ST. JOHNS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2015

The regular meeting was duly posted. Mayor Ryan Patterson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the City of St. Johns Council Chambers at the City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ryan Patterson, Vice Mayor Spence Udall, Councilman John Richardson Councilwoman Kay Hauser, Councilman Peter Hancock, and Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Michael Cirivello

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey, Financial Director/Clerk Timothy Hinton, Police Chief Daniel Brown, City Attorney Bryce Patterson, Assistant EMS Chief Jean Kirk, and EMS/Fire Betty Summers.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jamie Robbins, Maria Cuiriz, Joy Siaotong, Jerry Aaronica, Robert Hyatt, Pete Vezzetti, and Danny Price.

**PLEDGE:** Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey

**INVOCATION:** One of the VIP’s

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* No public wish to speak.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of April 8, 2015 City Council Minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of bills for the April 1-30, 2015. Special details of the bills can be requested at City Hall.**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Kay Hauser to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Spence Udall.

**Motion passed 6-0**

1. **Consider approval of the Proclamation for Peace Officers’ Memorial Day/Week.**

Chief Brown presented the information on the proclamation. JFK signed in the Peace Officer Day in 1962 to be on May 15. Chief recognized all the officers that have lost their live and or murdered while on duty in the 2014 year.

Mayor Patterson read the proclamation and recognized the day of May 15th as Peace Officers Day and May 10-15, 2015 as Peace Officer Week in St. Johns. He also commented that the council appreciates all that the City of St. Johns Police Officer do for our community.

Chief Brown handed out blue ribbons to everyone to tie on their antenna on their car in support of Peace Officer Week.

1. **Special Recognition to Daniel Price for 27 years of service with the City of St. Johns.**

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey recognized Danny Price for his 27 years with the City. The City had a luncheon a couple weeks ago and we presented Danny with an award for his service and dedication to the City. Everyone knows Danny and the dedication that he has for the City. We thank him for this dedication.

Danny commented that the City has a lot of good people with great qualities working for them.

1. **Discuss job descriptions with in the Fire/EMS department. \*\*\*This item on the agenda will be moved to after agenda number 9.**
2. **Discuss procedures for cleanup of properties in violation of Health, Safety and Sanitation Section of City Code.**

Mayor Patterson commented that he has spent some time discussing with other communities on how to go about enforcing the code of health, safety, and sanitation.

Councilman Hancock commented that he would like to know exactly what the description is in health, safety and sanitation.

Interim City Manager Ramsey commented that we have one on Main Street that he and Chief met with and resolutions were made. This is just an example of what the description would be. There are numerous places here in our city that needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Patterson commented that we have made progress. First the Police department, then City Hall and this code will be third. There is a feeling of our City is not as clean as it could be.

Chief Brown commented the VIP’s are in process of going around driving the streets looking for violations of trash and taking the information back to the compliance officer.

Mayor Patterson commented to Financial Director/Clerk Timothy Hinton to come up with verbiage for the water bill of what the City code is. This will be informing the community. But first email the council of the verbiage.

\*Councilwoman Kay Hauser left the meeting.

1. **Discuss opening the RV Park for the summer season.**

Mayor Patterson commented that there are rodeos that are coming in this summer and our RV Park is closed. It would be nice to have the RV Park open this summer for these events that are coming, with the horse stalls right there, it would be more convenient.

Councilman Raykovitz commented that if we don’t use it we will lose it. We should limit the days in the RV Park to 14 day and change the price from $20 to $25. This will help with the infrastructure of the facility. This will only be for the summer months.

Vice Mayor Udall commented that this has come before the council before. We did ask the privet RV Parks to make improvement. We do not want to undercut the privet RV Parks on the cost.

Interim Ramsey commented we can do an analysis on the cost. The camp ground has only had the showers open and the tent camping open. No RV’s.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to open the City RV Park from the beginning of April to the end of October for $25 a day and a 14 day limit. Motion was seconded by Vise Mayor Spence Udall.

**Motion passed 5-0**

1. **Discuss potential incentive in encourage landscaping on Main Street.**

Vice Mayor Udall commented that he went to Show Low to see what they had for beautifying main street. The businesses beautify the front of their business and in turn they pay their capital gain on their water bill plus 5%. Show Low has nothing in writing. But it is just the business, no nonprofit organizations. Tonight I am asking for your input. Maybe give the business an incentive.

Councilman Hancock commented that he would rather see lights or lanterns put in.

Mayor Patterson directed staff to get with legal and have an ordinance for the next City Council meeting.

1. **Approval to pay invoice to ADOT $50,000 for City’s portion of 13th West & 7th South overlay.**

Interim City Manager Ramsey commented that this is our contribution towards the paving project with NACOG paving 13th West and 7th South. There is a mistake with the numbers, it is $57,000. This money has been set aside for this project for year. The project should go out to bid next month. We need you approval to go ahead with this.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman John Richardson to approve the funds for this project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**5. Discuss job description with in the Fire/EMS department.**

Financial Director/Clerk Timothy Hinton commented that fire and EMS have asked to have some of the job descriptions re-written. Currently we have no full time firefighter positions. This hurt us on our ISO ratings. If we can get our ISO up a little bit that would mean fire insurance would lower for everyone in St. Johns. Right now fire and EMS are paid by call. Based on fire and EMS, one gets paid more than the other. So in turn they like one over the other. BY combining fire and EMS in the job description they would get paid the same. It will also get rid of the plus page that is paid per call. Financial Director/Clerk Timothy Hinton recommends this change.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman John Richardson to except the job description as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

* **NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA**

They will be established by August.

* **LIGHTING PROJECT**

We are getting quotes to see what the cost will be. This is the lighting along 13th West and 7th South to the Middle School. The sidewalk along 13th that is missing will be put in also.

* **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

This will be taking place this week.

* **SIGNAGE AT THE POOL**

The signs will be up soon along with the big metal St. Johns Pool sign.

* **SIDEWALK NEAR THE HINKSON**

The sidewalk program is with the street light project.

* **CITY HALL PARK/PARKING LOT**

We do not have the 3-D of the Park as of yet. There was some complications.

The parking lot is in progress right now.

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* **CASE STATUS**

On #2 of my report, we have traffic stops at 102 and citations at 24. We are trying to educate the public to be more safe. We want to keep the people safe in our community.

* **VIP**

We have 6 VIP’s. They recently graduated for the VIP Program at the academy.

* Jerry Aronica
* Joy Siaotong
* Robert Hiatt
* Maria Cuiriuz
* Jamie Robbins
* Pete Vezzetti

Mayor Patterson thanked them for their time and effort in becoming a VIP.

On June 6th the VIP’s will be having a fund raiser be the Police Department.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Patterson re-opened the Call to the Public.

Fire Chief/Airport Manager Gary Liston thanked everyone that helped with the Airport emergency. And thank you the Gloria Morales, it was her first day at the Airport. She handled the emergency very well.

Also, it was an honor to have the Candy Bomber in our Airport this last Friday.

**FURTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* **Budget meetings. We need to have at least 2 before the 3rd week in July.**
* **Water shares/Game & Fish. Where do we stand with Patterson Pond?**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

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

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 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 held May 13, 2015. I certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Cindy Lee, Deputy City Clerk

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