

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
May 4, 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; Fire Chief Kramer, Asst. Fire Chief Steinhofer, Fire Lieutenant Claseman, Fire Lieutenant Voigt, Deputy Hemmesch, Treasurer Rasmuson and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Courtney Welch

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe indicated he added Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Water Use at the end of the agenda before the Council Purview.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, April 20, 2021
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated May 4, 2021
and for US Bank payment, and Checks #24206-
24242.
City Council Agenda, May 4, 2021

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Deputy Hemmesch was in attendance and presented the April Sheriff's report. He noted there were 41.75 hours spent on the contract with 22 citations issued. He answered questions from the Council.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. McCabe said there are 9 new family homes, 3 in ground swimming pools, otherwise nothing out of the ordinary.

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

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer was in attendance and presented the March run and training report. There were nine calls during the month bringing the

total to 22 calls for the year as compared to 22 at this time last year. Fire Inc., provided a live burn trailer for the monthly training.

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

Chief Kramer presented quotes for new tires on the grass rig. He indicated the factory tires were insufficient as the truck was prone to be stuck.

Mr. Zenzen made a motion to approve tire purchase for \$880, Mr. Backes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

It was consensus to sell the Hotsy pressure washer for at least \$400 on a social platform.

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 works days to be substantially complete.

Mr. Boots presented a letter on the rural residential district as was discussed at last month's meeting. The letter indicates the City can designate the area as a rural residential district.

A motion to designate Eagles Landing a rural residential district and set the speed limit at 35MPH in the subdivision by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER USE AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT:

Mr. McCabe presented Amendment No. 2 to the Water Use Agreement with the City of St. Cloud. He stated the agreement expires in July and will be for an additional 5 years. He also reported he has been working with Moore Engineering to come up with a plan to start looking into requesting state bonding money to assist with building our own treatment facility and distribution.

A motion was made to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Water Use by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW:

Mr. Genereux asked if we will be having in person meetings soon. Mr. McCabe was not sure. Herd immunity won't be for a while was the consensus but when the emergency declaration is lifted it may force the city's hand.

Mr. Genereux wondered about the warning siren that was discussed last year. Mr. McCabe stated he would contact Granite Electronics and ask for an updated bid.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe indicated there will be additional funding from the American Recover Program, it looks like about \$440,000. There hasn't been any indication yet on how those funds can be spent.

Mr. McCabe reported the street sweeping will hopefully be done by the end of the week, the dust coating was completed last week and the crack filling should commence later this week.

Mr. McCabe reported Lee Meier was interested in the vacant planning commission position that also is the representative on the Park Board.

A motion was made to appoint Mr. Meier to the Planning Commission and as the PC representative on the Park Board by Mayor Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe reported the park board has asked for quotes for cement pads at the disc golf course and volunteer work to clean up some brush. They also asked for quotes to resurface the tennis court. They are also looking at adding a dog park and determine where that should be located. There was a suggestion of the future water tower site and also the future city hall site by the fire hall.

Chief Kramer asked about National Night Out. Mr. McCabe suggested we postpone that discussion until the Governor makes a decision on the peace time emergency. Consensus was to wait for the Governors declaration.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn to at 7:50 pm by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this 4th day of May, 2021.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator