

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Department representatives Ben Voigt, Shawn Steinhofer and Daryl Stang, Krista Voelker

CONSENT AGENDA: **A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3H, by Mr. Diehl second by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried 3-0.**

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, February 3, 2015.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
March 3, 2015 and for Checks #17364 -17440.
City Council Agenda, March 3, 2015.
February Animal Report
St. Mary HOC Gambling Permit
Lux Rec Club 3.2 Liquor License
St. Augusta Sports 3.2 Liquor License
Fire Department Reports

SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report offered.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the February building inspector's report. He indicated 9 permits were issued including two single family permits. 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. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: no comments offered.

Mr. Zenzen entered the meeting at 7:10pm.

ENGINEER'S

REPORT: Mr. Couri reported that we acquired the easements for the Safe Routes to School Grant from the church and Mr. Lee. He explained that MN DOT revised the temporary easements to permanent and explained that we

needed to amend the appraisal and a permanent easement for the church property. He is looking for an approval of the appraisal 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 amended appraisal and offer in the amended appraisal amount of \$2,665 for the church property, meaning we owe an additional \$289 over what was paid in February by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT.
MISCELLANEOUS
WORK:**

Mr. McCabe reported he and the fire chief were in disagreement on having fire department personnel work on an inventory tracking process. He stated he believed it was outside the normal scope of work and should have been authorized by the Council. Mr. McCabe stated Mr. Voelker didn't think he needed approval every time he authorized work to be done. Mr. Diehl wondered what the process would be to replace lost or used inventory. Mr. Voigt explained it should be noted each week with truck checks and the inventory is now entered into their computer system. Mayor Kroll said it was an issue because Mr. McCabe stated it should have been authorized and Mr. Voelker disagreed. Mr. McCabe stated he thinks this is more of a lack of communication between him and Mr. Voelker. The lack of communication on the issue has been addressed.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Halter presented information on the proposed 2015 Street Project including an engineer's estimate. He indicated it is a simple reclaim and overlay project including shouldering. He included cost for adding gravel on 43rd Avenue for a small section as soil borings showed no gravel base for that section. He stated there was separate traffic control for each portion of the project. Mr. Halter presented the cost estimates and explained the logic on how he arrived at those numbers. He also explained how he intended to bid the project. There was a question about the culverts on 230th Street and Mr. Halter suggested that may be unnecessary due to the landscaping of the land around those culverts.

A motion was made to approve the plans and specs and advertise for bids by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Mr. Reinert wondered about 250th Street and when that may be redone. Mr. McCabe stated we haven't had conversations with the City of St. Cloud who owns half that street. A conversation needs to be had but we have to consider priorities.

Mr. Diehl is again bringing up the sign on 247th Street and County Road 7.

Mayor Kroll indicated he had a concern with the way the fire department issue was handled.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe presented a complaint letter from Dave Lavoie. He explained the process for finalizing the project and indicated the property owners stated it would be finished in June of 2015.

Mr. McCabe stated he received the preliminary paperwork from the MPCA on the MS4 designation. He stated the first part of the application is due in April and then we have 18 months to finalize our storm water plan.

Mr. McCabe reported there was a complaint on a mailbox being damaged and Mr. Reinert suggested the response be the road supervisor will take a look at it.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of April, 2015.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator