

**October 9, 2018**  
**St. James Municipal Center**  
**City Council Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Krawiecki, Anselm, Sachs, Swanson, Weatherly and Smith, were present for the meeting. City Administrator Selby, City Clerk Wheeler, Public Works Director Thomas, Street Superintendent Scheel, Sanitation Supervisor Fraser, Nathan Browne, Park Director John Cutsinger and Chief Jones were also in attendance. City Attorney Joe Bond was present for the meeting via skype.

Councilman Hockersmith was absent.

Other attendees signed in and are attached to these minutes.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bradley Dimock led in a word of prayer.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval**

Councilwoman Weatherly made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing – P&Z Chapter 25 Revisions**

Mayor White opened the public hearing. No citizens had comments.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – September 10, 2018**

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting. Councilwoman Swanson seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Bills**

Councilman Sachs asked about the attorney bill and if Clerk Wheeler could send out a detailed report of the charges.

Councilman Krawiecki made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

Lou Lehmer requested to speak. Lou asked for an update on the Derby Station. Asked if we could cut down the gumball trees that were creating problems. Mentioned standing water in his back yard. Finally, thanked Administrator Selby for having the grass mowed next door to him and the wood moved.

Debbie Parton introduced Robin Ziggler as the new Chamber Director that would be taking her spot. Robin introduced herself and said she was excited to get to work.

Corky Stack asked why the city had not moved forward on the property they agreed to allow him to purchase back in 2017. He stated he had done several plats to meet the requirements of the building. The council stated that the plats should have went to a planning & zoning meeting to be approved first. The Mayor will put on the agenda for the next (November) meeting.

Angela Walton was the final citizen requesting to speak. She stated that she had put together a tree lighting ceremony to be held after the Christmas parade this year. She was asking for the city's help in stringing the lights up on the Christmas tree. She would need a bucket truck to do the job. Administrator Selby told Angela to get ahold of him and the city would set everything up to help her out.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1132 – Carters Plat**

Ordinance No. 18-1132 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the second & final reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilperson Smith "aye"; Huster "aye"; Anselm "aye"; Swanson "aye"; Sachs "aye"; Krawiecki "aye"; Weatherly "aye". The ordinance was approved as read.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1133 – Chapter 25 P & Z Amendment**

Ordinance No. 18-1133 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the second & final reading.

Councilman Krawiecki made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilperson Smith "aye"; Huster "aye"; Anselm "aye"; Swanson "aye"; Sachs "no"; Krawiecki "aye"; Weatherly "aye". The ordinance was approved as read.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1134 – New Life Subdivision Plat**

Ordinance No. 18-1134 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the second and final reading.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilperson Smith "aye"; Huster "aye"; Anselm "aye"; Swanson "aye"; Sachs "aye"; Krawiecki "aye"; Weatherly "aye". The ordinance was approved as read.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1135 – Attorney Fees**

Attorney Bond explained this ordinance would allow for the city to put any attorney fees back to the defendant in cases of fines, etc.

Attorney Bond read the motion aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 18-273 – Bullock Land Purchase**

Attorney Bond read Resolution No. 18-273 aloud for the first and only reading. This resolution would allow the utilities to purchase a piece of land that attaches to other utility property.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the reading. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye". The resolution was approved as read.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 18-274 – School Contract (Wrestling)**

Attorney Bond read Resolution No. 18-274 aloud for the first and only reading. This resolution would allow the St. James School District to rent the city building for the use of wrestling practice for the school team.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the reading. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye". The resolution was approved as read.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 18-275 – Kiowa Electric**

Attorney Bond read Resolution No. 18-275 aloud for the first and only reading. This resolution would allow for a contract with Kiowa Electric for work that was bid out.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the reading. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”. The resolution was approved as read.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Natural Gas Update**

Administrator Selby explained to the council how the owners of the pipeline are raising their rates by almost 200%. This would affect the City of St. James customers by raising their bill almost \$500 a year each. The city is working with other cities effected by this increase to fight this and keep it from happening. Some cities are even going the route of giving incentives for gas customers to switch over to electric to save them from the large rate increase.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports**

**Humane Society:** Councilman Hockersmith was absent. No report.

**Schools:** Councilman Smith reported that school was going well.

**Senior Center** – Councilman Smith said that the Senior Center has set up time for the council and any city employees that would like to come to tour the new facility from 5:15-6:00 pm before the next council meeting in November.

**Police:** Councilman Sachs stated everything is running as normal.

**Alliance:** Lyle mentioned there was no report, they were currently on a water call and unable to attend the meeting.

**Public Works Director:** Lyle stated paving has been completed, sediment in lines they would be working to begin flushing out soon.

**Street:** Councilman Huster had no report this month.

**IDA:** No meeting held this month.

**Parks:** Councilman Krawiecki stated soccer had started and is going well, working on improving ballfields. The school would be paying for half of the north and south fields and the city would pay the full amount for the west field. The cost would be approximately \$26,029.75 per the bid. Councilman Krawiecki asked for approval and if there was money somewhere that could help pay for this? Administrator Selby mentioned that there was money we had received from the insurance company for the roof repair that we could use for this project, and the rest could come from the pool reserves. Attorney Bond mentioned that we would not be able to approve the bid until we had a resolution and the actual bid in front of us. Administrator Selby would work to get this together and call a special meeting when it was ready to go.

**Chamber** – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the new director would be starting Thursday, Old Iron Works Days was coming up and finally that the Tourist Center had new hours (8:00 am – 2:00 pm) through the winter months.

**Sanitation** – Councilman Anselm mentioned the department was paying about \$6,000 a month to rent a truck and that the department would like to buy a new one for \$147,000 so that they would not have to pay to rent anymore. Administrator Selby mentioned he would get numbers together for this and have it on the special meeting agenda.

**Library** – Councilwoman Swanson said the picnic went well and that the trivia night raised over \$400 for the Humane Society. The next event would be the Halloween Book fest to be held from 5:00-7:00 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**City Administrator** – Administrator Selby mention the Trail Bids were in the paper and we would be opening those in November and then hopefully have the grant money to begin paving in the spring of next year. He mentioned the Tennis Court bids; the cost would be around \$50,000. The group had already raised \$20,000 and would be applying for a USDA grant to get the money to pay for the rest. Finally, Administrator Selby mentioned that he would be retiring February 1<sup>st</sup>. He would begin advertising for his position tomorrow on the MML website.

**Mayor** – Mayor White appointed Rick Palmer to the Utility Board. All councilmembers voted “aye” to accept the appointment. Mayor White mentioned that November's meeting would start with a joint utility board/city council meeting. Therefore, the schedule for next month's meeting would be: Tour Caring

Center – 5:15-5:45; Joint Utility Board/Council meeting – 6:00 -7:00; Council meeting 7:00 pm. Also that a meal will be provided before the 6:00 pm meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

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

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Jim W. White, Mayor

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Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

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