

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA  
July 2, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kroll at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kroll; Council Members Diehl, Schulzetenberg, Reinert and Zenzen; Engineer Halter; Building Inspector Hagman, Attorney Couri, Deputy Jon Lentz, and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Voigt, Ron Voigt, Jason Voigt, Public Works employee Dan Dawson, Arlene Condon, Phil Brown and Brian Brown.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Zenzen had a question on the treasurer's report receipts for the property tax.

**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3F by Mr. Zenzen seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, June 4, 2013.  
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated July 2, 2013 and for Checks #15316 - #15445.  
City Council Agenda, July 2, 2013.  
June Animal Report  
3.2 Liquor License, Luxemburg Rec Club

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Lt. Lentz was in attendance and presented the June report. He indicated 36 contract hours were spent and 22 citations were issued. Lt. Lentz reviewed the call types and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Kroll asked about the motorcycle accident earlier today. Lt. Lentz responded and said the individual was contacted. Mayor Kroll also asked about contacting maintenance and was told to contact dispatch.

Lt. Lentz reviewed the church bizarre separately. He indicated there were a number of intoxicated individuals that needed assistance. He indicated there were 8 documented calls about individuals who missed the bus and needed assistance finding their way home. Ms. Schulzetenberg asked if the church provides additional security and Lt. Lentz responds they pay for 2 officers for 4 hours.

**A motion was made to approve the report as presented by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S**

**REPORT:**

Mr. Hagman presented the June building report indicating ten permits were issued, including the permit for the new apartment building. He stated we are still down value wise, even after the apartment building.

**A motion was made to approve the building inspector's report as presented by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

Brian Brown was in attendance and requested the Council consider an ordinance instituting a time limit for commercial construction. Mr. Couri indicated what some other communities do. Mr. Hagman stated he didn't believe the sub-contractors are currently working but the general won't. Mayor Kroll suggested we add to the agenda for our August meeting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION,  
RALPH'S CAR AND  
TRACTOR REZONE  
REQUEST/CUP:**

Mr. McCabe explained the Planning Commission recommended denial of the rezoning permit and conditional use permit. Jason Voigt presented an aerial view of their existing business to show how they currently maintain their yard and further explained how they conduct their business. He indicated their current lot is slightly over 8 acres. Joe Voigt brought the fact up the ordinance requires a hard surface for outdoor storage and they would like a variance from that as well as it will be better for filtration. Jason also said there may be a variance request on the fence height. Mr. Zenzen questioned what will be required on infiltration and Mr. Halter responded depending on what is impervious, anything more than an acre will require additional storm water improvements. Mr. Reinert asked about cost estimates, Jason Voigt responded about their discussions with contractors to determine best possibilities. Mr. Halter said those plans will be required prior to site approval. Mr. Diehl indicated he would be inclined to follow the recommendation of the planning commission. Ms. Schulzetenberg agreed and stated we should potentially look at amending the comprehensive plan before we do the rezoning. Mr. Couri explained the legalities of denying or approving the permit, explaining why the recommendation was to deny. A rezone requires a majority vote and an amendment to the comprehensive plan requires a super majority. Ms. Condon questioned the existing business and Mr. McCabe explained existing uses and different areas within the comprehensive plan. Mr. Reinert wondered what would need to be done to approve this application and Mr. Couri explained the comprehensive plan doesn't specifically have to be amended, but usually both the existing uses and comprehensive plan should be consistent.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution #2013-11, denying the rezoning and CUP amendment by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ENGINEER'S**

**REPORT:**

Mr. Halter gave a brief update on the 2013 Street project indicating the C portion of the project started first and the remainder of the project will begin early next week.

Mr. Halter reported the construction portion of the water connection project is completed and a meeting was held on Monday to start up the system.

**COUNCIL MEMBER**

**PURVIEW:**

Mr. Diehl make sure the report about the Church festival gets to the parish council.

Ms. Schulzetenberg added to Mr. Diehls comment and indicated we should be considering this at next year's application.

Mr. Zenzen discussed the damage done at the wedding at Hidden Lake Park where the toilet was destroyed and suggested we have language for excessive damage added to our park contracts.

Mayor Kroll indicated he had a call on the old resort on Beaver Lake and Mr. McCabe reported he visited with the land owner's daughter.

Mayor Kroll asked about the time clock and Mr. McCabe reported he hasn't found an easy solution on for a consistent system.

Mr. Hagman asked if the siren went off during the storm last month and was told it didn't.

Mayor Kroll asked if we had a damage estimate.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe presented information from the League of Cities on dues.

Mr. McCabe indicated the apartment billing ordinance will go into effect on January 1 abut there is a chance we get another objection prior to that.

Mr. McCabe presented a quote for a wireless router to the fire hall.

**A motion was made to purchase the router and have it installed by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously,**

Mr. McCabe presented the new LGA information.

Mr. McCabe presented a request from the initiative foundation to contribute to their fund. The request will be considered during the budget discussions.

Mr. McCabe reported he and Mr. Couri met with the other Area City Administrator's and City Attorneys to discuss how the sales tax is distributed.

Mr. Couri explained what the discussion was and that the issue will be again brought up when our next joint powers agreement is negotiated.

Mr. Dawson indicated the new irrigator in Kiffmeyer Park was connected to the pump station at the lift station and indicated he believes that was a mistake. He said there may be a simple fix, by putting a small delay on the pumps thus eliminating the possibility. Mayor Kroll stated Design Electric, the electrical contractor, both when installed and now indicate this will not happen, because the panel will handle it. He suggested the engineer who designed the pump system visit with the folks at Design Electric to discuss further.

Mr. Dawson wondered about visiting with private tree service contractors to drop chips at Hidden Lake Park.

**ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45pm by Mr. Diehl seconded by Mr. Reinert. Meeting Adjourned.**

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2013.

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BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

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William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator