



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2026

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

The June 8, 2026, meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 16304-16317 & EFT's	\$ 20,548.55
PR# 1300-16303 & EFT's	\$ 12,439.08

A resident outside of town wanted to get permission to bring yard debris into town, as it would be safer for the town to burn than herself. After discussion, the council agreed that the debris service was just for those within town, and even if she elected to pay, it would set a precedent that the council did not want to entertain.

The Port of Whitman is working within the Demo Permit for the Café site and should be working on the next steps within the next month or so. Critical Areas Determination is still under advisement, and all will need to work together to figure out the next steps.

Resident at 503 Bell Lane and 17 E Front requested a water leak adjustment per Resolution 485X. After discussion, it was approved by a motion from Smick and seconded by Blumenshein to grant the adjustment. Howard abstained from the vote.

Resolution 499X – Solid Waste Management Plant and interlocal Agreement with Whitman County was discussed and approved with a motion from Bezdicek and seconded by Smick.

Discussion on the recycle bin ensued. The roll-off truck that picks up the recycling bin has been non-operational since April. The Bin has been full and overrun with recyclables since then, and residents are leaving items on, under, and around the bin. This service is offered by the Whitman County Landfill and is not an option for the Town. The Clerk will reach out to Empire Disposal to see if recycling is an option for the Town.

The Clerk informed the Council that the tax rate for the Town of St John will be going up from 7.9% to 8.0% starting July 1, 2026. This is the .01% increase initiated by Whitman County that did not need voter approval.

Paperwork for the 2026 Population Estimate has been received and returned. The Estimate is used in lieu of a census.

The resident at 202 S State is behind in the water and sewer bill and is trying to sell the property. The clerk had tried to make arrangements with the resident for payment, with no success. A lien was approved by a motion from Harrison and seconded by Bezdicek. The resident will have until June 30 to pay, or the lien will be filed, and the services will be shut off.

The council is requesting an update from Community Engineering and Consulting on the progress of the electrical work for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The clerk will reach out.

Poe Asphalt has Crack sealing for Park Street on the schedule and is looking to start in the middle of July.

The resident at 419 S Loomis has some trees that are impeding visibility on the roadway. The Mayor will reach out and ask he take care of the situation before a letter is sent.

Concerns for the live music at the Summer Dayz Car Show were expressed. There should be a live music permit. The Clerk will review, and the live music will be discussed for the next event.

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 6:50 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR