

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
July 5, 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 Captain Voigt, Fire Captain Sandhurst, Fire Captain Savage, Engineer Boots, County Deputy Klein and Water Sewer Operator Blashack, Street Superintendent Kiffmeyer and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Honer, Janel Honer, Jon Honer, Isaac Meemken, Roxanne Kotschever, Dave Kotschever, Sheri Stang, Lauren Bahr and Mr. Meemken.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe asked we add the list of payables that were presented after the updated packet was updated.

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

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, June 7, 2022
Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated July 5, 2022
and for US Bank payment and Checks #27189–
27386 and for ePayments 24548e-24570e.
City Council Agenda, July 5, 2022
Temporary Liquor Licenses – St. Mary HOC
Gambling Premise Permit – St. Mary HOC
Allow outdoor liquor sales at the Hayloft July 30
Allow outdoor liquor sales at Club Almar on July 15-16
Resolution #2022-12, Appointing Election Judges

SHERIFF'S REPORT: The sheriff's report was included in the packet, Sgt. Klein was in attendance to answer questions. She indicated 39 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. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: The 2022 building permit spreadsheet was presented. 53 additional permits were issued in June including another four single family permits.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS
UPDATE:**

Mr. Kiffmeyer presented quotes for repairs to 13th Avenue.

A motion was made to approve the quote of ML Schendzielos & Son in an amount of \$4,850 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kiffmeyer talked about the boom mower discussed last year would be available at a cost of \$8,710/month.

A motion was made to rent the tractor and boom mower at a cost not to exceed \$9,500 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blashack was in attendance and explained the module on the speed sign on County Road 7 was bad and needs to be replaced (\$1,300 per side) or repaired for \$500 per side.

A motion was made to approve the repair the modules by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Captain Sandhurst presented the May fire department report stating there were 17 calls in the month bringing the total for the year to 58 as opposed to 39 at the same time last year. Monthly training was pump operations provided by Fire Inc.

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

Captain Voigt presented a quote for upgrades to the new grass rig. Mr. McCabe presented the list of items approved along with the pickup and indicated if all the improved items are included, they are already over budget. Captain Voigt stated the Relief will kick in an additional \$3,000 toward these items.

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$7,913 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Voigt presented quotes for hose testing at option #1 in the amount of \$3,220.

A motion was made to approve the quotes from FireCatt for annual hose testing in an amount of \$3,220 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Isaac Meemken inquired about having items included to the agenda. Mayor Zenzen explained that it is a long process and there wasn't time to get the study necessary to include on the agenda. He also said it wasn't fair to all the other residents in the agricultural areas. Mr. McCabe explained the process for a text amendment. Mr. Couri explained the moratorium process.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boots gave a brief update on the 2022 Street Project indicating it should be done within a couple of weeks.

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

Mayor Zenzen inquired about 250th Street. Mr. McCabe responded that we hadn't heard anything and Mr. Boots stated he would contact them.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

LANDWEHR IUP: Mr. McCabe stated the planning commission unanimously recommended approval.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2022-11, approving the Landwehr IUP by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER PURVIEW:

Ms. Coleman indicated we should do a better job of making aware of our clean-up day. Mr. Genereux asked that we do it earlier in the year.

Mr. Genereux wondered about the catch basins in Blackberry Farms and was told that it would need to be budgeted in the next couple of years. Mr. Boots stated they are working on options for the templates.

Mayor Zenzen wondered about the Winkelman property. Mr. Couri reported he hopes to have something by next month.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. McCabe presented requests from the CGMC and the Initiative Foundation. He indicated they have never been approved in the past.

A motion was made to allocate \$250 to the Initiative Foundation in the 2023 Budget by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCabe reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be held at the Fire Hall in conjunction with National Night Out.

**A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25pm by Mr. Genereux,
seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this 2nd day of August, 2022.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator