

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN
ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

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, Tim Brown, Steve Kane and Chris McClish. Jeff Sandoval excused. Also present were City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolton & Menk, Inc.), Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, City Administrator Matt Hysten, and City Clerk Barb Held.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO ADOPT THE JANUARY 17, 2012 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND McCLISH TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 17, 2012, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA-D AS FOLLOWS:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes of January 3, 2012
 - b. Receive and File the Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2011.
 - c. Approved Pay Estimate No. 2 from Amcon Construction Management for North Metro Asphalt and Contracting \$35,720; New Look Contracting Inc. \$23,586; Northland Paving, LLC \$4,275; Classic Construction \$146,199; SCR, Inc \$7,600; and Electrical Solutions \$32,870.
 - d. Approve the Payment of Claims Check No. 63035-63112 for \$1,031,152.88.Motion carried 4-0.
5. **Meeting Open to the Public:** None.
6. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:** None.
7. **Ordinances & Resolution:**
 - a. **Resolution 2012-02 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of St. Francis on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department:** MOTION BY KANE SECOND BROWN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2012-02 A RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. Motion carried 4-0.
8. **Reports of Consultants & Staff Members:**
 - a. **Engineer:** No report.

b. Attorney: Closed Meeting to discuss Labor Negotiation Strategy Pursuant to MN State Statute 13D.03: In the absence of the City Attorney Scott Lepak, City Administrator Matt Hylan asked the City Council to go into Close Session to discuss Labor Negotiation strategy pursuant to MN State Statute 13D.03. **MOTION BY BROWN SECOND KANE TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGY PURSUANT TO MN STATE STATUTE 13D.03 AT 6:04 PM.** Motion carried 4-0. The City Council was back in session at 6:21 pm. Hylan reported the City Council gave direction to staff to continue negotiations.

c. Staff: Fire Department: Update on the Joint Fire Study Group: Hylan referenced Fire Chief Dean Kapler's report. The Study Group met on January 5, 2012. Invited to speak to the group were Chief Zikmund of SBM (Spring Lake Park, Blaine and Mounds View) and Chief Crandall of West Metro Fire (Crystal and New Hope). Both Chiefs gave a presentation on their respective fire districts and answered questions from the Study Group. Another topic of discussion was the demographics of each community and cost share models of different fire districts. More regarding the demographics and cost share models will be discussed at the February meeting. Hylan stated the group asked good questions to both organizations. West Metro Fire is currently going through some struggles with their cooperation. One thing they stressed was make it difficult to dissolve. They both said there definitely are benefits in the joint-cooperation. The SBM Fire Department runs as a non-profit organization.

Public Works:

Liquor Store:

Police Dept:

City Administrator Report: Last week I received, an email regarding the Local Government Innovation Forums that I attended. The report should be completed soon in regards to the ideas generated from the forums.

9. **Reports from Council Members:** McClish reported he received a call and an email about another accident at Hwy 47 and Pederson Drive. This resident was very impressed with the police department's response time.

10. **Report from Mayor:** The 2012 Mayor's Snowmobile Trail Ride has been re-scheduled to February 11, 2012. However, they are still going to be holding the Vintage Snowmobile Show on January 21, 2012. I started to run on Pederson Path and found out that St. Francis has a running club; they meet every Saturday morning at Bridge Street Coffee.

A resident called him about a car/deer accident and was not happy with the response time from the police department. Tveit said I am not sure this was even in our City, whether it was Anoka or Isanti County dispatch that took the call.

I also received a call from a parent about the intersection of Highway 47/Pederson Drive and the recent accident. Kane asked what ever happened to school patrols. Chief Harapat said the school district does have some students helping in certain areas. Highway 47 is a tough intersection for crosswalk patrol because of it being a four-lane highway. Kane said I would still like to go as a group to the Capital to address our State Representatives on this intersection.

11. **Old Business:** Kane said we have and continue to talk about the budget. Kane reported the City Council Pay Salary survey was provided to the City Council in an off week memorandum. Kane stated he would like to discuss it further. I am not doing this for me it is for future councils. I understand that nothing could go into effect until after the next municipal election. Tveit said I am not sure I would vote for it. Kane said he is not in it for the money too. Brown said right now I do not think is a good time. McClish said we are making cuts and giving ourselves a raise may not be the right time.

12. **New Business:**

a. Efficiency Report Card-Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt reported on the cost savings of the energy efficient bulbs in the store. The new bulbs decreased the energy output by 9% from last year. Goals for 2012 are; trying to utilize our reader boards more; placing ads in various local papers for our big events (Ex. Black Friday and March Madness), and getting our website for the Liquor Store out there more. The last item is I would like to create a Facebook account for the Store.

Kane stated the last two Wine Club events have been on council meeting nights. Schmidt stated he would work on eliminated the scheduling conflicts.

13. **Adjournment:** The City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.