

City of St. John
Council Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2020

I. Call to order

Mayor Bryant called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on May 5, 2020 Stafford County Annex. The following persons were present: Mark Bryant, Mayor, Marshal Sanders, President, Ryan Christie, Ross Fisher, Esai Macias and Kyle Bunker.

II. Additions to the Agenda

- a) New business – Properties & Mowing
- b) Landbank – executive session

Sanders moves to approve additions to the agenda. Christie seconded. Motion carries 5-0

III. Citizen Comments –

IV. Consent Agenda

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes- April 21, 2020

Sanders moves to approve the regular council meeting minutes. Christie seconded. No Discussion. Motion carries 5-0

- b) Appropriation Ordinance #05-05-2020 - \$73,145.88 & Petty Cash - \$306.00

Christie moves to approve the appropriation ordinance #04-21-2020 in the amount of \$17,094.83 & Petty Cash in the amount of \$306.00. Sanders seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 5-0

V. Committee & Department Head Reports-

- a) Electric Supervisor – Discussion about North West street electrical project, emergency sirens, pool – painting, informed Council that he ordered oil switched from TNR, lots on 2nd are almost complete, tree dump is on the last hole and we will need to figure out a new location, sidewalk by the mural, box for sewer, UTV for street/park department, Jeff will check on fuel prices for next council meeting.

Christie moves to approve Jeff spending up to \$4,000 for electric removal and bury it underground on the North West property. Sanders seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 5-0.

Macias moves to approve the purchase of the 2002 Easy Go Cart to be taken out of the park department capital outlay in the amount of \$3,150. Sanders Seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 5-0.

- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor – No Report
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – No Report
- d) Grant Administrator- No Report
- e) Police Chief – No Report
- f) Fire Chief- Request pay increase for Assistant Fire Chief and Secretary for the work that they put in but do not currently get compensated for.

Macias moves to increase the pay for the assistant fire chief and secretary by \$100 per month for the fire department. Christie seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. 4-1 Sanders abstains.

- g) City Administrator- Discussion regarding the landscaping project on the corner of 2nd and Main and street signs.

Sanders moves to allow the Jubilee Committee to use the old street signs for whatever they deem fit. Christie seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. 5-0

- h) City Attorney- Discussion about the current building code. Consensus of council to keep the code as is.

VI. Old Business

- a) Utility truck – Discussion about the color. Can take off of old business.
- b) Witt Center Repairs–
- c) Strategic plan – No Report
- d) Ordinance #1072-20 Noise – tabled
- e) Ordinance #1071-20 House numbers – tabled
- f) Swimming Pool – tabled

VII. New Business

- a) Water well for the baseball field – discussion about permission for a water well. Would like rec to come to the next meeting to discuss.

Macias requests Inventory to be added to old business.

- b) Properties – Discussion on properties in poor condition. Marshal and Jamie will come up with a list before next meeting.
- c) Mowing – Discussion on mowing letters and the price that we charge to mow yards that are not following code.

Sanders moves to increase the mowing fee done by city staff to \$250.00 with a 1 hour minimum. Macias seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. 5-0.

Mayor recesses regular council meeting. Marshal Sanders opens landbank meeting at 8:54pm

VIII. Landbank

- a) Discussion regarding potential donation – John approves adoption deed of 313 S. Main.

Christie moves to accept 313 S. Main into the landbank. Bryant seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 5-0

- b) Discussion regarding potential sale

Bryant moves to sell 206 S. Pearl in the amount of \$300 to Esai Macias. Christie seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. 4-1 Macias abstains.

- c) Update from County Commission meeting

Consensus of Council to get a hold of the Attorney General's office and Marshal will have form filled out and ready to present to Council to approve at the next Council meeting.

Christie moves to pay the current taxes at 206 S. Pearl. Bryant seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. 4-1 Macias abstains.

- d) Mowing – discussion about mowing the landbank properties
- e) Executive session – no longer needed.

Marshal Sanders adjourns landbank and Mayor opens regular council meeting back up at 9:16pm

IX. Executive session

- a) Sanders moves for 15 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss potential hire pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception to include City Council, Mayor, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Macias seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. 5-0. Meeting will reconvene at 9:31 PM.

Mayor reconvened meeting at 9:31 pm. Christie moves to hire Craig Weigel part time at \$15.00/hour for summer mowing. Sanders seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 5-0

Sanders moves to hire Stephanie Smith, Manager and Alyson Smith, Assistant Manager and the following as lifeguards: Melissa Williamson, Bree Meyer, Tanner Halling, Collin Halling, Hunter Smith, Adrian Adame, Payton Meyer, Darby Smith at the rate set last year pending review at the next council meeting with the manager at the meeting. Fisher seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 5-0

- b) Sanders moves for 10 minutes for the City Council to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception to include City Council, Mayor, City Administrator and City Attorney. Macias seconded. No Discussion. Motion carries 5-0. Meeting will reconvene at 9:43 PM.

Mayor reconvened meeting at 8:43 pm.

X. Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00pm.


MAYOR


CITY ADMINISTRATOR