

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA

November 2, 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; Attorney Mike Couri; Staff Rasmuson and Administrator McCabe (via phone).

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works staff Mark Kiffmeyer, Chad Blashack and Paul Hollermann. Fire Chief Joe Kramer, Firefighters Adam Sandhurst, Lauren Stang, Pat Savage, Rob Claseman, Butch Stang, and Ben Voigt. Kathy Toulouse, Mike Toulouse, Brent Ahmann and Sheri Stang.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, October 5, 2021

Special City Council Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2021

Special Work Session, October 20, 2021

Bills Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated November 2, 2021 and for US Bank Payment, and Checks 26689-26748.

City Council Agenda, November 2, 2021

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Mayor Zenzen went through the Sheriff's report.

A motion was made to approve by Mr. Backes second by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTORS

REPORT: **After reviewing the building inspectors report a motion was made to approve by Mr. Backes, second by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.**

FIRE DEPT REPORT: After reviewing the fire department report presented by Chief Kramer, Mr. Backes made motion to approve, second by Ms. Colman. Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring of firefighter Ferechil Boser. Motion made by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Relief Assn Benefit Request. Butch Stang was present to ask council for different compensation packages.

After discussion Mr. Backes made motion to raise benefit amount to \$1,500 per year, second by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Dept Auxillary was present to report on recipients of their donations.

PUBLIC WORKS

UPDATE: Mark Kiffmeyer was present to discuss the brush cutting tractor. He said he is waiting for newer one to come on to the market. He is not finding anything suitable for the city to buy currently. Mr. McCabe said he met with the engineers about 200th Street. He said soil boring tests are being done to see what caused the soil erosion that is breaking up the road. Depending what the tests reveal, the city may need to make it a gravel road.

Mr. Blashack was present to update them on sewer/water issues and regular maintenance. The city received a quote for street repair around water gate valves and manhole from Paul Reinert in \$7,790 to repair it. Mr. Backes made motion to accept the estimate, not to exceed the \$7,790 quote, Mr. Genereux seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

2021-17: **Compensation for Employees after Salary Study. Mr. Backes made motion, Mr. Schmitz seconded for salary compensation to being immediately, with the exception of city council's pay. Motion carried unanimously.**

2021-18 Assessing Delinquent Storm Water Bills. The city sent a letter to those who are delinquent explaining what the bill is for and that it will be assessed to their taxes for nonpayment after November 2, 2021.

Mr. Genereux made motion, Mr. Backes seconded to approved the resolution. Motion carried unanimously, removing those residents who paid recently from tax roll assessment.

ENGINEERS REPORT: No Engineer report.

CLERKS REPORT: Mr. McCabe went over tax rate information and census population data he received with the council and answered questions they had.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW: Mr. Genereux wondered about the trail at Kiffmeyer park; Mr. Kiffmeyer responded the staff is working on making the repairs.

CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Schmitz made motion to go into a closed session, Ms. Coleman seconded. Motion carried unanimously to go into closed session to discuss Veteran Preference Points and city procedures.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Mr. Schmitz made motion to reopen the meeting at 8:49, second by Ms. Coleman.

ADJOURNMENT: **Mr. Schmitz made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50, Mr. Genereux seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this 7th day of December, 2021.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator