

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
August 1, 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 Chief Kramer, Fire Captain Voigt, Stearns County Deputy Meland, Engineer Boots, Attorney Couri, and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Brand, Rep. Bernie Perryman, Jerry Orth, Sheri Stang, and Steve Voigt.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe asked that we add a payable to the Sheri Stang in the amount of \$790.67, to Knaus Sausage for \$589 and to add a temporary liquor license for Lux Rec Club for August 25 – 27. Mayor Zenzen questioned the CIP breakdown and not receiving sales tax. Mr. McCabe clarified the June sales tax was actually property tax. The sales tax will come in soon.

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 5, 2023.

Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated August 1, 2023 and for US Bank payment and Checks #24789e – 24817e and #28373 -28430.

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Liquor License, THC License and Tobacco License, SKGK Ventures

Temporary Liquor Licenses St. Mary HOC (Dec. 8-9) and for Lux Rec Club on Aug. 25-27.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sgt. Meland presented the Sheriff's report. He indicated 41.75 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 52 total permits issued during the month of July including two new single family permits.

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:**

Chief Kramer said they had 11 calls in June bringing the total to 56 for the year. Training was on defensive driving and National Night Out.

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

Chief Kramer stated we got a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for pagers from Center Point Energy.

OPEN FORUM:

No comments offered.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Boots indicated we have an estimate for the 2024 Street Project and the estimate shows it is double what we want to spend. Consensus was to focus on Terrace Hills with the alternates.

A motion was made to boundary and topographical survey on those roads by Mayor Zenzen, seconded by Mr. Schmits. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Mr. Hommerding noted the light poles have been installed at the dog park. Mr. McCabe thanked Xcel Energy for supplying used poles and the two workers who volunteered their time.

Mr. Schmitz wondered about continuing to allow the craft ladies the use of the fire hall. Mr. Couri stated the only issue would be a HIPPA issue; Deputy Meland said anyone who has the phone scanner app has the ability to get the information. With that information consensus was leave it be.

Mayor Zenzen said the flyer about the new power line from Xcel Energy was included and consensus was to invite them to a council meeting.

Mayor Zenzen indicated he attended a meeting to discuss Capital Budget requests to the State Legislature.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe presented quotes for weed and feed at both parks. He indicated staff had stopped doing the weed to save cost.

A motion was made to approve the quote from Valley Green quote by Mr. Hommerding, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:45pm by Mr. Hommerding, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 5th day of September, 2023.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator