ST. JOHNS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2015

The meeting was duly posted. Mayor Ryan Patterson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. in the City of St. Johns Council Chambers.

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey, Financial Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Lee, Police Chief Daniel Brown, Fire Chief/Airport Manager Gary Liston, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, Assistant EMS Jean Kirk, Public Works Jeff Carpenter, and Firefighter Robert Vallejos.

**OTHER PRESENT:** Matrice Avila, Jeff Raban, Jaymi Cox, Peter Cox, Wyatt Cox, Afton Cox, Nathan Biggs, D’Coda Overson, Brennen Overson, Dona Hauser, Milton Olleton, Chip Eisley, Teri Slown, Lance Spivey, Teri Sloan, and Eileen Furman.

**PLEDGE:** Financial Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Kay Hauser

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* Sandy Liston- Thanked the Cox’s for all the hard work that they have put into the Trunk or treat for the City.
* Nathan Biggs- He informed the Council that he, Rusty Oaks, and Milton Ollerton are working on bringing jobs to the St. Johns area.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of October 14, 2015 City Council Minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of bills from October 1-31, 2015. Special details of bills can be requested at City Hall.**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael Cirivello to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Richardson.

**Motion passed 7-0**

1. **Memorandum of Understanding between the City of St. Johns and Apache County to apply for Heritage Grant funding from AZ Game and Fish for revitalization of the Patterson Pond area.**

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that Apache County and the City of St. Johns will be working with Malena Bazurto on the Heritage Grant. This grant will not include the fish; this grant will be working on the trails, water quality, tables, mainly the area around the ponds.

Mayor Ryan Patterson commented that this will include docks for each pond along with automatic feeders for the fish with solar panels.

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that the automatic feeders will not have the solar panels. They are requiring us to have electricity run to them.

Councilman John Richardson asked if these were matching funds.

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that they will not be match funds but matching labor.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Kay Hauser to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Apache County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Cirivello.

**Motion passed 7-0**

1. **Discussion of the Apache County Youth Council.**

Police Chief Daniel Brown commented that he is a board member of Apache County Youth Council. In the discussion with the Youth Council, they have stated that they would like more youth activities in the communities. (This is St. Johns and Round Valley areas.) We are partnered with Apache County Drug Free Alliance. We are concerned with the drug use in Apache County. The youth think that marijuana is not harmful to them, that it is medicine. The youth say it is so easy to obtain marijuana. We need to change the attitude of the youth by involving them in activities. We have the opportunity to have pro-social involvement, protective factors; community, school, family, and peers.

Teri Sloan from the Apache County Public Health Services presented the Wyman Teen Outreach Program. She commented that this is a program that has life skills with goals for the future. Evidence-based outcomes 52% lower risk of school suspension, 60% lower risk of course failure, and 53% lower risk of pregnancy. The program observed outcome of 60% lower risk of school dropouts. This is offered as an after school program.

Mayor Ryan Patterson asked how this was working with the school districts.

Teri commented that first we go to the district offices then to the principles. With the middle school principle here in St. Johns the absence came up and they did not like the idea of contraceptives and the STD’s.

Mayor Ryan Patterson asked if there is a program for life skills without the STD’s.

Teri commented that the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Wyman Teen Outreach Program does have comprehensive sex education. We have to involve the sex education or we are not delivering it with fidelity.

Mayor Ryan Patterson asked how we attract the youth to these programs or activities in our community. What is the solution?

Councilman Michael Cirivello commented, being a coach, the problem is transportation. We need to have some source of safe public transportation.

Police Chief Daniel Brown stated that this is the number one issue in Apache County and that the youth want more activities throughout the year.

Mayor Ryan Patterson commented that we need to attract the youth that have fallen by the way side. Maybe we need to work on the public transportation to get these youth to activities.

1. **Cox’s position/contract with the City and will the contract extend through the fiscal year?**

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that the council has the contract before you, as the council recommended in the last council meeting to look into a contract instead of employment.

Financial Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton commented that this is an item in the budget.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to except the contract for the Cox’s. Motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Cirivello.

**Motion passed 7-0**

1. **Discuss St. Johns Roping Club at the Rodeo Area for the 2016.**

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey comment that this is one of the events that the Event Coordinator Jaymi Cox has been working on and this event would start in May of 2016. The Jaymi Cox has asked Brennen and D’Coda Overson to work this event.

Brennen commented that they have worked with Cory Johnson out of Show Low. He runs a roping company there. We would like to not conflict with his roping that he has schedules. We are trying to have this event come back into St. Johns.

D’Coda commented that we to have the City’s help with this event and finances. Eventually we would take over the roping company.

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that the Overson’s were concerned that they would have to buy the equipment up front. From the City’s stand point; when we have purchase equipment, the equipment has not been taken care of. It was discussed that if the City purchased the equipment, with each event they would pay a portion back to the City. Over time they would own the equipment.

Mayor Ryan Patterson commented that he thinks there are other ways to finance the equipment. We are talking about a Public Private Partnership. We would have to take this to legal. There was a proposal with the Apache County to improve the St. Johns Rodeo Ground for $150,000 to $200,000.

Councilman Michael Cirivello commented that when we lease the rodeo grounds we need the equipment in place to make the rodeo grounds more successful.

Mayor Ryan Patterson commented that the grounds need to be upgraded and that the roping activities are a good idea.

1. **Budget of the lighting and ramification of the sidewalks with the Beautification of Main Street project.**

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that we don’t have definition of cost per item on the plan. We do have money set aside for this project of an amount of $300,000. The Main Street committee is still working on what we want to see. The Beautification of Main Street committee will be having a meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Ryan Patterson commented we like the lights on 13th and 7th. It shows that we are moving forward.

Councilman Pete Hancock asked if we could have citizens purchase the poles and have their name plate on the pole that they purchased. And have we looked into solar panels for the light.

Vice Mayor Spence Udall commented that the Beautification of Main Street committee had looked in to the solar panels.

1. **Discuss who is responsible for the liability when the City facilities are rented.**

Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that the insurance company sent information to the City. The email stated; For the rental of the REC space, you should be asking them for a COI showing they have liability coverage and have an endorsement naming you as additional insured on the policy. If they do not have insurance we do offer the tulip program where programs or organizations can acquire liability insurance.

Most of our users of the facilities bring their own insurance. If it is not our event the insurance company expects us to have insurance on file.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

* **National Bank of Arizona**

The Bank is now open. They will not have the Grand Opening till January 7th. Their hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mayor Ryan Patterson recommended that we contact each business and let them know they are open.

* **CDBG Waterline**

We just got the ADOT right of way permit today. The surveying will start any day now. The waterline should be starting right after Thanksgiving.

* **SRP update on the EPA proposed plan.**

Councilman John Richardson and I attended a meeting with SRP. SRP would have to build an $110,000,000 in addition for emotions to the unit that has not been built yet or they would shut down a unit for a period of time in the winter to meet the EPA. We asked if this meant that they would have layoffs. They said no layoffs. They are purposing this to ADEQ and ADEQ will have to have the EPA sign off on this.

Council would like SRP to come and tell the council what SRP is wanting to do. Have SPR come to the December City Council Meeting.

Mayor Ryan Patterson recommended that we have a letter from Council giving them our support and also have a letter form the City thanking them for keeping our citizens employed.

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* **St. Johns vs. Round Valley Football game**

Everything went well with no issues at the game. We had a lot of law enforcement in town for the game.

* **VIP’s**

The volunteers worked 108 hours in the month of October.

* **Police Department Banquet**

On November 6th we will have our Police Department Awards Dinner here in the City Council Chambers. The officers will be recognized for their good work.

* **Veteran’s Day**

The annual Police Department Veteran’s Day program will start at 7-8:15 a.m. with a breakfast and the program will start at 8:30 a.m. By Whiting will be the speaker. We invite all the council to come in support.

* + Veteran’s Day High School Program

This is on the 10th at 10 a.m. and lunch to follow.

* + Joe McCarthy Luncheon

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman John Richardson to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**Motion passed 7-0**

**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 November 4, 2015. I certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Cindy Lee, Deputy City Clerk

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