

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
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ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Kane at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Steve Kane, Council members Richard Orpen, Rich Skordahl, and Tim Brown. Chris McClish excused. Also present were City Engineer Cody Holmes (Bolton & Menk, Inc.), Assistant City Attorney Dave Schaps (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Fire Chief Matt Kohout, City Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, and City Clerk Barb Held.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND ORPEN TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Motion carried 4 -0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY SKORDAHL SECOND ORPEN TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA A-D AS FOLLOWS:
 - a. City Council Minutes – February 1, 2016
 - b. Pay Request No. 7 in the amount of \$844,399.00 to Gridor Construction, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements
 - c. Appoint Jared Belter, Tom Gagnon, Joseph Lawrence, Logan Robinson and Chad Schroeder as Paid On-Call St. Francis Fire Fighters
 - d. Payment of Claims \$1,268,807.18 (ACH 138E-142E \$132,769.48 Checks 70278-70344 \$1,136,037.70) Motion carried 4 -0.
5. **Meeting Open to the Public:** Steve Feldman, 22766 Poppy Street stated he has not spoken recently about Poppy Street because he was waiting for the Police Chief's results on the speed/traffic study completed on Poppy Street. Feldman is requesting a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Silverod Street and Poppy Street for the north/south traffic. The police presence has been seen on Poppy Street but they cannot be there all the time. The times of the most traffic and the higher speeds are from 7:00-7:30 am, 2:30-3:30 pm and in the early evening. This is a residential street and the speed limit should be 30 mph instead of 50 mph. I think if a stop sign will help slow the traffic down.
6. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
7. **Ordinances & Resolution:**
 - a. **Ordinance 214, Second Series: Amending City Code Chapter 6 Section 3 entitled "Dances":** Police Chief Jeff Harapat discussed the changes to the dance ordinance with the city council. The two main changes to the ordinance was the ability for permit holders

to hire their own security and the time change for when the music needs to shut down. There is still some discussion I would like to have with the attorney to clarify some of the language in the amended ordinance. MOTION BY ORPEN SECOND BROWN TO CONTINUE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 214, SECOND SERIES AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 6, SECTION 3 ENTITLED “DANCES” UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Resolution 2016-03: Supporting Principles for Reform for the Metropolitan Council: Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look addressed the City Council on the Met Council Reform. The Metropolitan Council was formed in 1967 to provide regional planning for the Twin Cities area. They were the first in the country for larger regional communities. Most other large metropolitan communities in other state have elected officials. Anoka County is one of four counties who have become increasingly concerned with a lack of accountability from the Metropolitan Council. Part of the concern is they are a regional planning agency for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan area with broad authority, including the ability to levy taxes, charge fees and set regional policy and are appointed not elected members. A resolution was drafted in support of changing the structure of the Metropolitan Council. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND ORPEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-03 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES FOR REFORM FOR THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL. Motion carried 4-0. The City Council thanked Commission Look for bringing this forward and seems like it is long overdue.

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

a. **Engineer:**

b. **Attorney:**

c. **Staff:**

Finance:

Fire:

Public Works:

Liquor Store:

Police: New Sites for Rifles: Chief Harapat reported this is something that was recently brought to their attention. The site they are currently using on the rifles have been involved in a Federal lawsuit. We took them off the rifles and are currently relying on open sights. The officers will be retrained with the open sites. The cost of new sites is an unbudgeted item. Chief Harapat stated he is currently filling out paperwork for reimbursement. We are hoping to receive some form of reimbursement but the cost of the new ones could be approximately \$8,000. Brown asked how important are these sites? Chief Harapat stated we should have them but hope we don't have to use them. Chief Harapat stated due to the gas prices lower than expected, we might have funds in our budget to purchase these items. Skordahl asked about going in with another agency(s). Chief Harapat said he has been in touch with Anoka County Sheriff's Department. Orpen asked about the age of the existing sites and would recommend going with the type of site Anoka County purchases. MOTION BY SKORDAHL SECOND BROWN AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE NEW SITES FOR THE RIFLES. Motion carried 4-0.

City Administrator:

9. **Reports from Council Members:**
10. **Report from Mayor:**
11. **Old Business:**
12. **New Business:**
13. **Adjournment:** Mayor Kane adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:24 pm.

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk