

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
April 4, 2017**

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, Reinert, and Zenzen; Attorney Couri; Engineer Halter, Building Inspector Hageman; Fire Chief Tabatt, Assistant Fire Chief Orth, Fire Department Lieutenant Rob Claseman, Firefighter Ben Voigt, Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Vic Weiss; and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Abby Meemken, Isaac Meemken, Darrel Albers and Jerry Finch.

CONSENT AGENDA: **A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented items 3A – 3D, removing items 8&9, by Mr. Reinert, second by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, March 7, 2017.
City Council Agenda, April 4, 2017.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
April 4, 2017 and for Checks #19824 - #19902.
B. McCabe's attendance at annual LMC Conference.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Weiss was in attendance and presented the March sheriff's report. He indicated 41 hours were spent on the contract. Lt. Weiss indicated 23 citations were issued. He also reviewed the call types for the month and answered questions from the Council. Lt. Weiss indicated they have 4 dates upcoming for alcohol awareness training and he would email those dates to Mr. McCabe. Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered what the process was and was told the intent is to hit every establishment twice a year. He briefly explained the process and what they are looking for. There was also a question as to the new Sunday liquor license. Mr. Couri stated we would probably have to amend our liquor ordinance. There was also a brief discussion as to the speed limit around the school, Lt. Weiss will look into additional signage.

A motion was made to accept the Sheriff's report by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the March building inspector's report. He indicated seven permits were issued during the

month including one single family permit. He reviewed valuations and answered questions from the Council.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
ISSUES:**

Chief Tabatt presented the February run report indicating 12 calls were responded to and Fire Inc. provided training on fighting modern fires, how fast they spread and how much heat is produced.

Mr. Claseman indicated the AFG application was on hold because the federal government was still determining what constitutes a sanctuary city.

Mr. Voigt indicated the tracks are in for the side by side unit and reported could be expecting

Mr. Voigt stated the operations committee are looking into combining the rescue unit and equipment van. Assistant Chief Orth explained what they are looking at and explained there is one near Lester Prairie. The rescue unit was the second priority and hopefully replaced by 2018.

Mr. Claseman wondered about the 911 Signs on County Road 75. He was told they are in and will be put up shortly.

OPEN FORUM:

Isaac Meemken was in attendance and wanted to further discuss 28th Avenue. He stated they did not recover any abstract that would indicate the road exists. Mr. Meemken requested the City provide something indicating we don't have any interest in that road. Mr. Couri stated that if we cannot show occupation at least once during every 40 year period, we lose our right to the road. Mr. Couri stated we can simply state it is not a city road and thus we don't have an interest in the road. Mayor Kroll indicated he would like to not make a decision yet as some neighboring property owners may want to be heard on this issue. Mr. Meemken stated he doesn't understand why we have to wait, as the way he sees it the road doesn't exist. Mr. Couri explained that if they don't get private easements, the Meemken's could petition for a cartway which the City must grant. It would be at the property owner's expense. Mr. Zenzen indicated that as a non-agenda item, he didn't believe we should take any action. Mr. McCabe was directed to include on the May agenda, unless we host a special meeting.

**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
ROAD**

AGREEMENT: Jerry Finch, the Lynden Township Road Supervisor, was in attendance to review the existing 13th Avenue Road Agreement which was provided in the updated packet. He indicated the township supervisors are okay with the existing agreement. Mayor Kroll stated we may need to do a mill and overlay and the contract doesn't address how a major cost may be shared. Mr. Finch said the best way is to put any request into writing so their full board can consider the request.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Halter stated we have a preconference scheduled for later in the month. He doesn't predict any construction prior to May.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW: Mayor Kroll wondered about the planks on the bridge and the playground equipment.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Mr. McCabe presented two quotes for new tires for the bobcat.

A motion was made to purchase from Royal Tire in the amount of \$622.40 by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe presented two quotes to finish the cold storage building so it could be heated to protect our generator. Mr. Zenzen stated he didn't see any venting in the Biersch Brothers estimate. Mr. Reinert agrees we will need to look at the venting but will be caught with the building permit.

A motion was made to approve with Bierch Bros. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe presented the quote for street sweeping stating it has increased by \$2/hour to a total of \$70/hour.

A motion was made to approve the street sweeping quote by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried unanimously.

The County Tax Capacity rates were provided for information purposes.

Mr. Reinert wondered about annexation and there was a brief discussion about intent with there being no existing intent by either side.

Mr. McCabe stated he and Mayor Kroll have been discussing membership in the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization. He indicated he still recommends ending our membership until we are closer to the State Aid City designation which happens when population hits 5,000. He inquired if we would consider dropping out when our existing dues expire. Mr. Zenzen indicated his hesitation would be on our involvement with area trails; Mayor Kroll stated we ended paying more for our Safe Routes to Schools project because of the federal dollars involved. Mr. Halter stated if we are not part of the APO, we would be a part of the 7W group. Mayor Kroll stated he would recommend exit.

A motion was made to drop membership in the APO once our dues expire by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mayor Kroll. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe indicated he met with the St. Cloud city administrator and they are willing to work with us. Mr. McCabe with work with St. Cloud staff to see how they want to proceed.

Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered about the burned house in Blackberry Farms. Mr. Couri explained the process and stated it will cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Mr. Zenzen asked about the St. Cloud wastewater treatment plant project and Mr. McCabe indicated he has applied for a Wastewater Infrastructure Grant for our share of the project. He can invite Pat Shea to our next meeting

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of April 4, 2017.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator