

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
November 1, 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, City Attorney Couri, County Sheriff Lt. Widmer; and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jen Johnstone, John Hennessy,

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe asked that we add the payment to Xcel Energy in the amount of \$155.09.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, October 4, 2022
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated November 1, 2022 and for US Bank payment and Checks #27665 - 27722 and for ePayments 24623e-24640e.
City Council Minutes, October 26, 2022
B. McCabe's attendance at CGMC Fall Conference

SHERIFF'S REPORT: The sheriff's report was included in the packet, Lt. Widmer was in attendance to answer questions. He indicated 44 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 Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Zenzen asked if server awareness classes were being offered by the sheriff's department. Deputy Widmer indicated they try to offer 4-6 classes per year.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe presented the building permit spreadsheet, he indicated 43 permits were issued during the month of October including one new single family home and one large accessory structure foundation.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer presented the September fire department report stating there were eight calls in the month bringing the total for the year to 101 as opposed to 88 at the same time last year. Monthly training was done in house and online on ladders. Fire Inc. did a training on the ventilation trailer.

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

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

No report offered, Mr. Boots was out sick.

**ST. AUGUSTA LEGION
LIQUOR LICENSE
VIOLATION:**

Mayor Zenzen recused himself from this discussion as he is the commander of the St. Augusta Legion. Mr. Backes took over as acting mayor on this issue. Mr. McCabe presented the report from the sheriff's office along with our guiding resolution and violation history for the St. Augusta Legion. Ms. Coleman asked if we had to take action and was told the policy is only a guideline. Mr. Hennessy, representing the Legion, indicated they were waiting for a letter telling them when trainings were schedule. Mr. Backes suggested we do as was done before and levy a fine that will be waived with proof of training.

A motion was made to issue a fine in the amount of \$500 which will be waived with proof of training by Mr. Schmitz, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Zenzen abstaining.

**ST. AUGUSTA MINI-MART
LIQUOR LICENSE
VIOLATION:**

Mr. McCabe presented the report from the sheriff's office along with our guiding resolution and violation history for the St. Augusta Mini-Mart, noting this is the first offense for the current ownership.

A motion was made to issue a fine in the amount of \$500 which will be waived with proof of training by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

no comments offered.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Ms. Coleman asked about the THC ordinance and Mr. Couri said it will be on the agenda next month.

Mr. Backes suggested we put the used disc golf baskets for sale. Ms. Coleman suggested we put them on for \$2,000, there was a suggestion we start a little higher and drop the price per every week. Consensus we will start a \$3,000.

Mr. Genereux stated he thought the parking lots at Kiffmeyer Park look really good.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Mr. McCabe presented the proposed tax rate information based on the preliminary budget. He stated we cannot increase the proposed levy and we will have our truth-in-taxation hearing at next month's meeting.

A motion was made to move into a closed session for attorney client privilege City of St. Augusta vs. Wayne Wineklman at 8:00 pm by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Zenzen called the meeting back into session at 9:15pm.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 pm by Mr. Schmitz, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 6th day of December, 2022.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator