CITY OF ST. JOHNS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 9, 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, Councilwoman Tanya Cohen, Councilman Danny Price, Councilman Joe Greene, Councilwoman Mandi Huth, and Councilman Brad Jarvis (FaceTime).

**ABSENT:** Councilman Tony Lindsey and Councilman Ken Whiting.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Ramsey, City Clerk Cindy Lee, Police Chief Lance Spivey, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, Assistant EMS Chief Jean Kirk, Battalion Chief Robert Vallejos, Fire Chief/Airport Manager Gary Liston and City Attorney D. Bryce Patterson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Judge Butch Gunnels, Pete Hancock, Christian Huth, William Tennies, John Richardson, Linda Richardson, and Byron James

**INVOCATION:** Joe Greene

**PLEDGE:** Danny Price

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* Pete Hancock – Disappointed in the apartments going up in his neighborhood. Disappointed in no repairs on his street. Disappointed in the streetlight not being put on the main street.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

1. **Seating of Councilmembers Joe Greene, Mandi Huth, Brad Jarvis, and Tony Raykovitz. Administration of the Oath of Office, Judge Butch Gunnels.**

All new Councilmembers were sworn in by Judge Butch Gunnels.

1. **Presentation to Councilmembers, Ken Whiting and Danny Price.**

Mayor Spence Udall commented that he appreciated Councilman Whiting and Councilman Price. Anytime you are willing to get into this job, it is never easy. It is truly selfless. He appreciates your willingness to serve and help the community.

1. **The Councilmembers shall designate a Mayor from their members.**

**MOTION**Motion was made by Councilman Joe Greene to nominate Spence Udall as Mayor. Motion was second by Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz.

**Motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Raykovitz, Councilwoman Cohen, Councilman Greene, Councilwoman Huth and Councilman Jarvis voting in favor.**

1. **The Councilmembers shall designate a Vice Mayor from their members.**

**MOTION**Motion was made by Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz to nominate Joe Greene as Vice Mayor. Motion was second by Councilman Brad Jarvis.

**Motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Raykovitz, Councilman Greene, Councilwoman Cohen, Councilwoman Huth and Councilman Jarvis voting in favor.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of October 12, 2022 City Council minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payments of bills from October 1-31, 2022. Special detail can be requested at City Hall.**

**MOTION**Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion was second by Vice Mayor Joe Greene.

**Motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Greene, Councilman Raykovitz, Councilwoman Cohen, Councilwoman Huth, and Councilman Jarvis voting in favor.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Request approval of Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement for the purpose of conveying data communications.**

Mayor Spence Udall commented that basically this is the broadband franchise agreement. This is essentially what the county has passed. Legal has had a chance to look this over and there are somethings that legal has changed. Mayor had a question on article 2.1, it says 1.5%. He believes that we can go to 3%. In his opinion we should go to the 3%. If we need to have a special City Council meeting to go over the changes that they send back, let’s have the meeting as soon as possible.

**MOTION**Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz requesting approval of Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement for the purpose of conveying data communications. Motion was second by Vice Mayor Joe Greene.

Motion was amended by Councilman Tony Raykovitz as revised as the Council has discussed. On page 3, the 1.5% to 3%. Motion was second with the amendment by Vice Mayor Joe Greene.

**Motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Greene, Councilman Raykovitz, Councilwoman Cohen, Councilwoman Huth and Councilman Jarvis voting in favor.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

* Paul Ramsey thanked the previous City Council for all that they have accomplished.
* Community Clean-up in October.
* Gain Group
* Salt River Project Open House.
* Street Lights
* Working on City Codes
* Property across from City Hall

**CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

* 178 incidences
* Officer Richardson HGN School and phlebotomy
* New Vehicles
* National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
* January 2023 Chief Spivey will be the President of the AZ Association of Chief of Police.
* Phoenix Accreditation
* Frontier Communications hearing Nov. 10th.
* New Council Ride Along

**CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

* Third Party Mechanic work
* 4th of July Fireworks
* Anticipating 20,000-man hours worked in 2022.
* Recognition of Battalion Chief Robert Vallejos for the last 6 weeks.
* 13th and Cleveland clean up.

Mayor Udall gave his condolence to Jason, Jean, Destiny, and Jarret. He never worried about their departments because he knows how you both.

**FURTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* Mayor Udall asked that staff work on the Utility Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Councilwoman Tanya Cohen.

**Motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Greene, Councilman Raykovitz, Councilwoman Cohen, Councilwoman Huth and Councilman Jarvis voting in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:13 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 November 9, 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 office for three months following the meeting.