



**TOWN OF St. JOHN**  
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**MEETING OF May 23, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hinds, and Smith, Public Works Chris Canaday, Community Members Nicki and Jay Roberson, Dan Wardwell, and the Town Clerk were in attendance.

The minutes of the May 9, 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 Bezdicek and seconded by Smith. Motion carried by vote of the Council.

CL# 14500-1510 & EFT's	\$ 6,807.41
PR# 14496-14499 & EFT's	\$ 10,436.75

The Roberson's requested permission from the Council to relocate their home Firearms business to 23 E Front Street, St John, WA (the Heglar Bldg.). After discussion and voice of concern for security measures for the building, the Council agreed to allow the business to relocate downtown. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Hinds, pending State and Federal approval. A letter will be provided stating said approval.

Public Works and the council had a lengthy discussion on the sewer line from Nob Hill south to the tracks. There was a major backup that caused issues for the residents at 407 S Park. AAA was called in to jet the lines. Once the lines were jetted a camera was used to view the 8-inch line and found numerous root balls big enough to block passage of the sewage. This is a major concern as the blockage can cause other lines to back up and allow sewage to enter homes causing a health risk. As this is an emergent situation due to potential health risks a motion to declare an emergency relating to the sewer main from Nob Hill south to the Tracks was made by Hinds and seconded by Smith. Resolution 446X is forthcoming.

Public Works initiated a conversation on the need to flush the sewer system on Margin Street due to the lines not being installed at the correct angle for proper flow. The lines now are "pushed" by sewage instead of moved by gravity. Council was in agreement this should be done at least 4 times a year.

Public Works gave an update on the clean out of the sewer plant. A special type of cleaning was done to remove all the bugs and larva that is not obtained by the regular cleaning. The difference in productivity of the plant is noticeable.

Public Works asked the council to consider part time help or on call help during the summer months. There are many projects needing done where extra help could come in and perform minor duties while they accomplish others. Suggested community service hours for a high school student or even a work crew from the correctional facility. Clerk will look into liability and availability.

Due to a grandfathered clause of the property a meter was never installed at 752 Endicott-St John Rd. Now that the property has changed ownership the meter needs to be installed. Public Works will look into connections and where the meter needs to be placed to ensure neither the property owner or the City have higher costs than needed.

The Clerk initiated conversation about coverage for her vacation scheduled for June 23-July 1. There are operations that must be done during the week and a council meeting and billing occurs during the vacation. She asked the council if Linda Hayes the prior Clerk, could come in a few days or as needed to complete these tasks. The council gave approval for Linda to fill in as needed.

Mayor reported on a meeting with Trane Technologies. If the Town was to go with the member facility the approved Facilities Plan would need to be re-worked and amended. There may be a few variables that are concerning and this type of plant may not be in the Towns best interest. More discussion is needed when they provide additional information.

No request for additional comments were stated and it was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.



F. Shani Hergert  
CLERK – TREASURER



Michael G. Webb  
MAYOR