

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
June 6, 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, and Zenzen; Attorney Couri; Engineer Halter, Building Inspector Hageman; Fire Chief Tabatt, Assistant Fire Chief Orth, Fire Captain Shawn Steinhoffer, Fire Department Lieutenant Rob Claseman, Water/Wastewater Operator Chad Blashack and Clerk/Administrator McCabe. Council Member Schulzetenberg was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Orth, Jackie Steinhoffer and Jason Miller with Smith Schaefer.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe indicated we would be adding item 6.5, Wastewater Discussion as we have an issue at our main lift station. Mr. Zenzen wondered about sales tax and was told we will see it soon. Mr. Reinert indicated he wasn't at board of review meeting and didn't make recommendation to adjourn. Mr. McCabe indicated he would fix.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, May 2, 2017.
City Council Agenda, June 6, 2017.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated
June 6, 2017 and for Checks #19990 – 20114.
City Council Minutes, May 16, 2017
City Council BOE Minutes, May 5, 2017
Club Almar Outdoor Service for June 24-25
245th Street Closure for June 24, from 7am until 10am

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Weiss was in attendance and presented the May Sheriff's report. He indicated 46 hours were spent on the contract and reviewed the call types for the Month. He also reported 15 adult citations and 4 juvenile citations were issued. Lt. Weiss stated there were two pursuits in town over the last weekend indicating one went directly through a fire scene. He stated there was a little miscommunication but they are looking into how to handle better in the future. Mayor Kroll indicated a deputy indicated they do not enforce the school speed zone because there was never a speed study done. Lt. Weiss stated he was unaware

the issue was not being enforced. Mr. Couri indicated what is required by statute and believes if the project was approved by the State the transportation commissioner can state that.

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Hageman was in attendance to present the May building inspector's report. He indicated fourteen permits were issued during the month including two single family permits. He reviewed valuations and answered questions from the Council. Mayor Kroll indicated he wasn't sure the Legion sign was on the private property, stating it may be on the right-of-way. Mr. Couri said there are public/private issues.

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 April fire department report indicating there were eleven calls, nine of which were medical bringing the total to 38 for the year. He reviewed the monthly training. Mayor Kroll asked if they are satisfied about

Chief Tabatt indicated he received a letter of resignation from the Lieutenant position, effective May 12, from Darryl Stang.

Lt. Claseman stated we are still awaiting word on the AFG grant and indicated we have received the Center Point Energy Grant for additional pagers. He indicated we are still waiting on a DNR grant application for the remainder of the pager cost.

Mr. McCabe inquired as to if they want an invoice for their share of the items purchased for the new utility vehicle.

Ms. Orth indicated the ladies auxiliary was happy with the garage sale taking in almost \$500.

**WASTEWATER/LIFT STATION
ISSUE:**

Chad Blashack was in attendance to report on an issue at the main lift station. He indicated there was a leak in a pipe where the mag meter used to be held. Minnesota Pipe will do the work at some point this week. Mr. Blashack indicated it would take cooperation from St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids and MN Pipe.

Mr. Blashack also gave an update on two control box issues for our park sprinkler systems.

OPEN FORUM: No comments offered.

**2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
PRESENTATION
AND AUDIT
REPORT:**

Jason Miller of Smith Schaefer and Associates was in attendance and presented the 2017 Financial Statement and Audit. He presented a power point presentation that touched on the highlights of the year.

A motion was made to accept the audit and financial statement by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Halter updated the Council on the 2017 Street Project indicating the culverts have been replaced and the milling is complete. Paving should start Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. There are a couple of small soft spots that will be addressed and hopefully there is enough included in the estimate. Mayor Kroll wondered why they hauled the grindings to Rose pit versus Meyer pit. Mr. Halter explained the excess material is property of the contractor. Mr. Reinert wondered if they are using stabilization fabric under the soft spots. Mr. Halter responded that he only found out about them earlier tonight so he has to wait and see how severe the issue is.

PLANNING COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. McCabe presented the minutes from the last meeting indicating they unanimously recommended amending the zoning ordinance to define storage containers as temporary in all residential districts and keeping storage containers as conditional use permits. A proposed ordinance had been included in the packets. Discussion was held on how to improve the ordinance. Mr. Zenzen indicated he would like to see language added that prohibits these from being used as an accessory structure. Mayor Kroll inquired about the fact if this needs to be acted on tonight. He was told no, the only issue is the moratorium expires tomorrow. Mr. Couri suggested we adopt as is with the two amendments and then come back to look at permanent shed type issues in agricultural zoned districts. Mr. Zenzen and Mr. Reinert suggested we have a joint workshop with the planning commission look into this issue.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2017-06 as amended by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Diehl. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2017-07 by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reinert indicated he would like to see the joint meeting as soon as possible. Mr. McCabe suggested with the 4th that we do at our normal August planning commission meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW:

Mayor Kroll said Fairhaven Township turned us down flatly on contributing to our 2015 Street Project. Mr. Reinert suggested we look at our existing agreement and make adjustments so it is more enforceable amongst both parties. Mr. Couri suggested the agreement address by dollar amount, how that could be written. There was a suggestion that we have a joint meeting before we talk about how we amend the agreement.

Mr. Reinert indicated the snowmobile club is interested in finishing the interior of their side of the park storage building. Mr. Couri stated the City has to give written consent for any improvements.

Mayor Kroll stated there is a tree on the corner of 245th Street and County Road 7 and wondered who is responsible.

Mayor Kroll indicated there are traffic counters throughout the city on specific county roads.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe indicated the park board recommended we implement a fee for non-St. Augusta residents using Hidden Lake Park Ballfield

A motion was made to amend fee schedule adding the charge for baseball field game day charge (\$50) for non-St. Augusta users of Hidden Lake Park Ballfield by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Zenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe presented the population estimate.

Mr. McCabe reported that none of the other cities were seal coating so he intended to get bids for our proposed seal coating project.

Mr. McCabe presented a letter Mayor Kleis sent to the County Commissioners on their plan for sales tax for transportation.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:20 pm by Mr. Reinert seconded by Mr. Diehl. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of July, 2017.

BJ Kroll, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator