

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
March 18, 2025**

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmitz at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Schmitz, Council Members Backes, Hommerding, Genereux and Skaalerud; and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Gapinski, Robin Caufman, Paul Shea, Amy Brand,
- CONSENT AGENDA:** **A motion was made by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Hommerding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

Bill Payable dated March 18, 2025 for ePayments #25247e – 25251e and Checks #26425 - 26439.
City Council Workshop Agenda, February 18, 2025

STIFEL INVESTMENT PRESENTATION:

Steve Gapinski was in attendance to review our investment portfolio. He indicated the portfolio is averaging about 5.5% whereas the fed rate today is about 4%. He discussed liquidity, laddering and recommended if there are additional funds to be invested, now would be the time to invest as rates are still good but anticipated to come down.

DETACHED STRUCTURE DISCUSSION:

Mr. McCabe indicated Robin Caufman was in attendance to go over the draft accessory structure ordinance. Ms. Caufman reviewed the ordinance and answered questions from the Council. There was discussion on items that needed to be amended prior to the public hearing. Staff was tasked with cleaning up the proposed draft for the public hearing scheduled on April 1.

PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW:

Mr. McCabe provided the personnel policy for review. There was a discussion on work hours and potentially changing the work schedule and office hours. Mr. McCabe stated he would work with staff to come up with a proposal for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: **A motion was made to adjourn at 8:40pm by Mr. Hommerding seconded by Mr. Skaalerud.**

Approved this 1st day of April, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator