

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
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ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 4, 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, LeRoy Schaffer, Steve Kane and Chris McClish. Jeff Sandoval absent. Also present were City Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolton & Menk, Inc.) Police Investigator Todd Schwieger, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, City Administrator Matt Hysten, and City Clerk Barb Held.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Move 6a and 6b to before Meeting Open to the Public due to their need to attend another City Council meeting this evening at Spring Lake Park. MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO ADOPT THE APRIL 4, 2011 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY McCLISH SECOND KANE TO APPROVE THE APRIL 4, 2011 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA A AND B AS FOLLOWS:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes of March 21, 2011.
 - b. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$190,908.94.Motion carried 4-0.
5. **Meeting Open to the Public: Moved to right after 6 a and 6 b.**
6. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
 - a. **Anoka County Attorney's Office: Presentation on the Public Safety Records/Information System Project:** Tony Palumbo, Anoka County Attorney introduced himself to the City Council. Mr. Palumbo stated he is here this evening as the Chair of the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council. Anoka County is looking at a shared Public Data Shared System. This would allow a joint shared program of data between police, fire, county emergency management staff, the county sheriff, jail and the prosecutor's office in Anoka County. A short video was shown on how the program could benefit all the jurisdictions. Don Abbott, Police Chief of Fridley, gave some examples on the current records system on how each agency re-enters the same information. The chance of errors the way we are reporting is very high. An integrated data system also could help fire and police departments work across city boundaries. We will be going to legislation asking for bonding authority. We are here this evening asking for your consideration of support. Schaffer asked how much. Tveit said I think I can answer that the current bond is over 10 million dollars and that was for the 800-megahertz radio system and is set to expire in 2012. The cost to residents for this is approximately seven dollars per year on their tax statement. With the Records System they are looking at approximately 3 to 4 million so the annual tax would be significantly lower.

MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-06 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY RECORDS/INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT. Motion carried 3-0. Schaffer abstained.

b. Anoka County Requesting Support of Federal Funding for CSAH 24: Jack Corkle, of the Anoka County Highway Department was before the City Council asking for Support to apply for Federal Funding for CSAH 24 also known as Bridge Street. Schaffer asked is this a shared project with the feds. Ms. Corkle said yes this is a Federal Funding Application. If the project receives grant approval, federal money would pay for 80 percent of it and 20 percent would need to be paid between the county and the city. Kane had concerns about the roundabouts. Ms. Corkle explained how the new roundabouts are a better design. We will continue review the designs. Schaffer asked about the funding and how much is it going to cost. Corkle stated she did not have the cost. Tveit said what I believe Anoka County is looking at right now is they are asking for support for the Federal application. MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-07 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANOKA COUNTY FEDERAL FUNDING APPLICATION FOR CSAH 24. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Meeting opened to the Public:** LeRoy Schaffer, 4526-234th Avenue NW, stepped down from the council bench because there are a couple things he wanted to discuss. Schaffer said rumor has it I might be censured again. Schaffer referenced articles about him and his personal life. Tveit asked Mr. Schaffer what does this have to do with City business. Mr. Schaffer kept discussing the recent article about him in the Star Tribune and the Anoka County Union. Lepak said the meeting open to the public is for citizens to address the city council on City business. What relevance does this have to do with City business? Schaffer asked about getting a police report. Schaffer then referenced the newspaper article again. Schaffer went on to talk about the public works building and the bonding. Schaffer talked about his bids he gathered on building pole barns for the public works and police departments. Tveit stated Mr. Schaffer you have the opportunity in the meeting to discuss matters like this under your report.

Marilyn LaPointe, Guardian Angels in Zimmerman, said Roy (LeRoy Schaffer) you brought me here for a particular reason. Schaffer said, may I say something. LaPointe said please do because I am a nervous wreck right now. Schaffer said she is here about my social life. LaPointe stated I have known Roy Schaffer for six years. He has supported me in many different ways. I am not sure why women will not take a rose from him. I don't know what to say other than to say you young men will be seniors someday. Tveit said this does not seem to be relevant to city business either. Tveit said no one on the city council has said anything here on Mr. Schaffer's social life other than Mr. Schaffer himself. My concern is city business. LaPointe said aren't you concerned with your image of the City and what other people think. Tveit asked do you have anything for City business. LaPointe said no but I have learned a lot by observing here.

Tim Brown, 5268 Ambassador Blvd., thanked the City Council for striving to bring in new businesses to town and regards to Councilmember Schaffer, shame on you.

Jeff Nelson, 4533-234th Lane, this has nothing to do with City business but was asked by a friend to come up here to put in some words for him. I have counseled LeRoy on certain errors of his ways. Better part of it, he has my support.

7. **Ordinances & Resolution:**

a. **Ordinance 153, Second Series: Amending Section 10-19 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Disability Parking, Driveway Standards and Proof of Parking (Second Reading):** MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING AMENDING SECTION 10-19 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING DISABILITY PARKING, DRIVEWAY STANDARDS AND PROOF OF PARKING. Roll Call Aye: Schaffer, Kane, McClish and Tveit. Nays: None.

b. **Resolution 2011-08: Establishing Municipal State Aid Highways:** The City is requesting Pederson Drive from Hwy 47 to Ambassador Blvd. NW (CSAH 28) be considered as a Municipal State Aid Highway. MOTION BY KANE SECOND McCLISH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-08 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL STATE AID HIGHWAYS. Schaffer asked what do we gain by doing this. Voge said by designating Pederson Drive as a Municipal State Highway the City will benefit in State Aid funding. Motion carried 4-0.

c. **Resolution 2011-09: Calling for a Public Hearing on the Intention to Issue General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds and the Proposal to Adopt the Capital Improvement Plan:** Tveit apologized for not mentioning this earlier in the meeting but he would like to table this item. Tveit stated a week or so ago another option came up. I would like to have at least have a couple weeks to investigate this option of a used building. MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND SCHAFFER TO TABLE RESOLUTION 2011-09 TO ALLOW STAFF TO INVESTIGATE THIS BUILDING OPTION. Motion carried 4-0.

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

a. **Engineer:**

b. **Attorney:**

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

Public Works:

Liquor Store: No report.

Police Dept: No report.

City Administrator Report: Just today, a resident called in that out on Nacre Street a sinkhole was discovered. The road is temporarily closed; all emergency agencies have been notified.

Metro Cities Annual meeting will be held April 14th in St. Paul.

Last week I attended the School Board meeting regarding the Pederson Drive Path.

9. **Reports from Council Members:** Schaffer reported he was the only one that attended the Local Government Official Meeting. Schaffer gave a report of the meeting.

Kane reported that a week ago Thursday, Mr. Hysten and I attended a joint legislative meeting that was attended by cities, counties, townships and school districts. We were able to attend sessions on joint cooperation and also meet with our two State Legislators.

10. **Report from Mayor:** There is an open house tomorrow evening, April 5th on the Northern Anoka County River Crossing, at the St. Francis Elementary School.

Remind everyone that the St. Francis Business Expo is coming up Saturday, April 16th at the St. Francis High School. It is important that we support our local businesses.

11. Old Business:

a. **Revolving Loan Fund Policy:** A draft Revolving Loan Policy was provided for the Council's review again. Tveit said unfortunately, Sandoval is not here because he had asked for additional information of where the monies in the past were used. A memorandum from Anoka County outlined the monies the City has received in the past from the Anoka County HRA. **MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND KANE ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM POLICY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROGRAM .** Schaffer said he is worried that the money will not be used the right way, I am a little skeptical. There is an element of risk. I don't think \$50,000 will make that much difference to a business. We may get these shoestring businesses like the tattoo shops and dog cleaning shops, they are very questionable if they will make it then we have an empty storefront. Tveit said I disagree with Mr. Schaffer in this current business market, it doesn't matter how small or large the business is that comes in. We support both. Also, that is why we are going with Central Minnesota Development Company to handle the paperwork. That way we have a third party reviewing the documents. I believe this will minimize the risk. Obviously, a storefront with a business in it is better than an empty one and I think we can all agree on that. Kane agrees with Tveit. Kane said he thinks this will be a good program. If we can help someone come here, it will only help St. Francis. McClish feels this is a great program. It encourages businesses to look at our City. Kane said just a clarification these funds that we would be using are from the Anoka County HRA. Motion carried 3-1. Schaffer voting nay.

12. New Business:

a. **Efficiency Report Card-Report from Brimeyer Fursman, LLC on the City Council/Management Team Retreat:** Tveit gave a brief presentation on the Workshop/Retreat that the City Council and Management Team attended. The Recap of the Retreat is on our website if anyone wants to read the whole document.

Schaffer made a motion to instruct City Administrator to look at the feasibility of pole barns for the public works, one heated and one cold storage. Motion failed for a lack of the second. Schaffer made a motion to instruct City Administrator to use the garages at the police department for office space. Motion failed for a lack for the second. Tveit said you have a packet on the pole barns, did you ever give the City Administrator one to review. Tveit asked Hylen if he received one and Hylen said no he did not. Tveit reminded Schaffer again that all documents need to be given to City Hall to be distributed.

13. Adjournment: The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.