

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2012

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerry Tveit at 6:02 p m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Jerry Tveit, Council members Jeff Sandoval, Tim Brown, Steve Kane and Chris McClish. Also present were City Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy and Steffen, Ltd) City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolton & Menk, Inc.), Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Police Sergeant Jake Rehling, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, and City Clerk Barb Held.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION BY McCLISH SECOND KANE TO ADOPT THE MARCH 5, 2012 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** City Attorney Lepak asked to remove 4c from the consent agenda. A clarification is needed in regards to the insurance requirements. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND SANDOVAL TO APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2012, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA-B and D-E AS FOLLOWS:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes of February 21, 2012.
 - b. Accept the Resignation of Part Time Liquor Store Employee Nicole Dowell.
 - c. ~~Approve the Agreement between Allina Hospitals and Clinics (Allina Medical Transportation) and the St. Francis Fire Department.~~
 - d. Approve the Reimbursement Request from the St. Francis Home Run Club for Ice Rink Expenditures.
 - e. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$ \$320,795.48 (Check No. 63264-63327 \$127,234.60 and ACH Debits \$193,560.88)Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Meeting Open to the Public:** William Gardner, 5304-238th Avenue NW addressed the City Council about the clinic at the high school. I agree with Mr. Brown's concerns at the last meeting. The first item of concern is the medication cabinet, what type of medication are they going to have. Second is I was confused on the Planning Commissions vote, third is who is going to be able to attend this clinic. Now it is employees and families thought it was just employees at first. It is not fair to allow just certain people to be able to go this clinic. We have two clinics already in town.
6. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
 - a. **ISD #15 Ordinance Amendment-School Clinic (Ordinance 165 Second Series-First Reading):** This item was tabled at the last meeting. Tveit said Sandoval was not here to see the presentation. Tveit asked Lepak about the legal ramifications of this issue. Lepak

explained the concerns the Council had at the last meeting. It does have some interesting elements to it. Dave Lindberg, Human Resource Director for ISD #15 stated the presentation was probably not the right information to present at that meeting. We did find out if no rent is paid by the entity, they do not have to pay taxes and no money will be exchanged. In regards to the type of medicines at this location, it will be limited. I did talk to the CEO of Goodrich Pharmacy and we are trying to work together on this project. I do not see a negative effect with the existing clinics. The issue is we have employees not going to the doctor and are getting very sick. Therefore, they are not going to the doctor anyway. There is no an additional cost we just want to redirect it. Sandoval there is no guarantee that your employees will go to the clinic anyway. I do not see a need for it. Lindberg said I agree I cannot guarantee the employees will go to this clinic. Brown asked about what type of medication is there going to be. Kane said this staff and city council has worked very hard to work closely with the school in the past. Kane said with the last presentation, I lost some of that trust. Kane asked for this go back to the planning commission. McClish agreed to go back to the planning commission. Brown said if there is no new information I do not believe it will change. If they have more members present, it may. Lindberg asked is it the concept of the facility or the use of the facility that seems to be the problem. Sandoval does not feel the Planning Commission will change their mind. I do not think we should prolong this. After more discussion, the council agreed to send it back to the Planning Commission. **MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO SEND THE SCHOOL CLINIC MATTER BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** Tveit said I am torn on this issue. I do think this is a unique perspective. Sandoval asked who is going to benefit from this clinic. Does it also include their families? Tveit said the school indicated it would lower health care cost for the district. Motion carried 4-1. Sandoval voting nay.

7. **Ordinances & Resolution:**

a. **Ordinance 166, Second Series-Amending Section 12.03 Entitled “Sale of Real Property” (First Reading):** MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND BROWN. TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 166, SECOND SERIES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.03 ENTITLED “SALE OF REAL PROPERTY”. Roll Call: Ayes: Kane, Brown, Sandoval, McClish and Tveit. Nays: None Motion carried 5-0.

b. **Ordinance 167, Second Series-Approving the Exchange of City Owned Real Estate and Easement with Anoka County (First Reading):** MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND McCLISH TVEIT TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 167, SECOND SERIES AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE AND EASEMENT WITH ANOKA COUNTY. Roll Call: McClish, Sandoval, Brown, Kane and Tveit. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

a. **Engineer:**

b. **Attorney: Closed Meeting to discuss Labor Negotiation Strategy Pursuant to MN Statue 13D.03:** City Attorney Scott Lepak, asked the City Council to go into Close Session to discuss Labor Negotiation strategy pursuant to MN State Statute 13D.03. MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND SANDOVAL TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGY PURSUANT TO MN STATE STATUTE 13D.03 AT 6:29 PM. Motion carried 5-0. The City Council was back in session at 6:38 pm. Lepak reported the Council gave direction to staff to continue negotiations.

c. Staff: Fire Department: Update on the Joint Fire Study Group: Tveit stated he will address this under Report from Mayor.

Public Works: Equipment Purchase: Public Works Director Paul Teicher provided an Agenda Report to the City Council on equipment underutilized. After researching what type of equipment would better serve our needs, it was determined to ask for authorization to purchase a Bobcat Toolcat with V-plow and sprayer attachments for \$47,924.64 (State bid pricing) from Crawford's Equipment. The piece of equipment that would be traded in would be the 2003 Kawasaki Mule to Crawford's Equipment and the Polaris Ranger could be utilized by the St. Francis Fire Department. Tveit said he thought the trade-in value of the mule was low. Teicher said this is a very limited piece of equipment, not many features. Brown asked if the Toolcat was on the buy back type of program. Teicher said that program is not available from Bobcat for this piece of equipment. MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND KANE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A BOBCAT TOOLCAT WITH A V-PLOW AND SPRAYER ATTACHMENTS WITH THE STATE BID PRICE OF \$47,924.64 FROM CRAWFORD'S EQUIPMENT. Motion carried 5-0. MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND BROWN AUTHORIZING TRANSFERRING THE POLARIS RANGER TO THE ST. FRANCIS FIRE DEPARTMENT. Motion carried 5-0. MOTION BY SANDOVAL SECOND McCLISH AUTHORIZING THE TRADE IN OF THE 2003 KAWASAKI MULE FOR \$3,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Liquor Store:

Police Dept:

City Administrator Report:

Retreat Update: Provided in the Council Packet was the 2011 City Council and Management Team Retreat Report. The City Council/Management Team Retreat has been set for March 18, 2012 at 1:00 pm at Community Center.

9. **Reports from Council Members:** Sandoval reported while traveling through Wisconsin he heard a city voted to cut their budget by \$120,000 eliminating the tornado sirens. It was because they did not want to upgrade their current sirens. After all the tornadoes that happen this past week, I was surprised to hear that type of service cut.

McClish reported the City Council had the opportunity to Tour the Police/Public Works before the Council Meeting tonight. It is progressing along very well.

10. **Report from Mayor:**

a. **Mayor's "State of the Cities" Address:** Mayor Tveit gave his power point presentation, the same one he gave at the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Tveit also reported that he participated in the Polar Plunge this past weekend on Long Lake.

11. **Old Business:**

a. **Future Pioneer Days Celebrations:** Tveit stated we do need to decide on what the future of Pioneer Days is. Kane said Barb Held and I attended the Chamber of Commerce Board

meeting in February. I would like to have a decision made tonight so we can let the businesses and organizations know at the Pioneer Day meeting on March 15 at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. McClish stated he would like to have some other organization take over or maybe eliminate the parade because of the cost. Tveit said what if we do not get anybody to step up and take it over. Brown said we are not the only City considering not holding a city celebration. Heard Stillwater is cancelling theirs this year. Sandoval said I have watched the employees work over the years; it is an expense in having the employees putting in all the overtime. Sandoval said too it is unfortunate but we are losing instead of gaining. Tveit said I hate to say I concur. I tried to brainstorm over this trying to think of organizations that could come together to put this on. If we cannot get any volunteers maybe we need to eliminate the more costly things; such as the parade. Kane said we are still paying overtime. Tveit is hoping more volunteers would come forward to help. Sandoval said volunteers are a great thing but what if they don't show. Could it be brought down into manageable event, maybe a one-day event? Held said yes it could but you would not have the full carnival and more than likely not the food vendors. A one-day event could still work. After more discussion, the City Council decided if we cannot get volunteers, we would no longer have Pioneer Days.

12. **New Business:**

a. Efficiency Report Card- Police Department: Police Sergeant Jake Rehling gave a power point presentation on the FBI Academy Training he attended. Sgt. Rehling said it went very well and it was a great honor to attend. I personally want to tell you that I learned more in those 11 weeks than in all the years of law enforcement. I want to thank each and every one of you (City Council)for allowing me to attend the FBI Academy.

13. **Adjournment:** The City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.