

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
February 4, 2020**

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, Reinert, Schulzetenberg and Genereux; Engineer Boots; Fire Chief Tabatt, Fire Captain Steinhofer, Fire Captain Kramer, Fire Lieutenant Claseman, Fire Lieutenant Voigt, Fire Lieutenant Sandhurst, Fire Fighter L. Stang, Fire Fighter A. Bahr, Stearns County Deputy Hemmesch, and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gina Kramer, Sheri Stang, Jackie Steinhofer, Jim Pundsack, Marlene Pundsack, Bruce Berhow, Marsha Berhow, Nick Sanner and Pat Kramer.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Zenzen questioned what the cost of the annual trainings were and Mr. McCabe responded that both the MCFOA Conference and MN Rural water conference were \$250.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3E by Mr. Reinert, second by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, January 2, 2020.
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated February 4, 2020 and for US Bank payment and Checks #23173-23235.

City Council Agenda, February 4, 2020
Bill McCabe's attendance at Annual MCFOA Conference
Chad Blashack's and Paul Hollermann's attendance at MN Rural Water Conference.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report given.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. McCabe presented the spreadsheet with the monthly building permits.

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

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Tabatt was in attendance and presented the December run and training report bringing the total calls as of the end of 2019 to 120. Fire Inc., provided hazardous materials refresher training as well as an EMR refresher course.

A motion was made to approve the monthly fire report by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Voigt indicated there is an opportunity for a grant from Firehouse Subs and it would be approximately a 50/50 grant. They presented a quote for a new generator stating that is what they would like to write this grant for. Ms. Schulzetenberg wondered if there was a time period when it needs to be written. Mr. Reinert inquired as to if there was a cap on the match. Consensus was to go ahead and write the grant.

Lt. Voigt asked for approval for the turn-out gear and was told to go.

Lt. Claseman discussed the annual physical and wondered if they should be drug testing. They talked more about if there is legalization of marijuana, how that would be handled. Mr. Couri suggested we look into how it is being handled in other communities.

Chief Tabatt wondered about Refractions, LLC and stated they asked Stearns County to send a deputy any time they are paged to the residence. There was significant discussion from residents on what this actually is. Mr. Couri suggested we invite the operator and the State to a meeting to explain to the Council and public what is actually happening.

OPEN FORUM: No additional comments offered.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Boots indicated he really didn't have anything to report. There was a small discussion on the road inspection and that will be an item on the next agenda.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Mr. Genereux wondered about tree trimming and was told there is some final cleanup that will be done in the spring.

Ms. Schulzetenberg indicated she is still getting complaints on the plowing and was told the guys are doing what they can with one belly blade.

Ms. Schulzetenberg indicated she is still getting complaints about the storm water bill and wondered if we can better identify what it is.

Mayor Zenzen explained mailboxes occasionally get hit while snow is being plowed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe indicated we have to change the date of our March meeting because of the presidential primary. He asked if we should have it on March 4 or March 10.

A motion was made to hold the meeting on March 10 by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe reported that we have had a few offers on the ambulance and Chevy van. He asked for authorization to sell them to the highest offer. He explained Mr. Couri suggested we remove the lights and sirens and said he would find someone to do that prior to the final sale.

A motion was made to sell the vehicles to the highest offer by Mr. Reinert, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe suggested we set May 16, 2020 as the clean-up day.

Mr. McCabe reported our annual audit field work will be taking place next week, February 11-13.

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

Approved this 10th day of March, 2020.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator