

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
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ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 5, 2011

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerry Tveit at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Jerry Tveit, Council members, Jeff Sandoval, Steve Kane and Chris McClish. LeRoy Schaffer absent. Also present were City Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolton & Menk, Inc.) Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, City Administrator Matt Hysten, and City Clerk Barb Held.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND KANE TO ADOPT THE JULY 5, 2011 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Tveit asked that 7c. be pulled from agenda. Motion carried 4-0. MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND KANE TO TABLE 7C. RESOLUTION 2011-17. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND McCLISH TO APPROVE THE JULY 5, 2011, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA-C AS FOLLOWS:
  - a. Approve the City Council Minutes of June 20, 2011.
  - b. Approve Authorization for Sgt. Jake Rehling to attend Out of State FBI Training.
  - c. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$251,297.08.

Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Meeting Open to the Public:**

William Gardner, 5304 238<sup>th</sup> Avenue; thank Barb (Held) for sending the information I requested in a timely manner. Also thanked Steve Kane for his comment at the last meeting on the car show. I would like to address the information that Barb (Held) provided to me. First, I would like to say the City owns a lot of vacant land. Second, it looks like we are only being paid for rent of the Isanti property the amount of the taxes. Third I gave you at the last meeting the State Statute on EDA's. I was hoping you would have tabled it. Federal Law says you will not have any authority at all. Take another look, to see what you did at the last meeting.

Renee Strong-Lind, 23151 Dakotah Street NW; stated she is raising a teen son. Ms. Strong-Lind was concerned with the amount of drugs around. Why does this community do nothing about the drug problem? I am a single parent. I understand that children have less respect for adults. We need to make this place a safe place for kids to live. I personally do not understand why we are going to build a new public works building and police building when we could be using that money for other projects. Why not fund a neighborhood Community Crime Watch program, or build a skate park for these kids.

6. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**

a. **Turtle Ridge Townhomes Snow Removal Appeal:** The Turtle Ridge Townhomes sent in a letter appealing the emergency snow removal bill they received. The invoice that was sent to them was for snow removal after the snow event on December 11 and 12 of 2010. City Planner Nate Sparks provided a memorandum to the City Council regarding the Snow Removal Policy and the procedure that was followed. This is currently the only appeal. If bills go unpaid, they will be assessed and assessments may also be appealed. Tveit stated they had nine days to remove it before the City sent a contractor out to remove the snow. MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO REJECT THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM THE TURTLE RIDGE TOWNHOMES. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **Ordinances & Resolution:**

a. **Ordinance 155, Second Series: Amending Section 2-5-2 City Clerk/Treasurer, Various Sections of the City Code and Adding Section 2-5-9 Finance (Second Reading):** MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND McCLISH APPROVING THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 155, SECOND SERIES AMENDING SECTION 2-5-2 CITY CLERK/TREASURER VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE AND ADDING SECTION 2-5-9 FINANCE. Roll Call: Ayes: Sandoval, McClish, Kane, and Tveit. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

b. **Ordinance 156, Second Series: Amending Section 10-23 of the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Signs (Second Reading):** MOTION BY KANE SECOND SANDOVAL APPROVING THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 156, SECOND SERIES AMENDING SECTION 10-23 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SIGNS. Roll Call: Ayes: McClish, Kane, Sandoval and Tveit. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

c. **Resolution 2011-17: TABLED Censure of Council member LeRoy T. Schaffer.**

8. **Reports of Consultants & Staff Members:**

a. **Engineer:** No report.

b. **Attorney:** No report.

c. **Staff: Fire Department:** No report.

**Public Works:** No report.

**Liquor Store:** No report.

**Police Dept:** No report.

**City Administrator Report:** Still two vacancies on the Planning commission and will need new EDA members.

9. **Reports from Council Members:** McClish stated he would not be at the next council meeting unless he is able to get back soon enough.

10. **Report from Mayor:** Tveit said there was additional patchwork done on our streets because of the Lions donation of \$1,000. I would like to thank them again.

Earlier today, I received an email from a resident inquiring about a Community Watch program. I would like some assistance from the police department to see what type of interest there is in

the different neighborhoods about start up a program. Maybe we could have an informational meeting at the community center.

11. **Old Business:** Kane asked in regards with the current State shut down what is the status of Pederson Path. Voge said I did have discussion with MnDOT and they indicated that we should be able to continue with our bidding process.

12. **New Business:**

a. **Efficiency Report Card-City Hall:** City Clerk, Barb Held gave a quick overview of Pioneer Days. First, she thanked everyone for their help and support. Putting on a celebration takes more than one to five people; it takes a whole team effort. Last week staff got together for a re-cap of Pioneer Days. Discussing what went well and how we can improve in some areas. Everyone gave their input, which is greatly appreciated. The one area of concern is with donations, we were again down this year. Somehow, we need to start thinking of how we can generate more funding for the event. Overall, it was a success. Kane said I agree the groups work well together. Compliments to Public Works Director everyone just seems to know what to do and tasks were being done.

13. **Adjournment:** The City Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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Barbara I. Held, City Clerk