

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
June 1 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zenzen at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Zenzen, Council Members Backes, Genereux, Coleman and Schmitz; Engineer Boots; Attorney Couri; Fire Chief Kramer, Asst. Fire Chief Steinhofer, Fire Lieutenant Claseman, Fire Lieutenant Voigt, Pat Savage, Treasurer Rasmuson and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Becca Most, St. Cloud Times,

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe indicated he had added to the list of payables including a new one for Steve Schlueter (park maintenance wages/mileage).

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3D as amended by Mr. Backes seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, May 4, 2021
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated June 1, 2021
and for US Bank payment, and Checks #24243-
24321.

City Council Agenda, June 1, 2021
Gambling Permit – St. Augusta Sports Inc.
Liquor Licenses –
St. Augusta Legion – On Sale and Sunday
Club Almar – On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday
Hayloft – On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday
Delux Liquors – Off Sale
St. Augusta Mini Mart – Off Sale

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Deputy Hemmesch was not in attendance and the written May Sheriff's report was presented.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. McCabe said there were 15 permits issued during the month including one new single family permit

A motion was made to accept as presented by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer was in attendance and presented the April run and training report. There were 13 calls during the month bringing the total to 35 calls for the year as compared to 41 at this time last year. Fire Inc., provided pump training for the monthly training.

A motion was made to approve the monthly fire report by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Kramer presented a recommendation promoting Lt. Voigt, Lt. Sandhurst and Lt. Savage to Captain.

A motion was made to promote Ben Voigt, Adam Sandhurst and Pat Savage to Captain by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Voigt presented a quote for pump testing indicating they were also going to be doing some maintenance work.

A motion was made to approve the pump testing quote from Fire Safety USA by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Voigt presented a quote to repair the on board compressor on tender 2 two quotes, if they're bundled with pump testing. Something in the pump is broken Mr. Voigt said. Fire Safety to fix the compressor for \$958.50, Mr. Backes, made the motion, Mr. Genereux, seconded, all voting aye.

OPEN FORUM:

None.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Boots reported the street project is scheduled to commence next Monday. Per the contract, once they start they have 30 work days to be substantially complete.

Mr. Genereux made a motion to accept the engineers report, Ms. Coleman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
UPDATES:**

Mr. McCabe presented the finalized quote from Tow Master to build out the new plow truck authorized two months ago.

A motion was made to approve the build out of the new plow truck from Tow Master for a cost of \$117,468 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe presented a quote to patch 20th Avenue near Rena Circle.

A motion was made to approve the bid from Diversified Paving in an amount of \$2,960 by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

Quotes were presented to repair the drainage ditch in Annis Acres. Mr. McCabe indicated he had invited others to bid the project and this was the only bid received. Mr. Kiffmeyer suggested the rip/rap option would have a longer impact on the ditch and not require as much maintenance. With only one bid, Mr. McCabe asked for attorney counsel on one bid. Mr. Couri said documenting in the file of a quote and keeping in the file for a year will be sufficient. Mr. Genereux had concerns about Mr. Hartkopf not being present. Mr. Backes said if it's working the city should be good. Mr. Genereux asked to table it until July.

Ms. Coleman moved to table the Annis Acres ditch project until July when Mr. Hartkopf is present for input, Mr. Backes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WARNING SIREN
QUOTE:**

Mr. McCabe presented a quote for a new warning siren in Kiffmeyer Park indicating that siren has stopped working completely.

A motion was made to approve the quote from Granite Electronics in an amount of \$16,808.62 along with installation by Design Electric added to the bill by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #2021-07,
CERTIFYING UNPAID FEES/
UTILITY CHARGES:**

Mr. McCabe presented a resolution to certify unpaid utility charges to a property. He indicated the charges had not been paid since the start of COVID.

A motion was made to pass Resolution #2021-07 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARK BOARD
RECOMMENDATION**

HLP DISC GOLF

TEE PADS: A quote was presented to construct concrete tee pads on the disc golf course at Hidden Lake Park.

A motion was made to approve the quote in an amount of \$18,450 JBL Construction by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

TENNIS QUOTE RESURFACING: A quote was presented to resurface the tennis court in Kiffmeyer Park with Versa Court.

A motion was made to approve the court for resurfacing the tennis court in an amount of \$24,975.08 by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

PICKLE BALL CONSTRUCTION: Quotes were provided to construct a pickle ball/half court basketball court in Kiffmeyer Park, fence it in and place the Versa Court surface on top.

A motion was made to go with Diversified Paving's quote for constructing the pickle ball, surfacing with Versa Court and fencing the area by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION: quotes were presented to construct a dog park (parking lot and fencing) on the city owned future water tower site. The park board recommended we just do a gravel parking lot.

A motion was made to construct the dog park by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Ms. Coleman asked if we sent anything to Father Voigt. Mr. Couri said it's complicated. It's not owned by an organized religion. If he invites people over it would be freedom of religion. The building however, is not fit for having the public invited in. Issues may be resolved with building permits but right now the city does not see it as a fit space.

Mr. Backes asked about having chickens in the city. Mr. McCabe indicated that would be done with the review of the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Zenzen said meeting will begin taking place in July. He encouraged vaccinations.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe presented a letter from Green Acres Animal Rescue extending their zoning application.

Mr. Hartkopf was present to ask about the bids. Mr. McCabe said we only have the one bid and said we need a second one. Mr. Boots said the rip rap is to slow the erosion. Mr. Hartkopf said we was concerned the sediment. He also said there are trees lying in the ditch. He asked

the city to remove them. Mr. Backes said to wait until the tree starts to back up the water. Mr. Zenzen said we'll have the public works department take some pictures of the trees down in the ditch.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn to at 8:30. Mr. Genereux, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this 5th day of July, 2021.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator