

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
April 7, 2015**

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, Reinert, Schulzetenberg and Zenzen; Attorney Couri, Engineer Wotzka, Building Inspector Hageman and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brown.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Kroll indicated item 9E was added to the Clerk's Report to discuss our MS4 reporting.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3H, by Mr. Reinert second by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, March 3, 2015.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated April 7, 2015 and for Checks #17442 -17530.
City Council Agenda, April 7, 2015.
March Animal Report
St. Wendelin Gambling Permit
St. Wendelin One Day Liquor License
B. McCabe's attendance at League of Cities Annual Conference
Fire Department Reports

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lieutenant Lentz was in attendance to present the February and March Sheriff's reports. He started with February and reported they contracted 41 hours in February and 17 citations issued. He reported 45 contract hours were spent in March and 27 adult and 2 juvenile citations issued. He answered questions and reviewed call types.

A motion was made to approve the February and March Sheriff's reports by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kroll indicated he wanted to discuss item 9D as a firefighter wondered if he could respond to calls while carrying. Lt. Lentz indicated he thought it would be bad policy, but indicated we would have to develop our own policy. Mr. McCabe was instructed to prepare a draft policy to be approved at the next meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT:

Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the March building inspector's report. He indicated 7 permits were issued during the month bringing the total for the year to 20. He reviewed the valuations year to date and stated we are above pace versus the past two years.

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

OPEN FORUM:

Brian Brown was in attendance and asked that the shopping news not be allowed to be delivered within the City. Mr. Couri stated the issue was probably protected free speech. He suggested we ask the St. Cloud Times to provide mailboxes to the residents who want them.

Mr. Brown updated the Council on the school districts option on the Kronnenberg farm. He stated their option is still in effect for a couple of months and he is suggesting they purchase and potentially utilize as a solar farm.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wotzka was in attendance and he began by presenting the bid tabulation for the 2015 Street Project. He indicated the lowest apparent bidder was Knife River Corporation below estimate at \$462,018.15 and their recommendation is to award the contract Knife River Corporation. Mr. Reinert wanted to make sure that access must at all times be maintained to the Fire Hall. Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered about the culvert on 230th Street near N. Weber. Mr. Reinert wondered as well as both upstream and downstream there are two 36inch culverts whereas this area has a 36inch and a 24inch culvert. Mr. Wotzka indicated the capacity is determined on different factors. Ms. Schulzetenberg stated we should at least contact Mr. Weber and explain why we believe we don't need to address the culvert situation.

A motion was made to approve the bid of Knife River Corporation in the amount of \$462,018.15 by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wotzka reported the schedule for the Safe Routes of School project begins with bid opening on April 16. The construction will take place beginning July 6 with completion by August 14. Ms. Schulzetenberg wanted to make sure the ball club is aware of the project and Mr. McCabe stated he would make sure they are added to the newsletter mailings.

COUNCIL MEMBER PURVIEW:

Mr. Reinert wondered if we were going to be seal coating again. Was told we are planning on doing Emerald Ponds and Annis Acres.

Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered about pot holes and indicated they have a large one near Goebels. Mr. McCabe was directed to send maintenance staff to check out.

Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered if anyone has reserved the ball fields. Mr. McCabe responded no.

Mr. Zenzen stated we would have a park board meeting later this month.

Mayor Kroll asked Mr. Zenzen when he planned to replace the planks on the walking bridge in Kiffmeyer Park.

Mayor Kroll reported that he ordered a new sign for the parking restrictions on State Highway 15.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe indicated we had a request from St. Mary HOC to donate a prize to the parish festival. It was consensus that we would pass as it is a thin line.

Mr. McCabe presented the Pay Equity Report for the Council's information.

The County tax rate information was presented for information purposes.

Mr. McCabe wondered if we wanted to do a Request for Proposal for doing the MS4 stormwater management plan. Mr. Couri suggested we have to look at implementation as well. Mayor Kroll suggested we just move forward with S.E.H.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of May, 2015.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator