

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2025

The special meeting of the St. Johns City Commission was called to order by Mayor Dzurka at 5:15 p.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 East State Street, 2nd Floor, Suite #2200, St. Johns, Michigan.

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Eric Hufnagel, Brad Gurski, Scott Dzurka, Chris Hyzer; Chris DeLiso
CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Chad Gamble, City Manager; Mindy J. Seavey, City Clerk; Kristina Kinde, City Treasurer; Justin Smith, Director of Public Services

Agenda

Mayor Dzurka asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Gurski seconded by Commissioner Hyzer that the city commission approve the agenda as presented.

YEA: Hufnagel, Gurski, Dzurka, Hyzer, DeLiso

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Welcome, Meeting Overview

Presentation of the 2024/25 Annual Report

Mayor Dzurka thanked guests, committee members and city staff. He discussed: this is our second annual plan; worked to find ways to improve communications and dialog; showcasing the great work; gave almost all of the presentation at the Chamber meeting the other week; highlights; and a lot of progress that we are making.

He presented the City Commission slide and thanked the city commission for their continued involvement. He discussed:

- City Commission Fiscal Year Accomplishments.
 - Balanced budget.

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- Partnership with community.
- Wilson Center.
- Fire agreements with townships.
- Continued partnerships with Bingham Township.
- Work closely with the Road Commission and MDOT.
- Addressed additional sidewalk and local road needs – street millage.
- Improved communications.
- Partnership with school district and utilize interns.
 - Safe Routes to School.
- Secured grants in the downtown area, including rail cars.

City Manager Gamble presented the 2024/25 annual report:

- Master Plan.
 - Just held our open house tonight.
 - New city logo.
- New positions at the city.
- Social Media.
- Expanding partnerships.
- Wilson Center.
- Fantasy Forest 2.0.
- St. Johns Police Department.
 - Staff.
 - Vests.
 - Lexipol.
- St. Johns Fire Department.
 - Fire Chief.
 - New SCBA units.
 - Firefighter certifications.
- Code Enforcement.
- City Clerk.
 - Early voting.
 - Elections.
- St. Johns Notifications.
- Budgeting and policy updates.
- Kristina – General Fund Financial Snapshot.
 - Preliminary numbers, the final audit is not complete yet.
 - Fund balance.
 - Water sewer financial snapshot.

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- Fund balance.
- Parks and Recreation.
 - Depot transformation.
 - MDNR Grant projects.
 - Disc Golf Expansion.
 - Neighborhood parks wood chip replacement.
- Public Services Department.
 - Public Works
 - 2024 Street Millage projects.
 - Social District signage.
 - Storm clean-up.
 - Wastewater fiscal year accomplishments.
 - Lined 2,600 feet of sanitary sewer.
 - Lined 10 sanitary manholes.
 - Televised and assessed 17,000 feet of sanitary sewer.
 - Inspected 78 sanitary sewer manholes.
 - Upgraded SCADA equipment.
 - Zero violations.
 - Water Division.
 - Licenses.
 - Morton Street water main.
 - 2024/25 Street Projects – water mains.

City Manager Gamble recognized the entire staff. He thanked Russ, Taylor and Danica for putting the report together.

Mayor Dzurka said it is a good reminder of all the things you have worked on. He said the presentation will be available to share. He said the water/sewer fund balance is escalating, but there are large expenditures we are preparing for, and it is very intentional.

Public Comments

Mayor Dzurka asked if there were any public comments.

Todd Krajniak was present and said it looks surprisingly good.

Bob Craig was present. He said it has been over a decade since the city commission asked the taxpayers to vote for a street millage. He said that's huge and he is very appreciative of how Park Street looks so much better. He said to look around the city and what a decade

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of progress. He thanked the leadership, and he said he hopes the residents are happy. The streets and sidewalks don't fix themselves and he thinks it has been money well spent.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hyzer seconded by Commissioner Gurski that the city commission meeting be adjourned.

YEA: Hufnagel, Gurski, Dzurka, Hyzer, DeLiso

NAY: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.