

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS MN
ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 15, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Steve Feldman.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mayor Steve Feldman, Councilmembers Jerry Tveit, Joe Muehlbauer, Robert Bauer and Rich Skordahl. Also present Assistant City Attorney David Schaps (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Craig Jochum (Hakanson Anderson), City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom, Police Chief Todd Schwieger, Fire Chief Matt Kohout, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, and City Clerk Barb Held.

Mayor Feldman wanted to make a quick announcement before we move on in the meeting. One of my jobs is to control the meeting. Issues are important to you but if you come up yelling and shouting at us we may not hear the issue that is important to what you really want to talk about. We want to hear what you have to say. I suggest this, come with common courtesy and respect and leave your anger at the door. We want your engagement and want you to know this council is approachable that is what we ran on. We ran on openness, transparency and accountability and that is what we are doing here. We are here to help you.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND SKORDAHL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion carried 5 -0.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY BAUER SECOND MUEHLBAUER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-F AS FOLLOWS:

- A. City Council Minutes – May 1, 2017
 - B. St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Parade Permit – June 10, 2017
 - C. St. Francis Lions Club 3.2 Permit @ Fire Station Pioneer Days – June 10, 2017
 - D. Pay Request No. 22 for \$124,228.00 to Gridor Construction for Wastewater Treatment Improvements
 - E. Acknowledge \$100 Donation from St. Francis Lions Club for Bike Rodeo
 - F. Payment of Claims \$393,297.89 (ACH 191E-195E \$243,259.59 & Checks # 72479-72560 \$150,038.30)
- Motion carried 5-0.

5. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- A. Pete Karpe, 24069 Rum River Blvd., in 2007 I pulled a building permit and in

2008 we were hit by the recession. During that time we were able to keep our home but were assessed \$4,600 for not completing the work we started on our home. We were not able to finish the house and just received a final inspection this last Friday. I ask the council to turn this back to staff and legal to come up with a reasonable solution to reduce the fine. Feldman asked when did you pull it? Karpe said 2007. Just the outside was not finished. Karpe said the fee was awful high and how did the fine remedy the problem. The \$4600 fine was assess and has been paid. I talked to City Administrator Matt Hysten about my hardship. When I was on the council we worked with people. Feldman said the last thing we want to do is fine people. Karpe said I think it seemed unreasonably high and asked to correct the problem. After more discussion between Karpe and the council, the council said they would like to see more detail and timeline in regards to the fine.

LeRoy T. Schaffer, 4526 234th Avenue, I am talking real loud so everyone can hear me. There is a very important meeting coming up. Asking if he can get some people to help me build. Council asked what are you building. Little picnic tables, I have the lumber and spools. Feldman said I will come out with Paul (Public Works Director) and look at it.

Shelly Kaunzner, 24439 River Bank Lane, my concern is a bus safety issue with bus #14. The bus makes a u turn in the T on Kings Highway. Staff will notify the school district.

6. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- A. Fire Department Badge Presentation: Chad Schroeder, Joe Lawrence, Logan Robinson and Jerad Belter - Fire Chief Matt Kohout gave a brief background on all four fire fighters. They have completed the first year of their training and education requirements for St. Francis Fire. Mayor Feldman presented badges to all four. Each fire fighter had a family member present, to pin on their badges. Congratulations all four fire fighters.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance 228, Second Series Amendment– Sunday Off-Sale Hours (Second Reading) – The 2017 legislature amended the off-sale liquor laws in order to allow Sunday liquor sales. Effective July 1, 2017 liquor stores in Minnesota may be open on Sundays from 11 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND BAUER TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 228 SECOND SERIES AMEND SECTIONS; 5-3-3 HOURS AND DAYS OF BEER SALES; 5-4-2 SUNDAY SALES; 5-4-3 HOURS AND DAYS OF LIQUOR SALES; 5-4-5 HOURS AND DAYS OF SALES BY ON-SALE WINE LICENSEES; AND 5-8-5 SUNDAY SALES. Roll Call: Ayes: Muehlbauer, Feldman, Bauer, Skordahl and Tveit.

Nays: None Motion carried 5-0.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Purchase Agreement – 32-34-24-23-0039 – The City received an offer on this parcel, which is located on Hwy 47. The offer was lower than the listing price. Council directed staff to bring back the full purchase agreement for the next city council meeting.
- B. Stacy Lee – Appealing City Fees – Stacy Lee, Rum River Blvd Oak Grove, stated I have been living with my parents this last year. Lee stated she had purchased a parcel off Tamarack Street and went through with a minor subdivision. She had previously sent the city council a letter outlining the fees that she incurred. She thought the city could have a better process of how the parcel process is handled. Lee felt the fees seemed high and asked if they could be reduced. She thanked the council for listening to a new resident. But again would like the city to look at the fees and process.

Feldman stated the City is here to help but some people may not think so but we are here to listen. In the end, you may not like our decision but we are here to listen and ask questions. Feldman asked Lee a number of questions. I did talk to Kate (Community Development Director) and she said too we are going to change the paperwork. We have a new planner. We want to be consistent. If we change the fees for you, what about the property owner to the south that did the same type of split and we didn't reduce their rates. Tveit said I like things consistent. Our fees are set up annually and some of the fees you listed are not city fees.

Muehlbauer said I would like to understand this better myself and discuss this with staff.

Park dedication fees were discussed.

Bauer said it may not apply to you but if she just bought the forty acres and not split until later would she still have to pay the park dedication fee if she split it later. Thunstrom said yes.

Skordahl said I don't really have anything to add. The park dedication fee is consistent within the whole city and the only way to help with and maintain the parks. I like consistency too. I agree the first time you go out and do this it is daunting. I agree if there could be a check list when novice people come in it could be helpful.

Feldman stated if you hired a builder and developer the fees would still be there. The park dedication fee is for the betterment of the whole city. She asked about modeled soil and the three foot separation requirement. Staff

will be in contact with her regarding that concern.

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11. **REPORTS**

A. Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director Paul Teicher gave his monthly report.

Hydrant repair on Bridge Street by the Patriot Lanes will be delayed because of potential rain in the forecast.

Skordahl asked about County Road 72, is that still on the agenda to get an overlay this year? Teicher reported it is on Anoka County's overlay timeline for 2017.

Muehlbauer asked about the school maintenance road, it is still being used. Kohlmann said we have an application from them but there are no prohibitions to use it at this time.

Signage/speed limits for Bridge Street which is a county road was contacted and they have not heard back from MnDOT.

B. Councilmember Reports- Tveit reminded everyone of the May 24th St. Francis Forward meeting, flyers are here. We would like to get input from residents. Tveit asked Stacy Lee to come being a new resident.

I am on the St. Francis Ambassador Program Board and they are looking for sponsors. There are four levels of sponsorship. Contact the St. Francis Ambassador Program if wishing to donate.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 and school will be out soon. Drive safer because there will be kids out and about. If there is a pothole let us know, if it is a county road the county does have a link you can put in a work request. Feldman said we will do that with our new website too.

Muehlbauer said "Happy Mother's Day" to all the mothers. Volunteers are needed for Pioneer Days. Took a tour with the mayor, public works director and city administrator to another city to look at their facility.

Bauer reported, President Kennedy signed a proclamation in 1962 declaring May 15 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day.

ISD #15 referendum is May 23. Go to their website. Disappointed the school

district didn't come before our council.

Skordahl being last you steal my thunder. May 24 is very important wrap up for St. Francis Forward and to start our comp plan.

Feldman held up the St. Francis Forward flyer. Help us decide what you want your town to be. It is up to you now. We cannot come up with all the ideas. Call City Staff with your ideas. ISD #15 information is on the website.

One week left in the legislation session, we are still waiting for our grant money. We need your help; we and the past council have written letters to help them pass this. It is very important for us to receive this grant money. Not sure why they can't come to middle ground. Bombard them with phone calls.

Signal your turns in the roundabouts. Pioneer Days is coming and I will be volunteering.

Commend staff on recycling days; they let me pass out 400 flyers.

- C. Upcoming Events - May 22nd Work Session @ City Hall 5:30 pm
May 23rd ISD #15 Special Election Polls open 7 am – 8 pm
May 24th HKGi-St. Francis Forward @ District Office 6:30-8:30 pm
June 3rd Last Day of School and Graduation

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Feldman adjourned the regular city council at 7: 11 pm.

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk