

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
November 1, 2016**

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 Schulzetenberg, Diehl, Reinert and Zenzen; Attorney Couri; Engineer Halter; Building Inspector Hagman; Clerk/Administrator McCabe; Fire Department Chief Tabatt, Assistant Fire Chief Orth, Lieutenant Rob Claseman, Relief Association Rep. Butch Stang and Captain Shawn Steinhofer.

OTHERS PRESENT: none.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Kroll indicated he would like to add Darrel Nemeth's invoice to the payables in the amount of \$604.35.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended, items 3A – 3G, by Mr. Diehl, second by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, October 4, 2016.
City Council Agenda, November 1, 2016.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
November 1, 2016 and for Checks #19364 - 19438.
St. Mary HOC Temporary Liquor License
Gambling Permit, Blizzard Busters at St. Augusta Legion
Gambling Permit, St. Cloud Stan Down at Club Almar

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lieutenant Weiss was in attendance and presented the monthly Sheriff's department report. He indicated 42 contract hours were spent and 3 citations issued. He reviewed call types and answered questions from the Council.

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Hagman was in attendance to present the October building inspector's report. He indicated seven permits including two single

family permits were issued during the month. He reviewed valuations and answered questions from the Council.

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 presented the September 2016 run report, indicating we are up to 70 calls for the year as of the end of September. He reviewed the calls and indicated CEU training was provided by STCC on tank simulation.

Mr. Stang was in attendance to present some proposed bylaw changes to the relief association. He indicated the proposed changes were included in the packets and explained why they were recommended.

A motion was made to approve as presented by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Mr. Zenzen wondered about the appreciation award and indicated he believes that is more of a policy than a by-law. Mr. Couri stated it wouldn't matter. Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered about the wording and thought they should possibly amend the wording. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tabatt indicated he is requesting the following individuals be moved from probation to full fighter:

Rusty Brockway
Mitch Lahr
Jason Combs
Lauren Stang
Ryan Berdan

A motion was made to remove from probation to regular firefighter by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tabatt indicated the promotion committee conducted interviews and would like to make Adam Sandhurst and Darrel Stang lieutenants.

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

Mayor Kroll indicated he heard the fire department no longer wanted to work the church bazaars. He stated we can require it as an employer but we don't want to go that route. Suggestions were made as to how we can get additional volunteers. The guys stated it may be more of an issue getting volunteers but it may be better now that more are hired.

Mayor Kroll wondered about the FEMA grant application. Mr. McCabe indicated he was pulling together his portion and would have it to them this week. He asked the grant writer to give him a call for clarification.

OPEN FORUM: no comments offered.

**ORDINANCE
#2016-06, AMENDING
COUNCIL
SALARIES:**

Mr. McCabe presented an ordinance amending the council salaries. He explained the percentage increase was calculated using the staff payroll increase from 2012-2016.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance #2016-06 by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Zenzen voting no.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Halter gave a brief update of the 2016 Street Project indicating Harddrives haven't submitted the final pay amount. He reported we would be under the contract amount by about \$21,000.

Mayor Kroll wanted to start discussion on a 2017 Street project. The length of 53rd Avenue and 23rd Avenue were discussed. 53rd is the priority at this time and we hope to advertise to bid in January.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

no comments offered.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe reported he has been working on contacting the home owner, going through the contracted management company.

Mr. McCabe indicated we need to set a date to canvass the election results. It was set at Tuesday, November 15 at 4:30pm.

Mr. McCabe presented two quotes for new tires for the red street pickup.

A motion was made to approve the quote from Royal Tire in the amount of \$696.64 by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approved this _____ day of December, 2016.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator