



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF January 13, 2025

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Blumenshein, and Smick, public works Steven Engles, and the Town Clerk attended.

The December 9, 2024 meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

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

CL# 15724-15727 & EFT's	\$ 4,816.30
PR#	\$ 0

The proposed coffee stand at 7 N Park was discussed. After careful consideration the council agreed to let the stand open on a temporary basis for Town or special events only. The clerk will let the residents know that this is temporary and for special events only. If a full-time stand is to open, they will need a business plan and come back to the council for approval.

Public works discussed the shop roof. The Town is on the list to get the gutters done and we are just waiting for the job to be completed. Once again it was agreed to get the whole shop done with gutters.

6 E Brights is making progress and Wyatt Arlynn from Whitman County Public Health has been in contact with the owners in regard to the septic.

The property at 7 E Nob Hill is getting out of control. The property is over run with junk, garbage, parts, furniture, etc. A letter will be sent, if the clerk finds the resident has had a letter in the past, this would be considered a second request and a fine will be assessed.

The water & sewer service for 504 W Fairway Lane was discussed. The homeowner dug the line for connection but the grade was not correct and adjustments needed to be made. Evergreen Rural Water was able to take a look and suggested that the homeowner should be notified that the connection from the main to the house is the sole responsibility of the homeowner. The only liability the town has is from the saddle to the street on the sewer, not the saddle to the house. All of the green pipe is the homeowner's responsibility.

New Years Day was discussed as there was another incident of possible Tannerite usage. The "explosions" were not as big as last year, but once again at multiple times. The council with

consider amending the fireworks ordinance to include Tannerite or other “explosive” substances, but if the incidents occur outside of town limits there is no jurisdiction.

There were a couple dog attacks/incidents reported with the dogs at 303 W Railroad Ave. One incident occurred with a resident surrounded by 4 of the young German Shepards fearing for the safety of themselves and their dog who was properly leashed. A couple other incidents were reported with the same dogs with no injury. The clerk will contact Whitman county Sherrif department to “serve” the written letter to the residents on Railroad as a follow up to the phone conversation she had with the resident. The idea of a pet license fee was discussed. The license will be discussed further at a future meeting.

The need for an Ordinance officer was discussed. The clerk will do some research to see if one can be appointed or if there needs to be an official bidding process.

The school roof was discussed. Century West will need to touch base with the school, maybe even get Diana from Ecology to contact them. The Clerk will send a letter to the School board to bring the importance of the situation to the board’s attention.

There have been some issues with residents from the Adult Care Center “roaming” around town at all hours of the day and night, standing in the roadways, wondering streets, etc. A meeting is scheduled to talk with the owners in regards to these and other issues. Can the town implement a conditional use permit verses the original use that was approved. Look into other options such as APS and the Health Department.

A new Mayor Pro Tem is needed as the council looks for a replacement for Hinds. Discussion ensued and Bryan Bezdicek was nominated and accepted. Bryan will be added to the bank accounts as a signer along with being Mayor ProTem when the elected mayor is absent.

Cost of living raises was discussed. After lengthy disussion it was approved by a motion from Bezdicek and seconded by Blumenshein to approve:

Public Works Supervisor raise to \$5,280/Month (\$30/hr)

Public Works Assistant Supervisor raise to \$5,104 /Month (\$29/hr)

Clerk raise to \$3,696/Month (\$21/hr) with possible additional days off, to be discussed at a later date.

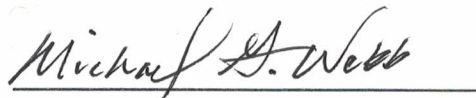


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No request for additional comments was stated. It was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR