Dillion's closing and thanking citizens for their patience and support.

Sid Arpin with BG Consultants, Inc. presented the initial designs for the sidewalk on 1<sup>st</sup> Street to council for their review. The plans are about 60% finished. He will present the official plans for approval on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. There was discussion between Aripin and council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mark Bryant moved to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- A. Minutes for Regular Meeting of 01-19-2016.
- B. **Appropriation Ordinance #12-31-2015c in the amount of \$453.15.**  
*General Fund-\$181.65; Solid waste Collections-\$24.50; Water & Light-\$247.00*
- C. **Appropriation Ordinance #02-02-2016 in the amount of \$106,192.26**  
*General Fund-\$7,266.48; Library-\$15,041.79; Storm Sewer Utility-\$8.46; Solid Waste Collection-\$9,935.39; Sewer Utility-\$357.91; Water & Light-\$63,793.10; Water System Capital IMP-\$25.38; Series 2001 Bond Fund-\$183.75; CDBG Sidewalk Grant-\$8,875.00; Bond & Interest-\$705.00.*

*Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No Discussion. Motion Carried 4-0*

**POLICE DEPARTMENT-NO REPORT**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT-NO REPORT**

**ADMINISTRATION - CITY CLERK**

City Clerk LaDona S Garcia scheduled a special meeting with council and Greg Wright for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm to discuss the alternative energy contract and other energy related issues. LaDona will check with Greg to make sure he is available and report back to council.

LaDona explained she needed council to approve the annual allocation of \$500.00 to the Tree Board Account.

*Shari Williamson moved to approve the annual Tree Board allocation of \$500.00. Second by Mark Byrant. No Discussion. Motion Carried 4-0.*

LaDona asked for council to make a motion to move into executive session to discuss non-elect personnel to review two individuals and discuss possible wage increase for those individuals.

***Marshal Sanders moved for a 10 min executive session to include council, city clerk, and city superintendent to discuss non-elect personnel to review two individuals and discuss possible wage increase for those individuals with the regular meeting reconvening at 7:29pm. Second by Bobby Stimatze. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.***

**ADMINISTRATION – SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Cory Tagtow updated the council on the transplanting of trees to Brown Park project.

Mark Byrant had some concerns about the Old Methodist Church. Cory addressed those issues.

**CITY ATTORNEY-**

City attorney informed council on the progress for the structural engineer to inspect the Old Methodist Church. The estimated cost would range between \$1500.00-\$2000.00.

**OLD BUSINESS-NO REPORT**

LaDona presented a non-smoking policy for parks and recreational events. There was discussion with council. It was the consensus of the governing body to table the issue until February 16<sup>th</sup> to allow all council members a chance to review it.

LaDona presented the revised Solid Waste Ordinance # 1034 for council's approval. There was discussion on the revisions. The issue was tabled until February 16<sup>th</sup> to allow council to review the city attorney's recommended verbiage.

LaDona reminded the council of Liberty National products and asked if this was something council wanted to provide for their employees. Consensus of council was to add Liberty National as a benefit for their employees.

**NEW BUSINESS-NO REPORT**

Barbara Graves and Vickii Rios had questions and concerns about the Dillions Closing. Juliann and council answered said concerns and questions.

Brandon Crawford reminded council on his interest on running a grocery store. Darren Hasley reported on his findings with Kroger Company.

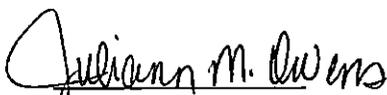
Mayor Owens expressed her recommendation for council to develop a transportation plan to help the citizens travel out of town to grocery stores. LaDona testified that Nick Garcia with USD 350 Recreation Commission had already expressed an interest in developing this plan, he was going to share their proposal at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mark Bryant reported the grocery committee will meet on February 9, 2016 7:00 PM at the Ida Long Library and invited all citizens to attend.

The consensus of the council was to table the discussion on utility rate changes to the special meeting with Greg Wright on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will allow the council to hear his advice on this situation.

With no further business Mark Byrant moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Next regular council meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

  
Juliann M Owens, Mayor

  
LaDona S Garcia, City Clerk