

**ST. JOHNSCITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 11, 2012**

The regular meeting was duly posted. Vice Mayor Ryan Ashton called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31pm in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the County Annex.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice Mayor Ryan Ashton, Councilwoman Kay Hauser, Councilman Pete Hancock, Councilman Michael Cirivello, and Councilman Ryan Patterson

**ABSENT:** Mayor Fred Nielson and Councilman Spence Udall

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey, City Attorney Bryce Patterson, Finance Director/City Clerk Evan Nelson via conference call, Police Chief Donny Jones, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, Assistant EMS Chief Jean Kirk, Deputy City Clerk Kim Cowley, and Airport Manager/Fire Chief Gary Liston.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kristl Jones, Bonnie Weller, Georgia Meyer, Bonnie Stolins, Bill Stolins, Barry Weller, and Bernadette Podle

**INVOCATION:** Chief Gary Liston

**PLEDGE:** Chief Donny Jones

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No Public wished to speak.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Consider approval of July 12, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. Payment of bills.**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ashton to approve the consent agenda items as stated. Motion was seconded by Councilman Patterson.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**3. Introduction, question and answer. Barry Weller, candidate for County Supervisor District 3.**

Mr. Weller introduced himself by giving a bit of his personal background, education, work experience, and why he has chosen to run for office. Mr. Weller was thanked for introducing himself by council.

**4. 100 Tree Project. Cris Patterson**

Mr. Patterson was unable to make the meeting. This agenda item was moved to next month.

**5. Consider Waiving Bub Rental Fees. Kristl Jones**

Kristl Jones requested that the Bub Rental Fees be waived for her daughters fund raising dinner to send her to Washington D.C. as a representative of the St. Johns High School. She gave a history of Ms. Jones success and previous fund raisers.

**MOTION:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ryan Ashton to waive the Community Center Rental Fees for a benefit dinner for Ms. Jones to go to National High School Inaugural Conference in January 2013.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Cirivello.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**6. St. Johns I-40 Billboard Improvements. Steve Barcak**

Mr. Barcak was unable to attend. Mr. Ramsey explained that Mr. Barcak wanted to propose the renovation of the billboard, has pictures, and offered to do all the labor. This agenda item was moved to next month.

**7. City Hall Project.**

Mr. Ramsey indicated that he has a meeting with the County Manager and his building and maintenance department in which they would take a tour of the city hall site on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Hancock asked why the station was still not torn down. Mr. Ramsey explained that Brownfields is bringing in a contractor to clean up the area under the pavilion that is contaminated so he thought it appropriate to wait for that, and that he had failed to get the advertising done.

## **8. Employee Salary Increases.**

Mr. Nelson asked for clarification on the motion made in the Council Meeting of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Questions and discussion lasted approximately 15 minutes with the consensus of the council determining that the motion was for the fiscal year 12/13 only. Council requested that a discussion of merit increases be held at a future meeting.

## **9. Financial Report.**

Evan Nelson reported that files had been sent the past week to the auditors and that they would be arriving for the audit on Monday, October 15, 2012. He also reported on revenues and indicated that the State Sales Tax & HURF dollars have been coming in a little lower than expected, and that he would keep track of them. Expenses for the Administration and Parks Departments are slightly over. Mr. Nelson said that he had looked at them carefully and thinks that they will be okay as there were annual up-front costs in both departments. Mr. Nelson asked for questions from the council but received none.

## **10. City Managers Report.**

Mr. Ramsey spoke with the Potash Mine representative Ms. Cox earlier today. They are anticipating getting word back regarding permitting in mid-November for responses on the permits. They are financially getting better numbers of the financing than anticipated. Mr. Ramsey asked them about having an office and presence here in town. They responded that they are looking for space and willing to do that. They have hired two people in from two other major mining companies into the upper end of their organization. No flags have come up yet to stop the process.

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference was attended at the end of September. Mr. Ramsey was able to procure some contact phone numbers for major hotel developers. He has talked to them, and they are going to come up for a visit. Mr. Ramsey also talked with the owners of the Walt's Hardware who are planning a store here in the city. He thinks he can get the financial backing by the first of the year. Mr. Ramsey also gave him a couple of additional names of people who might be interested in backing the store.

Mountain View waterline grant application was submitted on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and we should know the result fairly soon. Councilman Hancock asked about getting a waterline into the San Juan Hill area.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilman Hancock suggested a discussion on the San Juan hill waterline needs and the City Hall Project. Councilwoman Hauser brought up the reviews of the departments. The next review is Administration/Police Department, which is currently scheduled on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued regarding conflicts. The review was rescheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Councilwoman asked for a report on the review for the Water Department/Parks & Recreation for the next council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION:**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ashton to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion was seconded by Councilman Cirivello.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.**

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Fred Nielsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Cowley, Deputy City Clerk

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the St. Johns City Council held on the 14th day of July, 2011. I certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Kim Cowley, Deputy City Clerk

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