



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF December 8, 2025

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Blumenshein, Bezdicek, Howard, and Smick, and the Town Clerk attended.

The November 24, 2025, meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for review and discussion. Howard moved, Blumenshein seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 16118-16129 & EFT's	\$ 92,729.25
PR# 16114-16117 & EFT's	\$ 13,908.97

The clerk brought a complaint by Judy Hergert to the attention of the council about the Nave's cats. She is demanding a letter be sent to keep his cats off her porch, property, etc. After discussion, the council agreed to take the request under advisement and monitor the situation.

Ordinance 492X – 2026 Budget was discussed. Approval of the budget was given by a motion from Blumenshein and seconded by Howard.

Ordinance 493X Water Rate increase, 494X Sewer Rate increase, and 495X Waste disposal increase were discussed and approved by a motion from Smick and seconded by Bezdicek.

The district fire agreement was discussed. After discussion, it was approved by a motion from Smick and seconded by Howard to offer a counteroffer of the entire EMS Levy for the duration of the 6 Year EMS Levy, remove the 2.5% increase, and remove the auto-renewal for 5 years, and go to a renegotiation after the EMS Levy end date.

The Town received a response to the bridge inspection from Whitman County as approved for 2026.

The Clerk requested that auto pays and payroll taxes be paid before the January meeting. After discussion, it was approved with a motion from Smick and seconded by Bezdicek.


Residents at 108 Lawrence would like Public Works, the Mayor, or the council to come look at the water drainage from the recent rainfall. After the discussion, it was suggested to have the engineer also look before any decisions could be made on how to approach the issue.

The clerk informed the council that a meeting with Commerce about the I&I/appropriations money is set for Thursday, December 11, at 1:30 PM. They can come to the office for a Zoom or she can send a link for them to join on their own.

Council member Smick initiated a discussion on a street light to be installed by the Well at the Gun Club. Further information needs to be gathered, and a possible letter sent to the residents for their input on the installation of a light.

With no further comments requested, Mayor Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:27 PM.

F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR