

CITY OF ST. JOHN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mary Halaska called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Ms. Anderson – Excused
Ms. O’Brien – Excused
Mrs. Degardin – Present
Mayor Halaska – Present

Mr. Taylor – Present
Mr. Toler – Present
Mr. Halaska – Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Halaska called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 01, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Degardin. Mayor Halaska asked if there were any corrections or questions about the minutes. There were none. A roll-call vote was conducted.

Ms. Anderson – Excused
Ms. O’Brien – Excused
Mrs. Degardin – Yes
Mayor Halaska – Yes

Mr. Taylor – Yes
Mr. Toler – Yes
Mr. Halaska – Yes

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Cornelia Feemster, a resident of St. John, addressed the Council regarding concerns about new rental properties, neighborhood security, and vehicles speeding through the area. Ms. Feemster also reported a residence on Belcrest that appears to be vacant and without utility service, with trash accumulated outside the property, as well as another property where multiple vehicles are being stored behind the residence. Mr. Hardy Menees, City Attorney, advised that the City would verify that the property's occupancy permit is current and in compliance. Mr. William Bales, City Manager, stated that the City would arrange for the removal of the trash on Belcrest and assess the associated costs to the parties responsible.

Ms. Kaleen Cameron, a resident of St. John, asked the Council whether City regulations address trash containers being left at the curb and vehicles being parked on residential lawns. Mr. Williams Bales, City Manager, advised that the City has ordinances governing these issues and that staff routinely works with residents to achieve compliance. Mr. Hardy Menees, City Attorney, noted that enforcement challenges can arise when property owners or landlords are unresponsive to code compliance concerns.

Mr. Michael Redmond, a City of St. John resident, has lived here for 18 years. Mr. Redman advised that he has a neighbor who has a white truck that is always broken down in the street and has trash in the backyard. Mr. Bales, City Manager, advised that the City is always working to resolve these types of situations.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Halaska informed the Council that July 11, 2026, at 10:00, will be Veterans' Informational Day.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Bales, City Manager, asked the Council to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report in the amount of \$140,209.68 for all funds.

Mr. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Mr. Toler, to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report of \$140,209.68 for all funds. A vote was conducted.

Ms. Anderson – Excused

Ms. O'Brien – Excused

Mrs. Degardin – Yes

Mayor Halaska – Yes

Mr. Taylor – Yes

Mr. Toler – Yes

Mr. Halaska – Yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Bales advised the Council that there will be a Code Review Meeting on June 24th at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Bales informed the Council that the Construction Project on Orlando Avenue will begin on June 22, 2026, and is expected to be a big project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT:

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Chase Wellington, Public Works Director, informed the Council that the City Recycling Event is scheduled for July 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Wellington also advised that the large tree located at the intersection of Engler and McKibbin will be removed in the near future.

Lastly, Mr. Wellington requested Council approval for Ms. Tina Zimmerman to prepare and submit a Parks and Stormwater grant application to St. Louis County. Mr. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Degardin, to approve Tina Zimmerman to write and submit a Parks and Stormwater Grant. A vote was conducted.

Ms. Anderson – Excused

Ms. O'Brien – Excused

Mrs. Degardin – Yes

Mayor Halaska – Yes

Mr. Taylor – Yes

Mr. Toler – Yes

Mr. Halaska – Yes

The motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Halaska inquired whether there was any old business to be presented to the Council. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Halaska inquired whether there was any new business to be presented to the Council. There was none.

ADJOURN TO THE CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Taylor made the motion to close the record, close the vote, and close the meeting in accordance with sections 610.021(2) and 610.021 (3) of the Missouri State Statutes to discuss legal matters in a closed session. Mrs. Degardin seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. **The motion carried**

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:12 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Mr. Toler made the motion, and Mr. Taylor seconded it, to reconvene the open session. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The open session was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

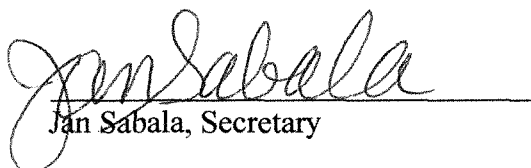
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURN:

Mayor Halaska asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Degardin, to adjourn the meeting. A vote was conducted. All were in favor. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted,


Jan Sabala, Secretary

Received, and Filed,


Shari Pijut, City Clerk

Minutes were taken by Tabitha Holcomb, Coordinator of Services, Public Works

