

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
DIXIE POWER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Michele Randall
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Natalie Larsen
Councilmember Michelle Tanner
Councilmember Steve Kemp**

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Jimmie Hughes

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez
Budget and Financial Planning Director Robert Myers
Assistant Budget Director Chad Moultrie
Operations Director Marc Mortensen
Energy Services Director Bryan Dial
Water Services Director Scott Taylor
Human Resources Director Pennie Hancock
Communication and Marketing Director David Cordero
Community Development Director Carol Winner
Public Works Director Cameron Cutler
Police Chief Kyle Whitehead
Fire Chief Robert Stoker
Economic Development Director Chad Thomas
Administrative Services Director Trevor Coombs
Finance Manager Tiffany LaJoice
Parks and Community Services Director Shane Moore
Airport Manager Rich Stehmeier
Executive Assistant Emilie Pinkelman**

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Randall called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Dana Moody with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by

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CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Consider approval to award bid to AJ Construction Inc. for the roof reconstruction for Fire Station #6.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Fire Station #6 was built in the late 1990s. Two other identical fire stations were built in Santa Clara and Washington near the same time and both of those fire stations' roof trusses failed, causing extensive damage to the building, fire trucks and equipment. We identified a similar truss problem in Fire Station #6 last year which could result in a

catastrophic failure . We submitted a claim through the Utah Local Government Trust, but unfortunately, they denied the claim due to this being a construction and design deficiency. We hired MRW to redesign the roof and recommend approval of a contract with AJ Construction to perform the work. In late 2023 we received a bid from North Star Restoration to repair the roof in the amount of \$266,799. The contract with AJ Construction on this repair falls under their state contract #MA 3915. Staff recommends awarding the bid to AJ Construction, Inc.

b. Consider approval of accepting a grant award from Rocky Mountain High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) for \$172,580.00.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The St George City Police Department is the Washington County Drug Task Force (WCDF) fiduciary. RMHIDTA and the WCDF collectively work together to combat illicit drug sales in Washington County, including St George City. St George City and the WCDF have been long-time partners with RMHIDTA, and St George City has been the recipient of this grant for many years. The money is used for various investigative and personnel costs associated with their mission. Without the grant from RMHIDTA, the WCDF would be unable to support many significant drug investigations that have resulted in the seizure of thousands of pounds of illicit narcotics destined for our communities. The RMHIDTA grant is a competitive award, and we were awarded \$172,580.00 for the RMHIDTA grant cycle 2024. The grant-required reporting metrics are evaluated yearly and are well within the scope of investigative work already being done by our team. Staff recommends approval.

c. Consider approval of Grant Offer AIP-3-49-0060-049-2024 for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Development Addendum for Construct Apron (South General Aviation Apron - Phase 3).

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Whitaker Construction Company was awarded the project for \$4,955,335 on May 8, 2023. Construction commenced when the Notice to Proceed was issued May 25, 2023. By mid-September 2023, the project was substantially complete, with project punch list items completed and accepted February 2024. Final project administrative documentation has been completed and submitted to the FAA for review, acceptance and project closeout by June 2024. This airport development project includes federal and local funding. The federal funding consists of FY2022, FY2023 and FY2024 BIL AIG (AIP-044 and AIP-046) and this CARES Act "development addendum" (AIP-049). Staff recommends approval.

d. Consider approval of the bid award for bid # 24-118 for the Construction of Airport Parkway Extension and Multi-Use Trail to JP Excavating, Inc.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Bid proposals for the above referenced project were received and opened on May 2, 2024. A total of four (4) prime contractors submitted formal bids. The bid proposal for this project consisted of three (3) schedules. Schedule I – Construct 2,900-ft Airport Parkway Extension Schedule II – Construct 600-ft Airport Parkway Extension Schedule III –

Construct Multi-Use Trail. Staff recommends awarding the bid to JP Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,115,487.

e. Consider approval of a consulting contract with St. George Blvd. Partners for the 100 West Project.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Having gone through the RFQ process the selection committee recommended this group for the design of the 100 West Project. Staff recommends approval.

f. Consider approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with Quality Excavation for 16" and 18" Waterlines in Desert Canyons.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Quality Excavation is installing culinary and irrigation lines as part of the construction improvements for the Desert Reflection Subdivision. To save costs of installing the lines in an existing roadway at a later date, staff is proposing to pay the costs to upsize the lines now as part of the subdivision improvements. Staff recommends approval.

g. Consider approval of a grant agreement for the Graveyard Wash Reservoir Project.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: During the 2023 Legislative Session, the City was awarded a grant for the Graveyard Wash Reservoir Project in the amount of \$13,066,000. Execution of this agreement is necessary for the grant acceptance. Staff recommends approval.

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MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve the consent calendar as presented.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Link to motion: [00:02:43](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to adjourn and go into the work meeting.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

/s/Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder