THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS

REGLUAR CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 13, 2018

The meeting was duly posted. Mayor Ryan Patterson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:36 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL:**  Mayor Ryan Patterson, Councilman Tony Lindsey, Councilman Pete Hancock, Councilwoman Kay Hauser, and Councilman JR Richardson.

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Spence Udall and Councilman Tony Raykovitz.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Ramsey, Finance Director/ City Clerk Timothy Hinton, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Lee, City Attorney Bryce Patterson, Police Chief Lance Spivey, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, and Airport Manager/Fire Chief Gary Liston.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Danny Price

**PLEDGE:** Lance Spivey

**INVOCATION:** Danny Price

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* No public wished to speak.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of May 9, 2018 City Council Work Session and Regular meeting minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of bills from May 1-31, 2018. Special details of 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 Councilman Tony Lindsey.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of making Cleveland, between Water Street and Washington Street, an honorary street marking (street sign) as “Chavez Way.”**

City Manager Ramsey commented that the Chavez family is having their 60th Family Reunion here and would like to have Cleveland, between Water Street and Washington, add a sign that reads “Chavez Way”. This would not change the name of the street, it would be an added sign. Mr. Ramsey expected them to be at the Council meeting, but they did not come to the meeting.

Council expressed that they would like the family to come to discuss the sign. In other Cities, they have recognized families this way.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Pete Hancock to have an honorary street sign on Cleveland between Water street and Washington street. No second was made. Motion dies.

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Lindsey to table this item till the Chavez family can be present and discuss this with Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman JR Richardson.

**Motion passed 4-0** (Councilwoman Kay Hauser abstained from the vote.)

1. **Proposal from Grover’s Hill Irrigation District utilizing Patterson Ponds in the pipeline project.**

City Manager Ramsey commented that Grover’s Hill Irrigation came to him with this proposal. When they do the refurbishing of the line and put the irrigation ditch in pipeline, one of the things they have looked at is utilizing Patterson Ponds as a flow through. They would bring a pipeline that goes into the upper pond and then goes to the lower pond, then from there it would go down to the middle ditch and then delivered from there.

Mr. Wengert was supposed to be here to present the proposal.

Mayor Patterson wanted to know the benefits that would come from this.

Mr. Ramsey commented that they would store the water in the ponds and keep the ponds full during irrigation season. They are wanting to clarification of the water before it is delivered. We have made Patterson Ponds a fishery.

Mayor Patterson commented that he doesn’t like the idea of the ponds to become a settling pond. Pretty soon we wouldn’t have any ponds. With what they are wanting there will be a lot more water coming into the ponds, in turn a lot more settling will come with that.

We want to put an aeration system in to improve the water at the ponds.

Mr. Ramsey commented that the aeration system is part of the grant that we are working with right now.

**MOTION**Motion was made by Councilwoman Kay Hauser to table this item for the next City Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman JR Richardson.

**Motion passed 5-0**

1. **Request approval of Ordinance, Unlawful Camping, Loitering or Living.**

Chief Spivey commented that the City Attorney and himself are in agreeance with the ordinance. This will help with the transient.

Mayor Patterson asked if the ordinance, in any away, interpreted that citizens cannot camp.

Chief Spivey commented that the ordinance does not and it does not include Patterson Ponds.

**MOTION**Motion was made by Councilman Tony Lindsey to approve Ordinance 06132018 Unlawful Camping, Loitering or Living. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kay Hauser.

**Motion passed 5-0**

1. **Request approval to open two interest bearing accounts through National Bank of Arizona for the purpose of depositing funds associated with pre-adjudicated Anti-Racketeering Funds and funds that have been adjudicated and forfeited to the police department.**

Chief Spivey commented that this would be nice, that way they would not have to ship everything to the Attorney General’s office. Mr. Hinton is okay with opening these accounts.

**MOTION**Motion was made by Councilwoman Kay Hauser to approve opening two accounts at National Bank of Arizona for adjudication purposes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Lindsey.

**Motion passed 5-0**

1. **Request approval for a fee schedule change – Charging a $1 transaction fee when using a credit card/debit card at the Police Department.**

Chief Spivey commented that the Police Department now has the ability to accept credit cards or debit cards. We have moved away from taking cash and only take cashier’s check or money orders. People come in to pay fines and every time they use a card it cost the Police Dept. a $1.

Councilman Hancock commented that he does not like these add on fees. Can’t we just add a $1 to each fee?

Mayor Patterson commented that people come in to pay more than one fine. That would make an added dollar for every fine.

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Lindsey to approve the change in the fee schedule to charge a $1 fee when using a credit card/debit card at the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Councilman JR Richardson.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

* **24th Street Paving Project -**  This project has been completed and we did walk through last Friday. We will be receiving some of the funds that we pre-paid because it came in a little less than what we pre-paid.
* **Highway 191 –** They made several changes. The completion date is around the 1st part of November.
* **CDBG –** We are looking at the bathroom equipment and getting ready to send out for bids. There is enough money in the grant, to look at getting stainless steel equipment.
* **Patterson Ponds –** We need to go out to bid on the aeration equipment and get the alinement on the power. Power is relatively close; we have to get the power up to the dam.
* **Abatements –** We have not done a lot in the last 30 days as far as abatements. The Chavez trailer is cleaned up. Also, the Chavez house that is on Water Street near 2nd S. We are trying to locate the owner of the house. They live out of state. The roof is completely gone. This is one that we are working on.

Ed’s Second Hand Store, that is on 2nd W., someone has purchased this and is currently working on the property fixing it up.

* **Overlay for Zoning –** We need to define what we want and do the mapping. We can create a zoning of every type in our community if we choose so. We are working towards getting the Overlay of Zoning. Councilwoman Hauser would like this on the next agenda.

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* **Records Clerk Applicants –** We had testing and out of the testing we interviewed 4 people. With the interviews we narrowed that down to 2 people. With the 2 people, one came back and said that they had another job opportunity and was going with the job opportunity. We hired Makenzi Diaz and she will start June 18th.
* **Officer Blank –** He graduated from the Police Academy on May 24th and is now a certified officer.
* **Field Training Officer –** Officer Smith completed the training of a Field Training Officer. He will be training officers as they come on with the Police Dept.
* **VIP Academy –** May 30th, we will have 4 new VIP’s attending a 10 week course.
* **Detective Bond –** He has completed Accident Reconstruction Training through the State of Arizona.
* **Jaylen Richardson –** We have completed his back ground check and will start the Police Academy Aug. 6th in Taylor.
* **VIP Hours –** The VIP’s have worked 164 hours last month. They are a great help to the Police Dept.
* **Vehicles –** The RIMS report shows all the mileage on the vehicles in the Police Dept.
* **Lambson Funeral –** Two weeks ago we helped with the Lambson funeral due to the threats that were made.

Mayor Patterson thanked the Police Dept. and the VIP’s for all that they do, also, the City employees, the clean-up and the high school boys out working. We appreciate all that they are doing.

City Manager Ramsey commented that the 4th of July fireworks have been a struggle this year. The person that was going to help us with the fireworks is unable to help us. Mr. Ramsey would like to commend Jason Kirk and Timothy Hinton on their hard work to make the firework show happen.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* **Grant Writing** – Councilwoman Hauser would like this to be a discussion.
* **Light along the main street –** Councilman Hancock would like to discussion how to involve the community members with the purchase of the lights and would like to see the lights up by August.
* **Hotel across the street -**  Mayor Patterson would like to discuss the condition of the hotel across the street from City Hall and what are our options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilman JR Richardson to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Lindsey.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.**

 Councilmember,

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 13, 2018. I certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

 Cindy Lee, Deputy City Clerk

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