

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Juliann M Owens called the regular meeting of the St John City Council to order on Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm.  
Alex Robinson opened with prayer.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Other citizens present were Terry Spradley, St John News; Carol Riegel, and Scott Claussen

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Troy Hanson moved to approve the additions to the agenda which included the following items: a) Administration-Superintendent-Street Lights and Automated Meters, b) City Clerk- Update Solid Waste Ordinance, and c) Police-Sealed bid for office equipment *Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**CITIZEN COMMENT-NO COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Marshal Sanders moved to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- a. Minutes for Regular Meeting of 12-15-2015.
- b. Minutes for Special Meeting of 12-17-2015.
- c. Minutes for Special Meeting of 12-29-2015.
- d. Appropriation Ordinance #12-31-2015 in the amount of \$27.70.  
**Appropriation Ordinance #12-31-2015**  

General Fund	\$27.70
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- e. Appropriation Ordinance #12-31-2015a in the amount of \$1,851.15.  
**Appropriation Ordinance #12-31-2015a.**  

General Fund	\$ 1,151.96
Sewer Utility	\$ 598.96
Water & Light	\$ 100.23
- f. Appropriation Ordinance #01-05-2016 in the amount of \$45,129.93  
**Appropriation Ordinance #01-05-2016**  

General Fund	\$14,310.75
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 29.57
Jubilee Fund	\$ 25.00
Sewer Utility	\$ 1,004.00
Water & Light	\$29,760.61
- g. Appropriation Ordinance #01-05-2016a in the amount of \$8,324.00.  
**Appropriation Ordinance #01-05-2016**  

Solid Waste Collection	\$8,324.00
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- h. Approve Resolution 2016-01 regarding the waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the preparation of financial statements and financial reports for fiscal year 2016.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01**

**RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM G.A.A.P. REQUIREMENTS**

Whereas the City of St. John, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2016 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the City Council or the members of the general public of the City of St. John, Kansas and

Whereas there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ending December 31, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of St. John, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 5th day of January, 2016, that the City Council requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the City of St. John, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the City of St. John, Kansas to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of the State.

This resolution adopted this 5th day of January, 2016.

Attest:

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Juliann M. Owens  
Mayor

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LaDona S Garcia  
City Clerk

***Seconded by Mark Bryant. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0***

**POLICE DEPARTMENT-**

Police Chief Adam Saylor discussed options with the council on the removal of excess office equipment. After discussion, the consensus was to utilizing PurpleWave online auction, all items which did not sell will be disposed of.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT-NO REPORT**

**ADMINISTRATION – CITY CLERK**

City Clerk LaDona S Garcia recommended the City service charge for the solid waste collection be increase. The current fee covers the basic cost of the billing, but does not allow for any extra expense.

***Shari Williamson moved to increase the city handling fee for the solid waste collection from \$1.00 to \$1.25. Second by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.***

LaDona inquired about a cost of living raise for city employees. The council discussed different scenarios.

***Mark Bryant moved to approve a Cost of Living Allowance increase of \$.25 per hour to all full time employees. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No Discussion. Motion carried 5-0.***

LaDona recommended updating the current solid waste ordinance. The current ordinance is out of date. The council discussed different options and decided to rewrite the ordinance. LaDona get a new ordinance drafted and out for council to review prior to the next meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**ADMINISTRATION – SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Cory Tagtow presented the recommendation from the tree board, to change the tree trimmer license regulations and fee to correspond with those of the general contractor in Ordinance #1033.

***Troy Hanson moved to change the tree trimmer license regulations and fees to correspond with those for the general contractor in Ordinance #1033, starting the fee at \$50.00 for 2016, \$75.00 for 2017, and \$100.00 for 2018 and all previous years. Second by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.***

Cory informed council of his initial plan for new street lights for the city except for 1<sup>st</sup> street. He is waiting for the sidewalk to be installed before planning those lights. The expense for this project was already encumbrance from the 2015 budget.

Cory requested direction for the initial planning on replacing meters with automated ones. There was discussion about expectations and concerns. The consensus from council was to start the initial planning by research new bids for the project.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney John D Beverlin II informed the council he has exhausted every attempt to communicate with Robert Troiano about the condition of his property on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street, known as the Old Methodist Church. This property is in violation of Ordinance 8-506. John was seeking direction from the council on handling this matter; his recommendation is to start the proceeding for condemning the property. Council agreed with John's recommendation; in the meantime council requested the city to secure the property by seal up entries which are currently opened.

**OLD BUSINESS-NO REPORT**

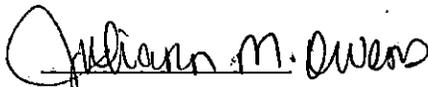
**NEW BUSINESS-**

Marshal Sanders examined the possibility of having Unruh's work with Stone Waste Management to provide a 30 yard dumpster for larger item for the citizens to use. The consensus was to go forward with Unruh setting up the arrangement with Stone Waste for the dumpster at no extra cost to the citizens, as long as they respect the established rules for the dumpster.

***Mark Byrant move for an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance review for ten minutes to include council and mayor with regular meeting reconvening at 7:59 pm. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.***

With no further business Bobby Stimatze moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion carried 4-1. Troy Hanson opposed.

Next regular council meeting will be Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

  
Juliann M Owens, Mayor

  
LaDona S Garcia, City Clerk