

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
September 6, 2022**

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; Fire Chief Kramer, Fire Captain Voigt, Fire Captain Savage, County Deputy Widmer; Water Sewer Operator Blashack, Building Official Wallen and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Belknap, Jennifer Johnson, Jackie Steinhofer, Sheri Stang, Dave Kotschever, Roxanne Kotschever,

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe asked we add payments to Inspectron in the amount of \$46,792.48, Core and Main for \$256.84 and Community Technology Center for \$792.

A motion was made to approve as amended by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, August 2, 2022
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated September 6, 2022 and for US Bank payment and Checks #24514, #24515 and #27487– 27576 and for ePayments 24582e-24604e.
City Council Budget Workshop Minutes, August 31, 2022.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: The sheriff's report was included in the packet, Lt. Widmer was in attendance to answer questions. He indicated 45 contract hours were spent in the month and reviewed the call types.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Building Official Mike Wallen was in attendance to present the building permit spreadsheet. He indicated 56 permits were issued during the month of August, mostly re-roof permits. Mr. Wallen answered questions from the Council.

A motion was made to approve the report as presented by Mr. Backes seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

BARRY BELKNAP: County Commissioner candidate Barry Belknap was in attendance and thanked the Council for allowing himself to introduce himself and his candidacy.

**PUBLIC WORKS
UPDATE:**

Mr. Blashack was in attendance and presented three quotes for a new water softener at the fire hall stating the old one is no longer working. He also presented quotes on replacing or fixing the water heater at the fire hall. Both were the original, installed when

A motion was made to purchase a new water softener and water from H&S Heating in an amount of \$5,690 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer presented the July fire department report stating there were 7 calls in the month bringing the total for the year to 79 as opposed to 64 at the same time last year. Monthly training was address driving held in house and an online training course on apparatus operation.

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

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**RESOLUTION #2022-13,
PRELIMINARY
LEVY:**

Mr. McCabe presented the resolution adopting the preliminary levy, indicating it is approximately a 6.5% increase over the 2022 levy.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #2022-13 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #2022-03.
AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
THE SALE, TESTING, MANUFACTURING AND
DISTRIBUTION OF
THC PRODUCTS:**

Mr. McCabe explained this is a moratorium and only prohibits anyone who is not already selling, testing, manufacturing or distributing THC from doing so until the moratorium is lifted. Ms. Coleman indicated she is not opposed to a moratorium, she just wants it to not last 12 months. She suggested we amend section 6 for three months.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance #2022-03 as amended by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Zenzen voting no.

OPEN FORUM: No comments offered.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW: Mayor Zenzen reported that the Kiffmeyer Park rail fence is rotting, Mr. McCabe stated he would have the crew replace the rotting sections.

Mayor Zenzen also wondered if there would be an easier way to get water to Hidden Lake Park.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Mr. McCabe indicated we need to schedule our joint planning commission/city council workshop to begin the review of our zoning ordinances. He indicated the days that work for Cindy Nash this month are September 27 or 28. Consensus is September 27 at 7pm.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55pm by Mr. Schmitz, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 6th day of September, 2022.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator