

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
December 1, 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, and Schulzetenberg; FrAttorney Couri; Building Inspector Hageman and Clerk/Administrator McCabe. Council Member Zenzen was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Department Chief Mike Tabatt and Fire Department Assistant Chief Jerry Orth, Fire Lt. Joe Kraemer, Fire Lt. Shawn Steinhofner, Darryl Stang, Wayne Schwinghammer, Ben Voigt

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3D, by Mr. Diehl, second by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, November 4, 2015.
City Council Agenda, December 1, 2015
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
December 1, 2015 and for Checks #18261 -18378.
November Animal Report

SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report offered.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the November building inspector's report. He indicated seven permits were issued during the month including one new commercial building (Casey's General Store – demolition and replace building.) He reviewed year to date numbers and valuations.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ISSUES: Chief Tabatt was in attendance and presented the September and October run report. He reviewed the calls and discussed the training that was done.

Chief Tabatt asked for permission to send on officer to State Fire School in Alexandria in February. The agenda is based on officers learning their on scene duties.

A motion was made to approve the training by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Tabatt reported he got a quote to have the fit testing done at a cost of approximately \$750.

A motion was made to approve the fit testing by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Tabatt indicated he had visited with Mr. McCabe about the hours members would use to complete an inventory. He is requesting a total of 50 hours to do the inventory this year. Mr. McCabe indicated he thought it could be done the night of a business meeting or along with the truck checks. There was confusion as to what actually was being counted for items.

A motion was made to approve up to 50 hours for the inventory by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

Darryl Stang indicated they are in the process of looking at what is involved in building a new fire truck. Mr. Reinert stated we need to look at what the fire department will look at as the city grows. He believes there should be time spent on how the department will grow. What are the processes involved and how do we manage the plan. Mr. Diehl wondered if this calls for a full blown workshop? Mr. Reinert wants to know priority wise, what truck should be replaced first. Should the committee be authorized to begin making the priority list. Mr. Couri suggested the fire representative(s) meet occasionally with the committee as they have expertise and the fire representative(s) offers the Council point of view. Mayor Kroll asked if any grants have been written. Mr. McCabe suggested we allow for the Council representative meetings beginning with next month's organizational meeting. Mr. Reinert stated this will help with communication and we will get away from just seeing them when they want something. Ms. Schulzetenberg wants to make sure it isn't just trucks, but also the expansion of the department as a whole.

Mayor Kroll reported the two hydrants at the end of Beaver Lake Road are not functioning and the department should be aware.

Mayor Kroll stated he cleaned up the oil at the fire hall and asked that 111 be moved for the meal at the December 7 meeting.

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Orth wondered if we considered annexing toward the Lynden Town Hall. Mr. McCabe believed they may already have an orderly annexation agreement with the City of St. Cloud. Mr. Couri was looking at the agreement and explained what the existing town board typically believes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mayor Kroll reported the Safe Routes School Lights on County Road 7 will be in effect for 20MPH on school days between 7am and 5pm and 30MPH on the other days. If the sign is flashing red, it means you are speeding

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION

PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. McCabe presented the proposed final levy and indicated the proposed final budget was composed using an approximate 1.5% salary increase. He stated he has a small sample of what area cities are paying their main street maintenance and water/sewer employees but struggled with how to compare as the water/sewer employees typically have a plant to run.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2015-10, final levy by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carries.

A motion was made to approve the final budget as presented by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER PURVIEW:

Mayor Kroll reported the tree trimmers were just taking a break for the snow and will resume shortly.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. McCabe indicated last week we had an issue with the windows and humidity and wondered if we wanted to consider replacing. Mayor Kroll suggested some crank outs or other new windows. Consensus was to get some quotes.

ADJOURMENT: **A motion was made to adjourn at 7:50 pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.**

Approved this _____ day of January, 2016.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator