

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
February 3, 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, Schulzetenberg and Zenzen; Attorney Couri, Engineer Halter, Building Inspector Hageman and Clerk/Administrator McCabe. Mr. Reinert was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Jon Lentz, Fire Chief Art Voelker and Fire Rep. Ben Voigt.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, January 6, 2015.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
February 3, 2015 and for Checks #17279-17359.
City Council Agenda, February 3, 2015.
St. Wendelin One Day Liquor License
City Council Minutes, January 22, 2015
January Animal Report
C. Blashack's attendance at MRWA Conference
B. McCabe attendance at MCFOA Conference
St. Augusta Sports Inc., Gambling Premise Permit
Application

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Lentz was in attendance and presented the January report. He reported 43.5 hours were spent on contract and 22 citations issued most of which were winter parking violations. He reviewed call types for January and answered questions from the Council.

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the January building inspector's report. He indicated 4 permits were issued including one single family permit. There was a discussion on code changes and what is driving some of the early permit activity.

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

OPEN FORUM:

Ben Voigt was in attendance representing the fire department and presenting a list of items needed to equip the new truck. There was an additional \$3,600 for EAM plus approximately \$5,200 to purchase new equipment/small tools for the truck and \$3,400 to \$3,776.50 to Granite Electronics for a radio mounted in the truck. Mayor Kroll indicated he is opposed to adding the truck mounted radio as we already have a portable radio in the truck. Chief Voelker stated he believes they belong mounted in the truck. He stated it is very important to have the trucks as similar to each other as possible. Mayor Kroll restated he isn't opposed to the equipment but he does oppose the mounted radio. Mr. Zenzen stated he understands the need but we are overspending on our original approval. Mr. Diehl asked if the mounted radio is safety versus operational and Mr. Voelker stated it is more operational than safety.

A motion was made to approve the expenditures for the new fire truck up to an additional \$24,000 by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Voelker would like to look into a single man lift, something for lifting an individual to help change bulbs at the fire hall in the apparatus bay. He has visited with sales people and they are approximately \$3,000 to \$5,500 used.

**RESOLUTION #2015-04,
CALLING FIRE HALL
CIP BONDS:**

Mr. McCabe presented a resolution calling the CIP Fire Hall bonds and authorizing pre-payment of the remaining principal. He indicated we would have a net savings of approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 by doing this.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2015- 04 by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Couri presented the appraisals for two temporary and a permanent easement for the church property and a permanent easement for the Lee property. He is looking for an approval of the appraisals and for approval of the amount of the "damages." This process is mandated by the federal and state funding sources.

A motion was made to approve the appraisals and offers in the appraisal amount of \$2,376 for the church property and \$3,484 for Mr. Lee's property by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Halter reported on the next steps of the process, indicating we will get the bid documents from MN DOT with a potential bid opening date of mid-April with an award of probably mid-May.

Mr. Halter reported he has started the design work for the 2015 street project and hopes to have something for the March meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2015-05,
JOINT LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES:**

Mr. McCabe presented the resolution from the joint legislative priorities. Some were specifically discussed and ultimately none were removed from our list.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2015-05 by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Mr. Diehl wondered about the sign on 247th and County Road 7.

Mr. Zenzen wondered about the fire department coming up with a little better estimate. Mayor Kroll stated he visited with some firefighters and they all don't believe it is necessary to spend the money on mounted radios.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe reported the single family permit was for Dave Werschay. Mr. Werschay asked if we would cut a break on the building permit cost because of the amount of homes he builds. The response was the fee is established by ordinance and we really would be setting a precedence.

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:40pm to discuss legal ramifications of the State Farm versus Mark Kiffmeyer and the City of St. Augusta.

Mayor Kroll re-opened the meeting at 8:45.

A motion was made to enter into settlement agreement with State Farm by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Couri stated we need to make sure Mr. Kiffmeyer isn't personally held liable for any of this.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50pm by Mr. Diehl seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of March, 2015.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator