

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
September 6, 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 Diehl, Schulzetenberg, Reinert and Zenzen; Attorney Couri; Building Inspector Hagman; Clerk/Administrator McCabe; Fire Department Chief Tabatt, Assistant Fire Chief Orth;

OTHERS PRESENT: Darrel Brustle, Dave Werschay, Chris Sis, Jolene Sis, Kathy Watrin, and Aric Putnam.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, August 2, 2016.
City Council Agenda, September 6, 2016.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
September, 2016 and for Checks #19147 - 19257.
Resolution #2016-13, Authorizing Interfund Transfer.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lieutenant Weiss was in attendance and presented the monthly Sheriff's department report. He indicated 41 contract hours were spent and 15 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 August building inspector's report. He indicated seven permits were issued during the month, including two single family dwellings, bringing the total new homes to 16 for the year. 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 Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
ISSUES:**

Chief Tabatt was in attendance and presented the July 2016 run report, indicating we are up to 58 calls for the year as of the end of July. He reviewed the calls and indicated pump refresher and water shutteling was the monthly training.

Mayor Kroll inquired as to where there was difficulty finding addresses, County Road 75 or County Road 7. Mr. Orth indicated most recently it was County Road 75 but also on County Road 7.

A motion was made to put 911 Signs up along County Road 7 and 75 by Mayor Kroll, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Darrel Brustle was in attendance and introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner. He indicated a willingness to answer questions and see how we can better Stearns County.

Aric Putnam was in attendance and introduced himself as a candidate for State House District 14A.

Both candidates answered questions and indicated willingness to meet with others.

**WERSCHAY
VARIANCE
ISSUE:**

Mr. McCabe indicated the planning commission recommended approval of variance. He stated he is recommending denial of the variance with consideration to amend the ordinance at our next meeting. Mr. Couri explained where he agreed with Mr. McCabe and further explained how some cities are liberal with their interpretation of the statute and will allow a variance that may not hold up in court.

A motion was made to deny Resolution #2016-12 by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH CARE
DWELLING:**

A motion was made to approve Ordinance #2016-04, opting out of the state statute by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**SIS CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT
APPLICATION:**

Mr. McCabe reminded the Council the CUP for outdoor storage was denied at last month's meeting. He is presenting a proposed resolution

approving a CUP for outdoor sales. Mr. and Mrs. Sis indicated they will present a copy of the site survey once it is completed.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2016-10 by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
#2016-11, SETTING
PRELIMINARY
LEVY:**

Mr. McCabe indicated the preliminary levy was established using the preliminary budgets that were created and it is set at a 2% increase over the 2016 Levy. He indicated the 2016 Levy was also a 2% increase over the 2015 levy and that resulted in a lower tax rate. Mr. McCabe stated based on his conversation with the assessor's office, this may be the case again but we will have to wait and see what final values are. Mr. McCabe reminded the Council the final levy can be less than the preliminary, but not more than the preliminary levy.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2016-11 by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Halter reported the 2016 Street Project is tentatively scheduled for the first lift of pavement on Friday and Saturday of this week and the wear course next week. Final items of shouldering and painting will be done at a later date.

**ATV ORDINANCE
DISCUSSION:**

Lt. Weiss indicated these ordinances are quite challenging. He suggested if a new ordinance is adopted we should consider all types of recreation vehicles. Mr. McCabe indicated the statute is included in the packets along with a portion of a memorandum from the League of Minnesota Cities about how they may be regulated. Mr

A motion was made to table for additional time to study by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Zenzen voting no.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered if we had any water issues with the rain the last couple of weeks. Mr. McCabe stated there were no complaints but the apartment had an issue with their pond after they did some additional landscaping.

Mayor Kroll indicated the park maintenance staff have asked to replace the John Deere at Kiffmeyer Park with a zero turn mower. He indicated we received two quotes for a John Deere zero turn with the better quote of \$5,135 after trade in value from Midwest Machinery. Mr. Zenzen wondered if it should be referred to the Park Board. The item was referred to the park board.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe indicated the utility billing and accounting computers were more than 10years old and beginning to slow down and have start up issues. He presented quotes to replace those computers.

A motion was made to spend up to \$900 on each computer by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe presented a request for subsidy to the Whitney Senior Center. He indicated he is not sure how many this would affect. Consensus was this isn't real equitable.

A budget workshop was scheduled for October 4 at 5pm.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of October, 2016.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator