

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JAMES,
WATONWAN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of St. James, Minnesota was duly held at the Community Building meeting room in said City on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Gary Sturm called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Gary Sturm, Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., Paul Harris, Don Mackey, Josh Haseman.

Staff present: Interim City Manager Joe McCabe, City Clerk Kris Hurley, City Attorney Steve Sunde.

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Don Mackey, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2019, were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

AYES: Councilperson Don Mackey, Josh Haseman, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson.

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said motion to have passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

On motion by Councilperson Don Mackey, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the following consent items were hereby approved:

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$529,058.29 as follows: Checks No. 61761 through 61768, 61780 through 61862 and ACH Payments, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.
- B. Schools, Conferences and Workshops
 - 1. MRWA Annual Conference, St. Cloud, March 3-5, J. Monnens & B. Helling
 - 2. MMCI, St. Cloud, May 4-8, K. Hurley

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1-20-01 AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO PREPAY INVOICES

Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-01** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO PREPAY INVOICES**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Josh Haseman, Don Mackey, Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-01 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-02 NAMING THE ST JAMES PLAINDEALER AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR CITY BUSINESS FOR 2020

Councilperson Don Mackey, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-02** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-20-02 NAMING THE ST JAMES PLAINDEALER AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR CITY BUSINESS FOR 2020**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Don Mackey, Paul Harris, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Kathleen Hanson, Josh Haseman.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-02 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-03 NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

Councilperson Don Mackey, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-03** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-20-03 NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Don Mackey, Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Josh Haseman.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-03 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-04 AMENDING RESOLUTION 1-19-05 PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF ST JAMES EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF PERSONNEL POLICIES

Councilperson Paul Harris, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-04** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-20-04 AMENDING RESOLUTION 1-19-05 PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF ST JAMES EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF PERSONNEL POLICIES**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Paul Harris, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Kathleen Hanson, Josh Haseman, Don Mackey.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-04 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-05 APPROVAL OF 2020 FEE SCHEDULE

Councilperson Don Mackey, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-05** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-20-05 APPROVAL OF 2020 FEE SCHEDULE**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Don Mackey, Josh Haseman, Paul Harris, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Kathleen Hanson.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-05 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-06 ESTABLISHING DATE AND TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Councilperson Josh Haseman, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-06** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-20-06 ESTABLISHING DATE AND TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Josh Haseman, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Don Mackey.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-06 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-07 2020 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilperson Don Mackey, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-07** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 1-20-07 2020 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS”** and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Don Mackey, Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Don Mackey.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-07 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-20-08 RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF SAINT JAMES ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Councilperson Don Mackey, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-20-08** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 1-20-08 RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF SAINT JAMES ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS”** and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Don Mackey, Josh Haseman, Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-20-08 to be duly passed.

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CONTRACT NO. 19-UGPR-104 AMONG CITY OF SAINT JAMES, MISSOURI BASIN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY DBA MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES (MRES) AND WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION (WAPA)

TJ Bechhold, Electric Superintendent, requested Council to approve Contract No. 19-UGPR-104 that continues to provide arrangements for administrative services between St. James and MRES. Upon approval of the contract, St. James shall allow MRES to continue to provide power and energy schedules to WAPA on its behalf. St. James shall also allow MRES to continue to administer payment to WAPA on its behalf as outlined in the contract. TJ Bechhold also requested Council to authorize Mayor Gary Sturm and City Clerk Kristin Hurley to sign the contract.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Council approved Contract No. 19-UGPR-104 and authorized Mayor Gary Sturm and City Clerk Kristin Hurley to sign the contract.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Don Mackey, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Kristin Hurley
City Clerk