ST. JOHNS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2014

The regular meeting was duly posted. Mayor Ryan Patterson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30p.m. in the Board of Supervisor Meeting room at the County Annex.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ryan Patterson, Councilman Michael Cirivello, Councilman Tony Raykovitz, and Councilman John Richardson.

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Spence Udall, Councilwoman Kay Hauser, and Councilman Pete Hancock.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Finance Director/City Clerk Timothy Hinton, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Lee, City Attorney Bryce Patterson, Police Chief Daniel Brown, Officer Trett Bishop, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, Police Admin. Assistant Tammy Poe, and Public Works Robert Vallejos.

**OTHERS PRESSENT:** Sam Babcock, Patrick Poe, Carol Gambs, Ron Stephey, David Miller, Bruce Gambs, Judy Miller, George Perkins, Gladys Lane, Tommy Lane, Megan Bryan, Michael Bryan, Jan Hessler, Kristen Humphreys, Parker Humphreys, Sharon Honea, and Byron James.

**INVOCATION:** Officer Trett Bishop

**PLEDGE:** Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* Sharon Honea – Addressed the road issues.
* Dave Miller – Trash in his neighborhood.
* Tony Raykovitz – Bid for the AZ Jr. High and High School Rodeo in St. Johns.
* Bruce Grambs – Burnt out trailer, eye soar.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of September 11, 2014 City Council Minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of the bills from September 1-30, 2014. Special details of bills can be requested at City Hall.**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to approve the consent agenda items as stated. Motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Cirivello.

**Motion passed 4-0**

1. **Secure and regulate the skate park to reduce vandalism.**

Megan Bryan stated that she had collected over 100 signatures regarding the securing and regulating the skate park, to help reduce the vandalism to the restrooms. Before the skate park was constructed we would check out a key for the bathrooms, unlock them before the games and lock them after the games and turn the key in at the end of the season. Sense the construction of the skate park we have not been allowed to use the bathrooms because of vandalism. Also, parents are concerned that their children will fall in and hurt themselves. The skate park needs to be fenced.

Chief Brown commented that the area is patrolled selectively and that light and fencing my keep the vandalism down.

Mayor Patterson asked Mr. Hinton to check and see what it would cost to repair the restrooms and what if would cost to secure the restrooms and skate park. Also, to have a plan of how to manage the skate park. Mayor also made a statement that the City did not pay to build the skate park, SRP did.

1. **Discussion of AZ Dept. of Corrections Agreement regarding rejection of changes.**

Two months ago the AZ Dept. of Corrections asked the City to sign an agreement to provide backup fire protection to the correction facility. Bryce Patterson (City Attorney) had some issues with a couple paragraphs in the agreement. Council decided to sign it with the subjected changes that the City Attorney made. The Dept. of Corrections rejected one of the changes, which was the Indemnification Clause. We brought it before the Council last month to see if the Council wanted to pass it without the change. Mayor Patterson thought it to be not wise to make any decisions without the City Attorney, who was not present at the Sept. council meeting. The item was table till the next month.

Bryce Patterson (City Attorney) commented that the indemnification clause holds the City liable if anything goes wrong.

Jason Kirk (Assistant Fire Chief) commented even if the fire department is called out to the correction facility, we will go. Even if you do not have a contract.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman John Richardson to reject the AZ Dept. of Corrections Agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**Motion passed 4-0**

1. **Resolution approving the Lease/Purchase Agreement with Zions First National Bank for City Hall.**

Timothy Hinton (Finance Director/City Clerk) commented that the terms were presented to the Council in the last City Council meeting. The lease is for $500,000. It is a 13 year lease. Payments are about $46000 a year. It is anticipated that we will not need the entire $500,000. The proceeds that are not used on the building will be used to make early payments on the lease, reducing the term down. Then it will be shorter than 13 years.

Mayor Patterson reminded that anything over $400,000 needs to come before the Council.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to except the agreement with Zions First National Bank. Motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Cirivello.

**Motion passed 3-1. (Aye – Mayor Patterson, Councilman Cirivello, and Councilman Raykovitz. Nay – Councilman Richardson.)**

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Paul Ramsey was not in attendance.

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* The month of September we were out at the Apache County Fair.
* We have 2 new hires. They in the Police Academy right now.
* John Koellen is our new Reserve Officer.
* The K-9 (Roy) jointed us on September 13th. The K-9 has been assigned to Hennessy. They are down in the valley going through K-9 Academy.
* We had 243 service calls during the month of September. 60 reports, 14 felonies, 26 misdemeanors, 29 traffic citations and 67 warnings. We have investigated 6 DUI’s, which is an increase.
* Capital improvements to the landscape at the Police Dept. We are still waiting for the signage for the front of the building. Thanks to Timothy we have 5 cars going to public surplus auction. We did receive some donations and grants. Dr. Wayne Svoboda donated items for the K-9.
* Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is likely to donate a 2010 Tahoe K-9 unite to us with free of cost.
* We teamed up with the Apache County Health Services to do a child safety with car seats. We have been trying to get the people of St. Johns to start buckling up.
* We are also working with the schools on some lock down drills and with safety issues.

Comments from council…

Councilman Richardson wanted to know about the Senior Patrol, if we would have something like that here. Chief Brown commented that he would like to start a V.I.P. (Volunteers in Police) in January. Have them be the eyes and ears in the community and they would not take action, they would call us.

Mayor Patterson commented that we feel your presence in our community and we appreciate you here.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC REOPENED**

* Patrick Poe – Disappointed in comments
* Councilmen Cirivello – Thanked the people for coming to the meeting tonight and hearing their concerns.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* Geocaching Event in the White Mountain area.

**AJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

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

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

Ryan Patterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Lee, 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 October 9, 2014. 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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