THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 14, 2017

The meeting was dully posted. Vice Mayor Spence Udall called the meeting to order at approximately 6:36 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ryan Patterson (6:39 p.m.), Vice Mayor Spence Udall, Councilman Tony Lindsey, Councilman Pete Hancock, Councilman JR Richardson.

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Kay Hauser and Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Ramsey, Finance Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Lee, Interim Police Chief William Johnston, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, and Assistant EMS Chief Jean Kirk.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kai McKinstry

**PLEDGE:** Timothy Hinton

**INVOCATION:** Paul Ramsey

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* No public wished to speak.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of May 10, 2017 City Council minutes. Also consider approval of amended April 12, 2017 City Council minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of bills from May 1-31, 2017. Special details of bills can be requested at City Hall.**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Pete Hancock to approve the consent agenda at stated. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Lindsey.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Presentation of Fair Housing by the Regional Education and Outreach, Southwest Fair Housing Council.**

Kai McKinstry presented the 7 Protected Classes of the Fair Housing Act (FHA) & HUD Updates June 2017.

7 Protected Classes; Race and Ethnicity, Color, Sex and Gender, National Origin, Religion, Familial Status, and Disability.

HUD Updates; Federally-funded and public properties to go non-smoking within 18 months of 02/2017. Housing Providers may no longer have blanket bans on criminal records as of 4/2016. Fair Housing Act officially provides protection based on sexual orientation and gender identity as of 4/2017. We are funded by ADOH & HUD. We offer all our services free, if you have individuals in the community and not sure where to point them, we can help them out.

1. **Discussion regarding policy of employees using medical marijuana.**

Vice Mayor Spence Udall commented that Councilman Raykovitz wanted to have this on the agenda, but is unable to attend the meeting. The question is, are we adequately protected from medical marijuana with people driving in City vehicles or using heavy equipment? He had visited with Financial Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton, it seems that the policy covers the issue.

City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that medical marijuana is certainly something that we need to make sure that the City is covered. He asked Mayor if the Apache County had made any changes to their policy.

Mayor Patterson commented that he is not aware of any changes with the Apache County policy. He believes a person can be using medical marijuana, but cannot be impaired. That is a fine line. We need to talk with the City Attorney Bryce Patterson and have him look at the City policy and beef up our policy and make sure that there are no gray areas.

Vice Mayor Udall commented that at SRP, they have policy that there are areas that are safety sensitive, so if you are using medical marijuana then you cannot work your job, even if it is a pain killer, you cannot work. Again, we need to have Attorney Bryce Patterson look at the City Policy.

Councilman Lindsey commented that he thinks that OCCA has rules on if you have THC in your blood, that the City would be held liable.

Finance Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton commented that the policy says if you are taking any prescription or over the counter medications that you have to inform your supervisor. If they have a medical marijuana card, they have to let us know they have one.

1. **Discussion of City Manager Paul Ramsey’s contract and salary.**

Finance Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton commented that Paul’s wage would be $84,000.

Mayor Patterson commented that the wage is 15% above the Finance Director/City Clerk. We have the ability to go into executive session, what is the Councils wishes?

Councilman Pete Hancock commented that he didn’t think that they needed to go into executive session. The Council has been informed enough.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Pete Hancock to accept the City Managers contact for Paul Ramsey to be the City Manager as stated in the contract. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Spence Udall.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Paul Ramsey needed clarification where it states that he cannot be employed by anyone else. Does that include his family ranching?

Mayor Patterson commented that you are not employed by them. He thinks it reaches out to other employers.

Paul Ramsey commented that he does receive compensation. He wants to make sure that is not an issue.

Councilman Hancock commented that he doesn’t believe he needs to change the motion. He believes that Paul’s ranching is not going to be an issue.

Council did not have an issue with Paul’s ranching business.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

* **Dump Truck** – We have purchase a Dump Truck from ADOT Surplus. It is also a snow plow. This will help us clear the runway a lot quicker.
* **AZ League meeting –** August 22-25. Please make sure that Cindy knows if you are attending.
* **AZ Game & Fish at Patterson Pond** – We had a good turnout of about 50 people. The kids enjoyed the fishing.
* **Heritage Grant at Patterson Pond** - You can see the improvements that have been done at Patterson Pond with the trails, and clean up. There are 4 pavilions being built with the help of some Eagle Scout projects. We have another project that will finish up with the tables that will go under the pavilions.

Mayor Patterson commented that if you haven’t fished out at Patterson Pond, you are missing out.

* **Grand Stands at the Rodeo Grounds** – We are accessing the County with the grand stands. They will be pouring the first of concrete tomorrow. The grand stands will be coming in on the 6th of July.
* **Heritage Park** – Will start the 5th of July.
* **Swimming Pool ­**- We did pick up the boiler, to heat the pool, when we went to pick up the dump truck. It will be installed this next week.
* **Police Chief** – The ad went out today. It was posted today on the AZ POST.

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* **Thank you** - Interim City Police Chief William (Bill) Johnston thanked the Council for allowing him to be the Interim Police Chief while we are looking for a Police Chief. He has been here for the last 3 years and he has seen the SJPD go from nothing to the best on the mountain.
* **Noah and K-9** - Noah Van Hilsen graduated with his K-9 on the 1st of June. The K-9 is amazing. Yesterday they were involved in their first arrest up on the I-40.
* **Ranch Rodeo** – There were 6 teams, 3 man teams, it was called foot pursuit. The object was to catch the cow and get the cow on the ground, tie up 3 legs, and have it hold for 6 seconds. St Johns PD had Ty Bond, Wyatt Smith, and Noah Van Hilsen, the St. Johns team won. The official time was about 22 seconds.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were brought forth.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Spence Udall to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Lindsey.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**

Ryan Patterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Lee, Deputy City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the St. Johns City Council meeting held June 14, 2017. I certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Cindy Lee, Deputy City Clerk

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