



# City of Saint George, KS

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**APPROVED**

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY

November 7, 2024

7:00 P.M.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

Debby Werth	X	Judd McCormack	X
Matt Ruhnke	X	Spencer Parsons	X
Jeremy Holliday	X	Tim Pralle	X

### 4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2024 and September 2024 Financial Statement

*Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items.*

*Tim Pralle seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

### 5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

#### a. City Hall Land – Update

Judd McCormack updated the council with some of the suggested changes to the RFP. He did have a few questions for the City Attorney and will get those sent to him.

#### b. Water Treatment Facility – Update

Tim Pralle updated the council about the acquisition of the land in question. He spoke with the property owners, they are going to discuss and come up with some questions and get back with Tim.

Brain Foster with BG Consultants suggested having a workshop in the future for the council to work on what will be needed for the Treatment Facility. The council set a date for November 18, 2024 at 7 pm.

#### c. Daras - Sewer Update

Debby Werth said that she had talked with Joe Johns and upon that had a request for water. If trees get torn up he doesn't want them to just be left, and he has concern of a fence that will need to be taken out for the project and that he wants the City to pay for it, but he wants to hire it out to be done. His attorney will look over the paperwork and get back with Debby.

#### d. SRTS – Update

City Attorney, Todd Luckman presented the council with Ordinance 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS ESTABLISHING THE NECESSITY TO CONDEMN CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN.

*Judd McCormack made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08.*

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*

*In a role call vote Matt Ruhnke, Jeremy Holliday, Judd McCormack, Spencer Parsons and Tim Pralle all Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.*

#### e. Hartwicks Development – Sewer Easement

Brian Foster with BG Consultants said the landowner agreed to the area for the easement, Brian felt like the next step would be to negotiate a price with the landowners. Brian is going to send information to Todd for an agreement to be written up.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

#### a. Jana Williams – Flint Hills Regional Council

Jana Williams from the Flint Hills Regional Council attended the council meeting with a presentation on some upcoming grants. Jana had met with Cody Liming from the Planning and Zoning Committee, and he felt the Regional Council would be able to help with future planning and looking for grants. Cody asked the council to consider joining the Regional Council again. The council asked that this be put on the Agenda for the December 2024 meeting.

#### b. Planning and Zoning – Ordinance for Secondary Drives Regulations 2024-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE

*Judd McCormack made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-07.*

*Tim Pralle seconded the motion.*

*In a role call vote Matt Ruhnke, Jeremy Holliday, Judd McCormack, Spencer Parsons and Tim Pralle all Ayes 0 Nays  
Motion carried.*

**c. Amanda Worden – Rock Creek Rec**

Amanda Worden with Rock Creek Recreation addressed the council asking for a water allowance.  
*Spencer Parsons made a motion to approve a \$1000.00 water credit to the rock creek recreation.  
Judd McCormack seconded the motion.  
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

**7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**a. Mayoral Report N/A**

**b. City Council**

Tim Pralle talked with Shane Kolde and he is ready to move forward with the camping and camper storage down at the river.

**c. Law Enforcement N/A**

**d. Code Enforcement N/A**

**e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports N/A**

**f. Treasurers Report**

Audi Westgate came up with an idea for Tinsel Town Showdown, where residents decorate for Christmas and submit pictures. The judges will be elementary school students, and the winner will receive a \$50 water credit towards their next bill or they can donate it to another resident. Council agreed to move forward with this.

**g. Administration Report N/A**

**h. Water/Scwer Report**

Ben Wheeler brought quotes to the council for a trailer and Conex for extra storage.

*Tim Pralle made a motion to spend up to \$15,500 on a trailer and Conex.*

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

**i. City Operations Report N/A**

**j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team**

Cody Liming talked with the council on allowing a budget for the 2025 KAWnsas Fest. This will be added to the Agenda for December

**8. OPEN COMMENTS:**

A resident asked what could be done about permanent parking for boats and trailers on the streets. After discussion council asked the City Attorney to draw up an Ordinance for review at the next regular meeting.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Non-Elected Personnel

Judd McCormack made a motion for executive session for 15 minutes starting at 8:45 and ending at 9:00 with the City Attorney, Council and Mayor for non-elected personnel to discuss an employee matter. To reconvene back in this room.

*Tim Pralle made a motion to give the mayor spending authority of up to \$6,000.00 for the holidays.*

*Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Tim Pralle made a motion to adjourn.*

*Judd McCormack seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays*

**The next regular meeting for the City of St George is December 5, 2024 @ 7 P.M. at Lighthouse Baptist Church (308 Lincoln Ave).**