

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
August 1, 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 Diehl, Reinert, Schulzetenberg and Zenzen; Attorney Couri, Building Inspector Hageman; Fire Chief Tabatt, Assistant Fire Chief Orth, Fire Captain Shawn Steinhoffer, Fire Department Lieutenant Rob Claseman, Firefighter Ben Voigt, Firefighter Lauren Stang, Firefighter Daryl Stang, Water/Wastewater Operator Chad Blashack, Street Maintenance Worker Mark Kiffmeyer and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Steve Netzel, Nate Vasser, Justin Westrup, Brad Paul, Jackie Steinhoffer, and Kevin Albers.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, July 5, 2017.
City Council Agenda, August 1, 2017.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated August 1, 2017 and for Checks #20229 – 20308.
City Council/Fairhaven Township Minutes, July 17, 2017.
Hayloft Outdoor Sales, August 26, 2017.
B. McCabe's attendance at MCFOA Advanced Academy.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the July building inspector's report. He indicated twelve permits were issued during the month including two single family permits and one commercial 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 June fire department report indicating there were twelve calls, bringing the total to 59 for the year. He reviewed the monthly training.

Nate Vasser, representing Center Point Energy, was in attendance to present a grant check to the Fire Department. The community partnership grant program has issued 775 grants over the years. Mr. Vasser presented a check in the amount of \$2,365 for pagers for the department.

Mr. Orth indicated they had attended the mutual aid quarterly meeting in Rockville and he reported on the information they learned at the meeting.

Mr. Claseman stated they finished the ninth round of the AFG program and he stated we haven't been denied as of yet.

OPEN FORUM:

Justin Westrup of the St. Augusta Blizzard Busters was in attendance along with Brad Paul and Kevin Albers. Mr. Westrup indicated they would like to make some upgrades to the shed at Hidden Lake Park. He explained they want to heat it so they can work on the groomer in the winter.

A motion was made to approve the improvements by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Deputy Netzel stated Lt. Weiss was unavailable and indicated a written report will be forthcoming. He stated Lt. Weiss was working on an ordinance on false alarms.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

no report offered.

**BLACKBERRY FARMS
FIRE HOUSE ORDER
RESOLUTION**

#2017-08:

Mr. McCabe indicated he received this order and resolution this afternoon from Mr. Couri. He indicated because it is a HUD home, it is taking longer than normal but we need to force the issue.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #2017-08 and adopt the order on the Blackberry Farms burn house by Mr. Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Orth questioned if we have a policy in place for future arson cases. Mr. Tabatt indicated he had given some information to Mr. Couri and wondered if that is what this is. Mr. Couri indicated he will look into this.

Mr. Couri reported he has visited with US Bank and explained the reason why they have not yet taken it down. He explained why once the order is adopted, he believes that it will be done faster than normal.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW:

Mr. Reinert wondered about the issue on the Blizzard Busters building improvement and stated it should be a donation as that was how it was originally done.

Mayor Kroll wanted members to look at the paint at the fire hall.

Mayor Kroll indicated the walls at the shop need to be cleaned.

Mr. Claseman wondered if we can seal coat the fire hall and the well site.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe reported the St. Cloud wastewater treatment plan project is moving forward and will be billed beginning next year. He stated he visited with the PFA and was told even though we would qualify for grant funding, the overall funding will run out before we got to our project. He indicated the cost could be up to \$10.50/household if we have to pay at the projection of St. Cloud.

Mr. McCabe asked about the storm water utility and indicated they were having trouble bringing them into the billing system. He was directed to send a letter prior to the billing.

Mr. McCabe reported Stearns County will be replacing and owning all the election equipment. He indicated it will be a minimum of \$1,500 per year but will more than likely be \$2,100. It will be included in the budget.

Mr. McCabe indicated Mr. Blashack is due a step increase after the most recent performance review.

A motion was made to approve Mr. Blashack's step increase by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Reinert. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Couri reported on the Sis Enterprises conditional use issue and wondered if there is any way we can come to a settlement. He indicated what he thought would happen, stating he believes Mr. Sis's attorney advised to do nothing until the City takes action. Consensus was to do what it takes to get the ball rolling on this process.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20pm by Mr. Zenzen seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of September, 2017.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator