

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
ST. FRANCIS MN  
ANOKA COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 17 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; City Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Craig Jochum (Hakanson Anderson), City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom, Police Sgt. Dan Allen, Fire Chief Dave Schmidt, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, and City Clerk Barb Held.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY BAUER SECOND MUEHLBAUER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY FELDMAN SECOND MUEHLBAUER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-J AS FOLLOWS:

- A. City Council Minutes – June 19, 2017
- B. Work Session Notes – June 19, 2017
- C. Accept the Resignation from Fire Fighter Dan Thompson
- D. Accept the Resignation from Administrative Assistant Anna Anderson
- E. Acknowledge the MN Lawful Gambling Permit for the MN Waterfowl Assoc. Cedar Creek Chapter to conduct a raffle at the St. Francis American Legion #622 on September 14, 2017 with no waiting period
- F. Approve Dance Permits for the Patriot Lanes outdoor patio through September
- G. Pay Request No. 24 for \$80,000 to Gridor Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Improvements
- H. Routine Bobcat Buyback Program
- I. Resolution 2017-18 Firefighter (Dave Schmidt) Declaration into PERA
- J. Payment of Claims \$1,932,366.39 (ACH 199-200 & 204-205E \$167,700.54 and Checks #72714-72844 \$1,764,665.85)

5. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- A. Mike Rodger, 2770-232<sup>nd</sup> stated he lives in the Ponds area and cannot hear the sirens unless you are outside.

Rodger also commented on the roundabouts and how they are an eyesore with the long weeds. Discussion with the council on the ownership and the maintenance of the roundabouts and sidewalks along with the speed along Bridge Street. In regards to the speed limits, we would like consistency. Teicher stated he would relay the message to Anoka County.

6. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- A. Tobacco License Application – River Country Cooperative 22945 Lake George Blvd –

MOTION BY TVEIT SECOND SKORDAHL APPROVING THE TOBACCO LICENSE FOR RIVER COUNTRY COOPERATIVE, 22945 LAKE GEORGE BLVD. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Ehlers & Associates –

- Resolution 2017-19 Awarding the Sale of the General Obligation Capital Improvement:

Nick Anhut of Ehlers & Associates reported he is here to report on the bond sales they sold on behalf of the City this morning. A reduction in the interest and of a savings of approximately \$1,485,383 should occur with this transaction. That will reduce your payment by one year, so the payoff will be 2036. We were very pleased with the results. About a two point reduction in the interest rate compared to what you had.

The EDA met before this meeting approving the Redemption and Prepayment of the Authority's Outstanding Public Project Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A.

MOTION BY BAUER SECOND MUEHLBAUER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-19 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2017A, IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,705,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT' AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESCROWING AND INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF AND ENTER INTO AN ADVANCE REFUNDING ESCROW AGREEMENT. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Schedule Work Session - Kohlmann said the finance committee will be meeting tomorrow and again next Tuesday. We would like to bring the budget to the full council for discussion. A work session was set for August 3, 2017 starting at 5:30 at city hall.

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NONE.

**11. REPORTS**

- A. Public Works Department Monthly Reports – Public Works Director Paul Teicher asked if there were any questions in regards to the report that was in the council packet.

Tveit stated he went to the URRWMO meeting. Anoka County Conservation District is getting an intern and they asked if St. Francis had any task for this person. Tveit asked if staff could we put a list together of what maybe the intern can do for us with regards to Stormwater.

Feldman said he likes the bobcat buyback program.

Tveit stated MnDOT has a snow plow simulator that offers courses so employees can learn how to plow snow. Tveit thought it was a good resource.

Feldman ask about Sunday liquor sales on. Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt stated after the first Sunday they have not been consistant.

Bauer asked if our employee passed the Class “A” test to operate our wastewater plant. Teicher stated yes at the end of June he passed and we have discontinued the contract the City had with Kluver Consulting.

- B. Councilmember Reports- Skordahl reminded everyone of Night to Unite, Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Biweekly request of Thunstrom what about the property owner in my neighborhood. Thunstrom said he is making progress with the building permit. Feldman said I want him to get that hole filled in.

Bauer thanked fire fighter Dan Thompson for his service to the City as a fire fighter. I hate to see him move on but wish him the best. Night to Unite, hope to see a lot of people out there.

Muehlbauer thanked Fire Fighter Thompson and Administrative Assistant Anna Anderson for their employment with the City.

Tveit welcomed new Fire Chief Dave Schmidt. More on URRWMO, they have been discussing buffer zones next to waterways. There may be more requirements required when building permits are issued. Get out to Night to Unite. I will be out of town August 21, 2017.

Feldman welcomed new Fire Chief Dave Schmidt too. There is going to be a different Night to Unite this year, extra events going on that evening. Commend Lori Roberts for putting this together. I have been working on Poppy Street for three years; Pederson Drive is also a problem with people speeding. I did talk to the police department about doing more ticketing for speeding. The speeding dilemma has to stop. New website in the making looks great. Wish Dan Thompson and Anna Anderson the best.

How are we doing on the Feasibility Study on Riverbank Lane/Kings Hwy. City Engineer Jochum said we have been conducting surveys. Hope to have a preliminary report out in August.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July, enjoy the outdoors. Questions on any issues, call the city.

Skordahl asked about the civil defense sirens. Can we take a look at what we have? Staff will look into the concern.

Tveit said there are a lot of comments on Facebook with questions, just call the city.

- C. Upcoming Events -  
July 19 Planning Commission Meeting @ 7:00 pm – Was cancelled.  
August 1 Night to Unite  
August 7 City Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Feldman adjourned the regular city council at 6:48 pm.

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Barbara I. Held, City Clerk