

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
November 12, 2024**

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, Hommerding, Coleman and Schmitz; Stearns County Deputy Tim Meland, Fire Chief Kramer, Attorney Couri, Engineer Morast, Contracted Planner Cauffman and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brent Genereux, Amy Brand, Mark Skaalerud, Paul Shea, Jill Shea, Mike Cramer, Tom Harren, Kathy Saar, Ron Saar

CONSENT AGENDA: **A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, October 21, 2024

City Council Agenda, November 12, 2024.

Bill Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated November 12, 2024 and for ePayments #25136e – 25157e and Checks #26081 – 26152.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Deputy Meland presented the sheriff's report indicating 44 hours were spent on the contract during the month of October. He reviewed the call types and other points of interest. He also presented the new contract.

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. McCabe presented the October building inspector's report indicating there were 13 permits issued during the month including one new commercial building, bringing the total new commercial buildings to three for the year.

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

FIRE DEPT. REPORT:

Chief Kramer presented the September monthly report indicating there were 10 calls for the month bringing the total to 115 on the year as compared to 95 at this time in 2023. Monthly training was done in house with an air management dodge ball training class. MN Fire also held a pump training class and the 5th Monday had the EMR refresher.

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

OPEN FORUM:

Mike Cramer, a resident on Beaver Lake Road, was in attendance to discuss the Otta Seal project. He stated he believed the job was done poorly and without quality control. He stated he understands there won't be a response on his comments this evening and he wants to know how this will be addressed in the future. _____, also

Paul Shea, 2511 Jewel St, thanked the council for the shelter at the dog park and indicated he wants to know what new amenities will be offered in the City.

Mr. Morast was asked about what we can do on Beaver Lake Road and indicated there is warranty and it will be addressed in the spring. Mr. McCabe was asked when this road is scheduled to be fixed and indicated it was a trial trying to buy time until the priority comes to the top on this road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Morast responded to a complaint on the Rice Contracting pit and presented a memo to the Council and City Administrator. Mr. McCabe indicated he would share with both the complainant and Rice Contracting.

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

RESOLUTION #2024-24, CANVASSING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2024-24 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Hommerding. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE:

Ms. Caufman presented a memo with the recommendation on the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance update. She indicated all the changes discussed at the public hearing have been incorporated into the newest document and also presented the resolutions and ordinances that need to be adopted.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2024-23, adopting the St. Augusta Comprehensive Plan by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance #2024-04, Adopting the St. Augusta Zoning Code by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2024-25, adopting the St. Augusta Zoning Code by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW:

Ms. Coleman wanted to know if we could post to the community Facebook pages. Mr. McCabe stated we are advised against it and even advised to turn comments off on any posts we make on Facebook.

Mr. Hommerding wondered about the parade insurance.

Mr. Hommerding stated the shelter has been started at the dog park.

Mr. Hommerding indicated he was a little disappointed the proposed power line will be going through the city just south of Emerald Ponds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT:

Mr. McCabe indicated he would be away from the office for the next three days on a mini vacation.

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

Approved this 3rd Day of December, 2024.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator