

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
January 2, 2020**

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

PRESENT: Council Members Backes, Reinert, Schulzetenberg and Genereux; Engineer Boots; Building Inspector Harren; Fire Chief Tabatt, Fire Captain Steinhofer, Fire Captain Kramer, Fire Lieutenant Claseman, Fire Lieutenant Voigt, Water/Sewer Operator Blashack, Stearns County Deputy Hemmesch, Maintenance Assistant Hollermann and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill Tabatt, Mary Orth, Sheri Stang, Jackie Steinhofer, and Steve Hartkopf.

CONSENT AGENDA: **A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items 3A – 3G by Mr. Backes, second by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, December 3, 2019
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated January 2, 2020 and for US Bank payment and Checks #23100-23172.

City Council Agenda, January 2, 2020
Tri-County Humane Society contract
Gambling Premise Permit, St. Mary HOC June 27-28
Temporary Liquor Licenses, St. Mary HOC March 14 and June 27-28

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Hemmesch presented the Sheriff's report. He reviewed the call types and answered questions from the Council.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harren presented the quarterly building inspector's report. He noted 28 permits were issued in the quarter bringing the total for the year to 112. 2019 saw 14 single family permits issued.

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

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Tabatt was in attendance and presented the November run and training report bringing the total calls as of the end of November to 112. Fire Inc., provided the training on incident command course.

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

Lt. Claseman asked Mr. Couri if there was any progress on an ordinance.

Lt. Voigt stated the new rescue rig is delivered and will be in service on Sunday, January 5.

**PUBLIC WORKS
UPDATE:**

Mr. Blashack stated he has received a couple of lift station alarms but it is running great now that the pump was pulled. Working mostly on snow removal. The new JCB skid loader is in service.

OPEN FORUM:

Steve Hartkopf was in attendance and stated he wanted to discuss the ditch near his home. He presented a written request with what he wants done at that ditch? Mr. Reinert suggested we look at it again in the spring.

ACTING MAYOR:

A motion was made to appoint Paul Reinert acting mayor by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Reinert abstaining.

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
OFFICIALS AND
COUNCIL**

REPRESENTATIVES:

A motion was made to make the following appointments by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Backes:

Planning Commission: Jason Netland and Brian Brown to an additional 3-year term.

Park Board: Camille Murphy and Colleen Lommel to an additional 3-year term.

Council Representative to Park Board: Brent Genereux

EDA: Mayor Mike Zenzen and Donna Schulzetenberg.

Council Fire Department Representative: Justin Backes and Paul Reinert.

City Assessor: Don Ramler, Stearns County Assessor's Office

City Attorney (Civil): Mike Couri – Couri and Ruppe

City Attorney (Prosecution): Jenall Kendal – Stearns County

Admin. Hearing Officer: Quinlivan and Hughes

City Engineer: Jeremy Boots – Moore Engineering.

Planning Consultant: Cindy Nash – Collaborative Planning.

Building Inspector: Mark Harren, MidMinnesota Code Enforcement

Electrical Inspector: Darrel Nemeth

**Weed Inspector: Paul Reinert.
Assistant Weed Inspector: Mark Kiffmeyer.**

The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
#2020-01, SETTING
COMPENSATION:**

Mr. McCabe presented a resolution with wages equal to a 1.5% increase over 2019 as was included in the budget. He also stated he modified from what was originally sent out to show the training wage for new firefighters at \$10/hour for training and meetings.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2020-01, approving a 1.5% pay raise and setting compensation for elected and appointed officials by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR
MEETINGS, OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
AND OFFICIAL
DEPOSITORIES:**

A motion was made to declare the regular council meetings on the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, the regular Planning Commission meetings on the Monday prior to the first Tuesday in each month at 7:00pm, and Park Board meetings on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting of each month at 7:00pm, EDA meetings as needed, to designate The St. Cloud Times the official newspaper Harvest Bank, Steifel and US Bank

as official depositories by Mr. Backes seconded by Mr. Genereux.
Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #2020-02,
DESIGNATING**

SIGNERS: A motion was made to approve Resolution #2020-02 designating officials authorized to sign approved checks by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Ms. Schulzetenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE
#2020-01:**

A motion was made to approve Ordinance #2020-01, adopting the fee schedule by Ms. Schulzetenberg, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #2020-03,
APPOINTING ELECTION**

JUDGES: A motion was made to approve Resolution #2020-03, appointing election judges by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Boots says he would like to get the road inspection done as soon as possible. Mr. Reinert indicated days he would not be available.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Mr. Genereux asked about the tree trimming. Mr. Blashack indicated he believes it is done, but there may be some clean up to be finished later in the spring.

Ms. Schulzetenberg just asked that we keep up on the plowing of the roads.

Mr. Backes thanked the guys for how they were plowing.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe presented the information on the League of Cities dividend.

Mr. McCabe reported the wastewater treatment facility is working with the City of Foley to possibly add them to the system. He presented the two options for Foley buying in on the system and the ramifications it would have on us.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:50pm by Mr. Genereux seconded by Backes. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this 4th day of February, 2020.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator