CITY OF ST. JOHNS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 14, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was duly posted. Mayor Spence Udall called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Spence Udall, Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz, Councilman Tony Lindsey, Councilwoman Tanya Cohen (on the phone), and Councilman Danny Price.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Ken Whiting and Councilman Joe Greene.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Ramsey, City Clerk Cindy Lee, Police Sergeant Trett Bishop, Police Officer Jaylen Richardson, and City Attorney D. Bryce Patterson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mandi Huth, Matt Fish, William Tennies, Dave Laney, John Richardson Sr., Linda Richardson, Julie Bishop, Nathan Wengert, and Blaire Richardson.

**INVOCATION:** Danny Price

**PLEDGE:** Tony Lindsey

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* Julie Bishop – Concerned for the Police Officers and their salaries.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of the August 10**and **17, 2022 City Council minutes.**

**MOTION**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz to approve the minutes as stated. Motion was second by Councilman Danny Price.

**Motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Raykovitz, Councilman Lindsey, Councilwoman Cohen, and Councilman Price voting in favor.**

1. **Request approval for payment of bills from August 1-31, 2022. Special details of bills can be requested at City Hall.**

Mayor Udall commented that he split the Consent Agenda up to discuss the bills. He asked City Council to look at the bills and see if there is anywhere that the city may cut expenses.

**MOTION**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz to approve the payment of bills for August 2022. Motion was second by Mayor Spence Udall.

**Motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Raykovitz, Councilman Lindsey, Councilwoman Cohen, and Councilman Price voting in favor.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Presentation of Donation of Power Open to Joe McCarthy Foundation and the Food Bank.**

This item was removed last minute.

1. **The presentation of the purpose and scope of the EPA Brownfields assessment grant that was awarded to Apache County, St. Johns, Eagar, Holbrook, Springerville, and Pinetop-Lakeside in 2021.**

Mr. Matt Fish introduce Mr. Dave Laney to the City Council.

Mr. Dave Laney commented the Brownfield grant is a 3-year grant and it will end September 2024. He showed the Council what Williams, Flagstaff and St. Johns did with an EPA Brownfield grant.

Mr. Fish and Mr. Laney have gone and looked at some property to see if the properties would fit the Brownfield grant and presented to the Council some of the properties that they thought would be possible fit for the grant. There are quite a few things that have to be in place in order for the property to fit the grant.

Council asked to have the staff look for some properties that will fit the grant and present them at the next meeting.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

* Community Development Block Grant – Currently the brick that we have ordered will be available approximately a year out.
* Salary Study – We will have this completed in a couple of weeks.
* Apache County Fair – We had a huge showing at the fair this year. It was great!

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* The Police Chief was not in attendance.

**CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

* The Emergency Services was not in attendance.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* Mayor Udall – in the next meeting, please have properties picked out for the potential Brownfield Grant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

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

**Motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Raykovitz, Councilman Lindsey, Councilwoman Cohen, and Councilman Price voting in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**

Spence Udall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Lee, 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 September 14, 2022. I certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Cindy Lee, City Clerk

\*Please note: Approved minutes are not verbatim record of what happened at the City Council meeting, they capture a summary of the meeting as well as all action taken. A recording of the entire meeting is available upon request at the City Clerk’s office for three months following the meeting.