CITY OF ST. JOHNS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

LEGAL ACTION

September 10, 2025

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 Jill Patterson, Councilman Tony Raykovitz, Councilman Joe Greene, Councilman Nathan Wengert, and Councilwoman Mandi Huth.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Brad Jarvis

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Ramsey, City Clerk Cindy Richins, Finance Director Timothy Hinton, Community Development Chris Chiesl, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kirk, Planning & Zoning Mario Ballejos, Captain Dylen Kirk, Police Chief Lance Spivey, Project Navigator Kristi Ferguson, Battalion Chief Robert Vallejos, and City Attorney D. Bryce Patterson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Richins, Elisha Hinton, Hugh Mouritsen, Brennon Hancock, John Richardson, Linda Richardson, Rick Kimsey, Susan Kimsey, Jen Moreira, Jessie Carlson, Sam Lambert, Ray Davis, Cristian Patterson, Kyle Patterson, and Ken Whiting.

**INVOCATION:** Rick Kimsey

**PLEDGE:** Nathan Wengert

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

* Brennon Hancock commented that he has purchased all the property around Patterson Ponds. The roads around the ponds are on his property and his insurance is wanting him to block off all roads. He would like to work something out with City to not close those roads.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of August 13, 2025, City Council minutes.**
2. **Request approval for payment of bills from August 1-31, 2025. Special details of bills can be requested at City Hall.**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motin was second by Vice Mayor Jill Patterson.

**Motion passed 6/0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Patterson, Councilman Raykovitz, Councilman Greene, Councilman Wengert, and Councilwoman Huth voting in favor.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Presentation from Sam Lambert with Navopache Electric Cooperative Energy Services, Energy Efficiency.**

No action taken.

1. **Discussion of Planning & Zoning code violations and action taken, month by month.**

No action taken.

**Councilman Joe Greene left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**CITY MANAGER MONTH END SUMMARY**

* + City Manager Ramsey talked to Buchannon Davis with SRP regarding a dilapidated trailer. SRP will help with $15,000 to remove the trailer and Blue Hills will receive the material from the trailer.
  + Community clean up is October 18th with breakfast for all participants.
  + RISE Grant will be having a Trash to Treasure on October 25th here at City Hall.
  + We attended the Arizona League of City’s and Town’s. Councilman Raykovitz was recognized for his 12 years of service.
  + We are working with SRP to create a multipurpose area with turf.
  + The 2 power plants have been open for discussion to run the gas lines to the city limits.
  + The property at 4th and Cleveland has been cleaned up.
  + SRP is having an open house to discuss the conversion from coal to gas on Sept. 24th at the High School Auditorium.

**CITY POLICE CHIEF MONTH END SUMMARY**

* Candidate testing will start September 29th. They have 5 people testing.
* August was very busy with investigations.
* At the Apache County Fair, there were a couple of incidents.
* Northern Pioner College President came and did a ride along with the officers.
* They met with Apache County regarding dispatch.
* Chief Spivey spent the day with Sheriff Deputies training them on the crash reporting.

**CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTH END SUMMARY**

* The call volume is always climbing. Fifty-eight percent of the calls are in the City limits.
* The new ambulance is in the final construction of completion.
* The refurbishment of the other ambulance is going well.
* The fire season is still on the high side. Please reduce the weeds and debris around your home.
* Assistant Chief Kirk met with Apache County and the Sheriff’s office and talked with them about taking over the dispatch center.
* We had a member of the Wildland crew get shot the last part of August. He has been discharged from the hospital and is in a rehab center to continue healing.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* Councilwoman Mandi Huth – Consider discussing having the trash service with the water bill. Maybe that will help with the trash and keep our community cleaner.
* Brennon Hancock – Property around Patterson Pond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Raykovitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Vice Mayor Jill Patterson.

**Motion passed 5/0 with Mayor Udall, Vice Mayor Patterson, Councilman Raykovitz, Councilman Wengert, and Councilwoman Huth voting in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**