

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
July 15, 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, Hommerding, Genereux, Backes and Skaalerud; Engineer Bunders and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Brand, Mike Cramer, Cody Hilke, Ron Faber, Lenore Tschida, Nadine Streit, Marlys Janski, Rich Janski, Keith Laudenbach, Joel Schuldt, Mark Schindele, Roland Jurgens, Kevin Winkelman, Bernie Schuldt, Jenny Schmidt,

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe said he was just given an invoice to West Central Sanitation for the parade garbage in the amount of \$200.44 and asked that we add this to the agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

Bill Payable dated July 15, 2025 for ePayments #25327e – 25331e and Checks #24782 – #24808.

City Council/Planning Commission Workshop Agenda, July 15, 2025

**28th AVENUE
DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Bunders indicated the road was in really poor shape and said without any budget or priority we need to discuss options. He indicated we had previously looked into doing an Otta Seal on the property and stated the estimate for that work was \$293,000. A second option would be to change the road to gravel until funds are available to reconstruct and that estimate is \$92,000. He offered a third option of just leaving as is. Mr. McCabe offered a fourth option of doing patches over the real bad spots and asked the residents in attendance for their input. Mayor Schmitz indicated we are working on our 5 year road plan and hope to be able to fully reconstruct this road soon. One gentleman indicated he would rather see nothing done than to change it to gravel. Another offered an opinion that he didn't want to see patches done yearly that would ultimately add up to the cost of redoing the road. Consensus was to solicit quotes to do some patch work and hope that the patches last until we can work the road into the CIP.

**FAIRHAVEN TOWNSHIP
BEAVER LAKE ROAD**

DISCUSSION: Mr. McCabe indicated this is on the agenda because the south end of Beaver Lake Road is in Fairhaven Township and our joint road agreement does not address this road. Fairhaven Township Supervisors Mark Schindele and Roland Jurgens were in attendance for the discussion. Mr. Jurgens indicated he thought they were invited to the meeting to discuss 200th Street. Mayor Schmitz indicated we asked for the discussion because we have a few other areas where there are properties benefiting from services provided by St. Augusta but not paying taxes to St. Augusta and we just wanted to begin the conversation. Mr. Jurgens indicated they would typically do this at their annual meeting in March and Mr. McCabe suggested they do a special meeting as there hasn't been an agreement on this portion of road for 25 plus years St. Augusta has maintained. The Fairhaven Supervisors agreed to discuss at an upcoming meeting and get back to us.

BLACKBERRY FARMS

POND DISCUSSION: Mr. McCabe indicated it was on the agenda because of the discussion from the July 1 meeting. He indicated the pond has been mowed since the last meeting and there were still concerns as there was a number of grass clipping piles dumped back there as well as other items being stored or piled on the city property. A question arose as to ordinances that are being violated and Mr. McCabe stated he is sure there is something in the MS4 ordinance as well as in the nuisance ordinance. Mr. Genereux suggested we send a reminder to all those living adjacent to the pond and tell them of the violations as well as the consequences, ultimately stating if they continue to dump the grass clippings, store items on the city property and allow their dogs to use it as a place to "do their business", the city would be forced to install a fence.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:10pm by Mr. Skaalerud seconded by Mr. Genereux.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator