



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hamshar, Hinds, Smick and Smith, Community members Tom & Linda Shawgo, Lori Miller, Debbie Babb, Darrel Stubbe, Ted Weeks, Joanne Sharp, and the Town Clerk were in attendance.

The minutes of the March 21, 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 Smith and seconded by Hinds. Motion carried by vote of the Council.

CL# 14446-14466 & EFT's	\$ 6,305.50
PR# 14445 & EFT's	\$ 2,303.61

Darrel Stubbe representing the community members brought concerns to the council for the residence at 106 S Margin. Health hazard, trash, property values, etc. were discussed. Mayor and the council are aware of the situation and a letter was recently sent with the request to respond by April 22. The mayor will discuss with Town Attorney options for registered letter and the issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

Resident at 418 S Loomis was discussed for the vehicles that are collecting. Mayor will have a talk with them.

Clerk reported on Spring Clean-up. Bins are full and discussion followed to request new trash and metal bins. A motion to request new bins was made by Smick and Seconded by Smith.

Subject of 8 E State right of way was discussed. City right of ways are maintained by the homeowner. The homeowner is ultimately responsible for the maintenance and care of the right of way. The homeowner chose to drive and park on the grass resulting in the condition the property is now in. If the homeowner would like to gravel the area, the council would be in agreement as long as the materials were approved by the council.

Clerk asked to review outstanding utility bills. With numerous bills and notes sent to the owners there has been no reply, sign of acknowledgement, or effort to pay.

- 7 E Nob Hill, bill for 102.75 was from July of 2021
- "resident" camped at the wastewater treatment plant / golf course, bill to let them for \$88
- 204 E Oak Street, Resident moved to nursing facility, water/sewer was not requested to be turned off. Clerk had sent notes in billing stating they could turn water/sewer off any time if wanted, flyers for Community Action for energy assistance, and payment options, with no reply. Governor Inslee's moratorium on turning off utility services for non-payment was in effect. The moratorium was lifted Sept 30, 2021. The September billing was sent with correspondence stating that with colder weather approaching and fear of frozen pipes or problems due to no one being in the residence and non-payment the water would be turned off unless we were notified. No reply. Water/sewer was turned off. Bill accrued to \$900.

Discussion on 204 Oak Street occurred. Possible reverse mortgage was done and action to retrieve outstanding balance could be pursued. Councilman Smick will look into the possibility. Motion to write off other balances totaling 190.75 was given by Smick seconded by Hamshar.


The Clerk asked for authorization to transfer funds from the checking account to savings. She asked to transfer \$100,000.00 to the Emergency Reserve Water and Emergency Reserve Sewer funds each, and \$5,000.00 to the Storm Water Fund. It was approved by motion from Hinds and second from Smick.

Quote from Arrow Concrete & Asphalt Specialties was discussed for Sohon Ct, Hwy 23 crack sealing, Park Ave Rd Crack sealing and Broadway St. Crack sealing. Council agreed to request quote from Whitman Co. as well.

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 7:45 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK – TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR