

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

March 12, 2025

The regular City Council meeting was duly posted. City Clerk Cindy Lee called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Tony Raykovitz, Councilman Joe Greene, Councilman Nathan Wengert, Councilman Brad Jarvis, and Councilwoman Mandi Huth.

ABSENT: Mayor Spence Udall, and Vice Mayor Jill Patterson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Painter, David Brown, Linda Richardson, John Richardson, Jenn Moreira, Vaughn Wilhelm, Steven Palmer, and Byron James.

INVOCATION: Nathan Wengert

PLEDGE: Joe Greene

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Later in the meeting, Councilman Tony Raykovitz commended Robert Vallejos and Ramon Morales regarding the Water Fire and how they conducted the emergency.

City Clerk Cindy Lee turned the meeting over to Councilman Tony Raykovitz to conduct the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of February 12, 2025 City Council minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of bills from February 1- 28, 2025. Special details of bills can be requested at City Hall.**

MOTION

Motion was made by Councilman Joe Greene to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion was second by Councilwoman Mandi Huth.

Motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Raykovitz, Councilman Greene, Councilman Wengert, Councilman Jarvis, and Councilwoman Huth voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. **Consider St. Johns Regional Chamber of Commerce request for an annual contribution of \$25,000 for fiscal year 205-2026.**

David Brown presented for the St. Johns Regional Chamber of Commerce to request for an annual contribution of \$25,000 from the City of St. Johns.

Before when the Chamber was functioning, many years ago, the City of St. Johns contributed \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually. We would also like one of the council members to be on the board of the Chamber, that we have an ongoing partnership.

We have several events coming up. Lisa Painter has been working on a community calendar for the region. You can go to the St. Johns Regional Chamber of Commerce website at stjohnsregionalchamber.com to see the calendar and information on how to add events.

We had no intention for Council to decide tonight about the contribution. We would like part of the budget planning for the FY 25/26.

4. **Consider the purchase of three new trucks for the Public Works.**

City Manager Paul Ramsey commented that in public works we are trying to rotate 3 vehicles every couple of years. We have not purchased a vehicle since 2017. It is time to purchase these vehicles. The total, with tax, is about \$165,000. This will be coming out of the HURF Fund.

MOTION

Motion was made by Councilman Joe Greene to purchase 3 new trucks for the Public Works. Motion was second by Councilman Brad Jarvis.

Motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Raykovitz, Councilman Greene, Councilman Wengert, Councilman Jarvis, and Councilwoman Huth voting in favor.

5. **Consider renewal with Rural Arizona Group Health Trust with a 3, 4, or 5 year renewal.**

City Manager Paul Ramsey explained that the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust is the medical, dental, and vision insurance for the full-time employees of the city. Staff recommends the 3-year renewal.

MOTION

Motion was made by Councilman Joe Greene to renew the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust for 3 years. Motion was second by Councilman Nathan Wengert.

Motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Raykovitz, Councilman Greene, Councilman Wengert, Councilman Jarvis, and Councilwoman Huth voting in favor.

CITY MANAGER MONTH END SUMMARY

- Work on the West Bench waterline.

- NACOG reorganizing.
- Transportation in the city.
- Water Fire.

CITY POLICE CHIEF MONTH END SUMMARY

- Police reports on numbers of incidents, cases, misdemeanors, felonies, and citations for the month.
- Stolen vehicle.
- Water fire
- Criminal damage/burglary
- Roadway assessment with NACOG and ADOT for transportation.

CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTH END SUMMARY

- Fire and Ambulance report of incidents.
- Fire I & II classes end in April.
- Wildland classes begin in April.
- Continue with ambulance certifications.
- Healthcare District funding.
- Water Fire.
- The evacuation of Coronado School went smoothly.
- Fire season is NOT over. Please clean up around your home.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Councilman Nathan Wengert asked that the council have a work session regarding the website and the setting of goals for Council within the next 2 weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to adjourn the regular City Council meeting.


Motion was second by Councilman Joe Greene.

Motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Raykovitz, Councilman Greene, Councilman Wengert, Councilman Jarvis, and Councilwoman Huth voting in favor.



Spence Udall, Mayor

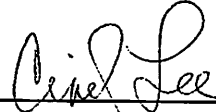
ATTEST:



Cindy Lee, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular St. Johns City Council meeting held March 12, 2025. 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.**