

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Present were Mayor Juliann M Owens and council members Shari Williamson, Marshal Sanders, Mark Bryant, Troy Hanson, and Bobby Stimatze.

Staff members present were LaDona S Garcia, City Clerk; Cory Tagtow, City Superintendent; John D Beverlin II, City Attorney; Michael Sanders, Fire Chief; and Chelsea Keck, City Health Inspector.

Meeting was filmed by Carol Riegel from the Sandyland Shepherd Center and was covered by Terry Spradley with The St. John News.

Citizens present were Mary Pat Haddican, Jon Mansel, Josh Meyer, Tonya Sanders, Chad Fisher, Geneie Andrews and Nick Russ with GIS, Bob Toot, Scott Claussen, and Jerry Munden

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA –

1. Old Business- Grant Manager and list of possible projects
2. Administration-City Clerk-4th of July firework schedule
3. Old Business- Executive Session pursuant to the preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property.
4. Consent Agenda-Hiring of Blake Robinson for summer help at \$8.00 hour.

Mark Bryant moved to approve the additions to the agenda. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No Discussion. Motion Carried 5-0

CITIZEN COMMENT-

Citizen comments were heard and address.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting on 05-17-2016.
2. Approve Appropriation Ordinance #06-07-2016 in the amount of \$95,246.52:
General Fund-\$10,192.11; Jubilee Fund-\$1,393.79; Solid Waste Collection-\$8,728.64; Sewer Utility-\$1,595.02;
Water & Light-\$53,024.96; Equipment Reserve-\$20,312.00.
3. Hiring of Blake Robinson for summer help at \$8.00 hour.

Seconded by Shari Williamson. No Discussion. Motion Carried 5-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-NO REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT-NO REPORT

ADMINISTRATION – CITY CLERK

City Clerk, LaDona S Garcia inquired about council holding a town hall meeting on July 26th to publically discuss the 1% sales tax question which will be on the August 2nd Primary. The council was in agreement to move forward with the town hall meeting.

Garcia informed council of Vonfeldt, Bauer, & Vonfeldt's quotes for assisting in preparing the 2017 budget and if they just reviewed the 2017 budget. There was discussion. This issue was tabled to allow Garcia time to verify Bobby Stimatze question regarding a line item classified as cash carryover. Garcia gave each council member an estimated timeline to get the budget completed. Her estimated date for scheduling the public hearing to certify the budget is during their regular council meeting on August 16th, 2016. The consensus of council was to have another budget workshop on June 25, 2016 at 8am at city hall.

With the upcoming 4th of July holiday, Garcia reminded council of last year's firework schedule and solicited their opinions about this year schedule. After discussion, the consensus of council was to have open fireworks policy to begin with July 2nd and go through July 4th. Fireworks can be discharged between the hours of 7 am to midnight.

Marshal Sanders moved to allow the discharge of fireworks between the hours of 7 am and midnight, beginning July 2nd and running thru July 4th. Seconded by Bobby Stimatze. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION – SUPERINTENDENT

City Superintendent, Cory Tagtow presented his idea for handling the upcoming spring/summer weed violators. Cory would inspect properties on the 5th and 20th of every month. He would issue one letter to the violators, then on the 6th and 21st of each month, he would instruct his workers to start mowing the yards still in violation. After discussion between Cory and council, council agreed with Cory's plan and instructed Garcia to add the new mow dates to the weed code violation letter.

Tagtow explained the city had been receiving multiple complaints about litter, trash, lawn clippings and other items left in the streets. Tagtow requested direction from council on who should handle these complaints. Consensus of council was for the complaints to go to dispatch, so law enforcement would be dispatched out. Law enforcement will issue a warning to the owner and then issue a ticket for all reoccurring offenses.

Mark asked questions about junk vehicles on personal property and how council would like to handle these complaints. The mayor gave her suggestions. The consensus of council is to start working on a list of vehicles and property.

CITY ATTORNEY-NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS-

Geneie Andres and Nick Russ with GIS presented her addition to her original proposal for the city to purchase a GIS system. This additional proposal is for her company to collect the initial data needed for the software. There was discussion between council, Geneie, and Russ. This issue was tabled until August 16th pending the passing of the 1% sales tax increase.

Tagtow and City Health Inspector, Chelsea Keck presented their findings after inspecting 213 S Broadway. After the public hearing on May 3rd, the owner was given 30 days to make improvements to his property. This 30 days was up on June 2, 2016. Tagtow and Keck inspected the property on June 3, 2016 and June 6, 2016. Their recommendation was to condemn the property. Bob Toot was allow to present his opinions and facts on this issue. City Attorney Beverlin advised council on the next step in the process, which was to

direct him to write a resolution condemning the property and forcing Toot to correct the matter or the city will, or give Toot more time.

Troy Hanson moved to allow Cory Tagtow and city crew to secure 213 S Broadway so it will not be a hazard to the community and address other issues regarding the safety of the structures. Seconded by Mark Bryant. Motion carried 5-0.

Troy Hanson moved to condemn 213 S Broadway and all other structures on this property due to the fact that they are un-safe and a hazard to the community, and give the interest owners until July 19, 2016 to correct this matter or the city will, and all costs incurred would be charged back to the interest owners. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion Carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the contract drawn up by City Attorney, Beverlin for hiring Lisa Cornwell as a grant manger. The consensus of council was for her to work on the following list 1) Grocery Store, 2) Sewer Replacement, 3) Water lines, 4) Streets, and the pool and Witt Center.

Marshal Sanders moved to approve the contract with Lisa Cornwell, pending her review, with a \$600.00 monthly limitation and for the mayor to sign said contract when the time arises. Seconded by Mark Bryant. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mark Bryant moved for a ten min executive session pursuant to preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property to include, Mayor, Council, and City Attorney in order to discuss the possibility of acquiring property for a grocery store with the open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 8:21 pm. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No Discussion. Motion Carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS-

There was discussion between council, Mayor Owens and Beverlin about her decision to replace Josh Meyer with attorney Mike Roberson on the grocery store task force.

Marshal requested to add Laura Davis to the grocery store task force. The consensus of council was to add the grocery store task force to the agenda under old business for the time being. The grocery store task force will help educate the community about the increase of a 1% sales tax.

Mayor Juliann M Owens recommended the appointments of Chad Fisher, Jon Mansel, Kim Hullman, Tonya Sanders, Josh Meyer, and Laura Davis to the grocery store task force for a term of one year.

Shari Williamson moved to approve the mayor's appointments of Chad Fisher, Jon Mansel, Kim Hullman, Tonya Sanders, Josh Meyer, and Laura Davis to the grocery store task force for a one year term until May, 2017. Seconded by Bobby Stimatze. No Discussion. Motion Carried 5-0

With no further business Troy Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Marshal Sanders. No discussion. Motion Carried 4-1. Troy Hanson opposed.

Next regular council meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Juliann M Owens, Mayor


LaDonna S Garcia, City Clerk