



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, Smick, Smith, and the Town clerk attended the meeting. Matt Morkert from Century West (CW) and Sam Snead from SJ Environmental (SJE) were on the phone.

The minutes of the August 28, 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 Bezdicek and seconded by Smith—a motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 15065-15085	\$ 8,791.59
PR# EFT's	\$ 2,054.69

The clerk shared a quote from Shoemaker Excavation to replace and repair manhole covers to address the I&I issues. After discussion, the council agreed to replace 5-7 manholes ASAP based on priority by PW and SJE. Request to be put on the schedule for October.

Matt from CW gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant bid package, lift station, and CBDG/Ecology requirements. He plans to have all the info ready for the council review at the next meeting he attends.

CW, SJE, and PW will work to install flow meters to track down where the highest problem areas are for I&I.

Luke Property update. The permit has been requested but has not been completed at the time of the meeting. Look into the Property Maintenance code checklist.

The clerk asked for permission for PW and herself to attend a workshop for public Works on Thursday, Sept. 28th. The Council agreed to close the office for training.

A complaint letter was read from Judy Hergert. The council will look into the issues.

The Clerk requested to order envelopes for \$365. The quote from Copy Junction is \$200 less than the last envelope order.


The Clerk and Mayor Webb are working with Jody Opheim from Port of Whitman to complete a grant for the Park.

Discussion on wages and negotiation with possible new hires was initiated. The clerk will do a survey of surrounding areas to see if wages are comparable. The council agreed to increase Public Works to \$28/hr. and offer the new hire candidate \$27/hr. with a review after the 6-month probationary period with a motion from Hinds and seconded by Smick.

The timing of the noon whistle was discussed. This may be an issue for a later date.

The Mayor or the Clerk will have a discussion with the town attorney about harassment.

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 7:38 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR