



**TOWN OF St. JOHN**  
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**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hinds, Smick, and Smith, Public Works (PW) Steven Engles and Steve Gibson, and the Town clerk attended the meeting. Arriving late was community member Dr. Pete Edminster.

The minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 15294-15312 & EFT	\$ 79,140.50
CL# 15313-15317	\$ 12,273.21

Gary Roseman asked the Clerk to bring up the post office parking lot and alleyway to the post office. After discussion, it was concluded that the town would treat the alleyway like any other alley, although this alleyway would take a little more effort and work than others. The alley will need to be dug out a foot and re-graded. the town will look into getting a quote for a blacktop, but it would be the responsibility of Mr. Roseman to do the parking area. Conversations with the conservation office/fish and wildlife, Dr. Office, and Peg's place would also need to take place as they all use the area.

The Golf Course would like to take advantage of Avista’s EV station program. After discussion, the council didn’t have any objection to the EV station as long as it didn’t interfere with access to the clubhouse and treatment plant.

The town received a resume for summer help. The discussion concluded that the town would need to open the job up to others as well. Further discussion is needed.

An update on the shop roof was given. A few issues were found with the addition of the trusses. There is plumbing that needs re-routed, a gutter over the front door is needed, and windows need replacing. All these topics will need to be discussed further at a later date.

Administrative order #22278's March 1<sup>st</sup> date to have a plan in action for manholes was discussed. Approval for the plan was given by motion from Smick and seconded by Hinds. The Plan will be sent to Rob Buchert at Ecology.

Dr. Edminster brought to the attention of the council that Whitman Medical Group was eliminating the Obstetrics department at Whitman Hospital. He stated this would eliminate his position. He is not a 9 to 5 family practice doctor and does not want to be. He is not the only doctor who would choose to find employment elsewhere. After discussion, the council agreed to write a letter to the board of Whitman Medical with an emphasis on keeping the clinic open in St John and the effect closure would have on St John and other communities.

Public Works stated that POE went around town and looked at street projects. They were optimistic they could complete the project to benefit both the town and them. PW is waiting on Arrow. Knife River was mentioned and may be contacted.

Spraying the park was discussed. After discussion, it was approved by a motion from Smith and seconded by Hamshar to continue the park spraying with Dee's Landscaping. Bezdicek abstained.

A letter to the owner of 204 S Main was discussed. The initial cleanout of the building has been at a standstill for many months. This is a safety issue due to the open windows and non-secured building. Unwanted animals and people are accessing the abandoned home.

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 7:54 PM.



F. Shani Hergert  
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb  
MAYOR