

**December 11, 2017
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Weatherly, Mitchell, Sachs, Watkins, Huster, Anselm and Smith were present for the meeting. City Clerk Wheeler, City Administrator Selby, Public Works Director Thomas, Street Superintendent Scheel, Police Chief Jones were also in attendance. Councilman Hockersmith was absent.

Other attendees signed in and are attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Hockersmith led in a word of prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – November 13, 2017

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 regular city council meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: BILLS

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Cindy Bates with Bates CPA’s reviewed the 2016/17 audit with the Council. Cindy discussed key points and told the council overall the audit was good.

Nancy Walker discussed the sweet gum trees with the council. She was requesting that the council reimburse her for the amount spent to pick up the gumballs in her yard. She presented the council with an invoice in the amount of \$120.00.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1112 – No Parking Cul-De-Sacs

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1112 aloud for the second reading. It was discussed to change the wording back to Terry Lane Cul-De-Sac only instead of all.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 17-1112 with the discussed amendment. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1113 – Trash Rates

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1113 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Water/Sewer Company Bids

Chris Gutschow and Steve Guthrie from People Services came to speak to the council about the water/sewer services offered by their company and to present their bid. They discussed key points of their organization, they let the council know that they would do all the work that our employees currently do, all vehicles would be provided for their employees and they would have staff on call 24/7. The annual cost for their services would be \$267,900 and an approximate yearly CPI increase of 1-2.5%.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1114 – City Attorney

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 17-1114 aloud for the first reading.

Administrator Selby explained that this ordinance would allow us to hire Cunningham, Vogel and Rost that came to speak with us last month. Their hourly rate would be \$155/hour and they would be available to help us at our meetings, with ordinances, zoning, etc.

Councilman Sachs mentioned that his concern wasn't the attorney's it was the drive time for them to come to our meetings. Councilman Smith mentioned that we definitely need an attorney that specifically specializes in municipal governments.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-1114. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Watkins “no”; Councilman Sachs “no”. Ordinance No. 17-1114 was approved for the first reading.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1115 – Zoning Application

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 17-1115 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the rezoning. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1116 – Chamber Lease

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 17-1116 aloud for the first reading.

Administrator Selby mentioned that the items changing for this lease would be as follows:

- Agree to pay electric at Tourist Information Center
- Agree to pay electric at Nelson Hart Park when used instead of the \$2000 rent
- Will still pay trash for services at Nelson Hart Park when used.
- Tourist Information Center open 30 hours a week
- Move Sip N Savor to Nelson Hart Park instead of downtown.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-1116 as read. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 17-264 – Friends of the Library Lease

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 17-264 out loud for the first and only reading.

The Friends of the Library group has requested to use the Old James Foundation Building next to the Library for a three-month period to hold their book sale.

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: no report.

Schools: Councilman Smith mentioned that Dr. Johnson appreciated all the help getting the bathroom issue fixed at the school.

Police: Councilman Sachs reported that the department was running smoothly.

Public Works Director: Lyle had no new report.

Street: Councilman Huster mentioned department was doing good.

IDA: No meeting held this month.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported that the roof had been replaced on the pavilion at the park.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly reported that the annual Christmas parade went well, 47 floats, they were preparing for the annual dinner in February.

Sanitation – Councilman Watkins reported that the rates needed to be looked at for an increase. Also he wanted to look at giving the employees a raise.

Senior Center – Councilman Smith had nothing new to report.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby had nothing new to report.

Mayor: Mayor White mentioned that election sign-up will begin December 12th.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Appointments

Mayor White asked for council approval for Nathan Singleton to the Library Board. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date