

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
July 5, 2023**

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, Schmitz, Coleman and Hommerding; Fire Captain Bahr, Fire Captain Savage, Fire Fighter L. Bahr, Stearns County Deputy Widmer, Attorney Couri, and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Brand, Rep. Bernie Perryman, Sheri Stang, and Abdullah Gaafarekhalifa.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe asked that we add a payable to the Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$250.

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 6, 2023.

Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated July 5, 2023 and for US Bank payment and Checks #24769e – 24797e and #28279 -28340.

City Council Agenda, July 5, 2023

Gambling Permits St. Mary HOC (Oct. 6, Nov. 17 and Feb. 10)

Temporary Liquor Licenses St. Mary HOC (Oct. 6, Nov. 17 and Feb. 10).

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Lt. Widmer presented the Sheriff's report. He indicated 37.25 hours were spent on the contract in the month and reviewed the call types and answered questions from the Council.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe presented the quarterly building inspector's report. He noted there were 44 total permits issued during the month of June including one new single family permit and one new commercial permit.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS
28th AVENUE**

REPAIRS:

Mr. McCabe indicated presented a quote for repairs to 65th Avenue/205th Street.

A motion was made to approve the quote of Steve's Excavating for a total of \$9,200 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Captain Savage presented the May fire report. He indicated there were 13 calls during the month bringing the total to 45 calls compared with 58 at this time last year. He noted there was a walkthrough of Freightliner, Fire Inc. presented training with a live burn trailer and there was also an EMS refresher course.

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

OPEN FORUM:

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

No report given.

**RESOLUTION #
2023-12, A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING WATER
SYSTEM**

IMPROVEMENTS:

Mr. McCabe stated this was necessary for our capital budget request to the 2024 legislature.

A motion has been made to approve Resolution #2023-12 by Mayor Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW:

Mayor Zenzen indicated appreciation for 250th Street being done.

Mayor Zenzen inquired about the National Night Out and Ms. Stang responded they are working on it.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe wanted to set the next meeting to review the sign ordinance prior to the public hearing. Consensus was the date would be July 31.

Mr. McCabe reported the new well at HLP hasn't been successful so far.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:20pm by Mr. Hommerding, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2023.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator