



**TOWN OF St. JOHN**  
**PO BOX 298 St. JOHN, WA 99171-0298**  
**(509)648-3905**

**MEETING OF JULY 24, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. In attendance were Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, Smick, and Smith, community members Gerry Jessen and Sophie Larson, and the Town clerk.

The minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for their review and discussion. The payables were moved by Smick and seconded by Smith. Motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 15007-15016	\$ 11,612.87
PR# 15017-15019	\$ 6,829.07

The Clerk initiated a discussion on the November elections and levy requests that are due by August 1. Discussion on the current street levy and the addition of a water-sewer levy ensued. The current street Levy was discussed and approved for \$80,000 by a motion from Smick and seconded by Smith. The water-sewer levy of \$60,000 was approved by a motion from Bezdicek and seconded by Hinds.

The Council discussed the possibility of adopting the Whitman County rules for the International Building Codes. More information and research are needed. The topic will be revisited.

A letter was read from a resident who had concerns for a neighboring property for the unkept lawn and the number of weeds on the property which are drifting to their property. The council agreed a couple of letters should be sent to residents with the possibility of a letter being placed in the utility bill reminding all residents to be considerate of their neighbors and be mindful of the upcoming fire season.

Cameron Shoemaker of Shoemaker Excavation Inc. came to revisit the school and the drainage problem. Public Works Steven showed Cameron around the school and they are hoping an easier solution was found. Steven and Cameron visited trouble area's for the

stormwater drainage and manholes for the town as well. Cameron will work up a couple of estimates.

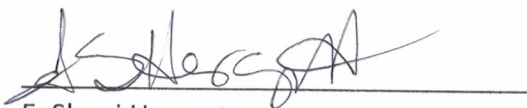
Two applications for Janitorial staff were reviewed and the council agreed to revisit the applications after the conclusion of the two-week notice.

The shop roof is still in need of repair. The current contractor is unable to complete the job due to physical restrictions but would be willing to "band-aid" it to get through the winter. Other options are being looked into.

Public Works Steven will be gone August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and will need someone to fill in and check the wells and plant. The Mayor volunteered since he would be in town.

The topic of leaving work for fire calls was discussed and agreed upon by the council, if time was missed due to fighting fire or aid calls, sick and vacation time did not need to be used. This is a matter of community duty.

No request for additional comments was stated and it was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.



F. Shani Hergert  
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb  
MAYOR