

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
November 4, 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; Engineer Halter, Building Inspector Hageman and Clerk/Administrator McCabe. Council Member Schulzetenberg was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Department Chief Mike Tabatt and Fire Department Assistant Chief Jerry Orth, Lt. Jon Lentz, St. Augusta Blizzard Busters Representatives Kevin Albers and Brad Paul, Dennis Ludwig

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, October 6, 2015.
City Council Agenda, November 4, 2015
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
November 4, 2015 and for Checks #18181 -18260.
October Animal Report
Stearns County Sheriff Contract
City Council Minutes, October 13, 2015

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Lentz was in attendance and presented the October Sheriff's report. He indicated there were 41 contract hours spent and 14 adult citations and one juvenile citation issued. He reviewed the call types and answered questions from the council.

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the October building inspector's report. He indicated seven permits were issued during the month including one single family dwelling bringing that total to 13 for the year. He reviewed year to date numbers and valuations.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
ISSUES:**

Chief Tabatt was in attendance and indicated he again presented the August run report and stated he would have September and October next month.

Mayor Kroll stated unit 101 has a running board that was in disrepair. A quote was presented from Voigt Bus and Mayor Kroll explained they indicated the labor would be approximately \$1,000 less than the quote. He recommended we repair and pay out of donation funds.

A motion was made to repair and pay out of donation money by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Tabatt indicated we only have one spare pager and if there is more than one in for repair, someone is out of luck. Quotes were presented for new pagers for the new type as the older ones were no longer supported.

A motion was made to purchase 10 new pagers by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Ludwig was in attendance to inquire about how many no trespassing signs can be placed on a property. He was told we don't have a specific number.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Halter indicated the radar speed signs are in and they should be installed soon. Mayor Kroll wondered who specified the signs and was told they were through S.E.H. He asked if they were aware the company had a bad reputation. He was told they have used them in the past and there hasn't been an issue but the service this time will be noted.

Mayor Kroll indicated 250th Street needs to be repaired and he would like a rough estimate of what it would cost. We had a count done and there is approximately 200 cars per day. Mr. Halter said he would provide a rough estimate for a mill and overlay.

BLIZZARD BUSTER

LEASE AGREEMENT:

A proposed lease agreement was presented. Brad Paul, representing the Blizzard Busters indicated they are okay with as presented, but would like the initial cost taken back to the \$20,000 originally agreed to as they did the work for the floor drain. There was

discussion on access and Mr. Zenzen wondered about electric bill. He was told it would not be an issue as we will be paying a minimum meter charge until any lease improvements are done.

A motion was made to approve the lease agreement contingent on final pricing by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Reinert abstaining.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

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

Mr. Zenzen reported they have been working in Hidden Lake Park and have a few piles of brush ready to be burned once there is snow.

Mayor Kroll stated he had bid prices for the garage door openers. He suggested we use the Alternative Garage Door at \$1950.

A motion was made to approve the garage door openers for the new shed by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Reinert abstaining.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe presented a request from the SANTA committee for a contribution to the annual holiday community celebration.

A motion was made to contribute \$50 by Mayor Kroll, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe presented quotes for a power steam washer. Our existing machine is really old and not real reliable. Mr. McCabe stated we could take funds from our unallocated CIP fund dollars.

A motion was made to purchase the machine from Mimbach by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of December, 2015.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator