



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF August 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, and Smith, Public Works Chris Canaday and Steven Engles, community member Mike Thomas, Diana Washington of Ecology, and the town clerk were in attendance.

The minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 14602-14608	\$ 5,029.65
PR# 14609-14612 and EFT's	\$ 10,599.52

Diana Washington of Ecology introduced herself as the new permit manager. She will be doing an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant on August 30. She will be going over logs, records, and paperwork as well as inspecting the physical plant. She offered suggestions on getting a new sewer ordinance in the works and ideas to eliminate I&I issues with the stormwater. She offered her knowledge and recourses to the town.

Resident Mike Thomas previously asked to move a shed on his property but would now like to build instead. He asked to get a variance for an 18-foot shop door and 24 ft roof line to accommodate a loft in the back for storage and 2 post car lift. He stated he spoke to his neighbors and they are fine with it. The council asked for a little time to look over the ordinance and make a decision.

To keep in compliance with the CBDG grant/loan an anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan needs to be adopted. The plan was discussed and with a motion from Bezdicek and a second by Hamshar Resolution 449X The Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan was adopted.

The public hearing for the 6-year transportation plan was held. The roads needing the most work was discussed and with a motion from Smith seconded by Bezdicek Resolution 450X 6 Year Transportation Plan was adopted.

The abatement for 106 S Margin is in the works and Town Attorney has taken paperwork to the court and is waiting for the court date.

Public Works gave an update on Well & 1 and 2 which are now up and running. The forks for the forklift were involved in an incident which resulted in a bent fork. Permission was asked to replace the fork. Approval was given by a motion from Smith seconded by Hamshar.

A request to purchase a metal detector to aid in locating water and sewer lines, manholes, and the like, which is continually required was given. Approval for the purchase of the metal detector out of the street tool fund was given by Hinds seconded by Hamshar. Many trees around town need to be trimmed as they are hanging in roadways and alleys. A couple, in particular, will need to be addressed. Letters will be sent and it was suggested to put a note in the next water bill for residents to evaluate and maintain their trees, bushes, weeds, etc.


The waterline on Heglar lane will also need to be worked on. It was suggested to add meters or junctions all at the same time.

The City's insurance is up for renewal. The clerk added the new sewer camera, and the other coverage will remain the same.

In light of the recent fires, a Bulk Water Rate was discussed. A public hearing for Resolution 451X AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WATER SERVICE by: amending sections to add bulk water rate usage to ordinance no. 413x, change the formatting for readability and defining terms.

SJ Environmental provided an information sheet for their company. They specialize in water and wastewater services and systems operate within Ecology, Dept of Health, and USEPA standards. A meeting will be set up to see if they would be a good resource.

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