

**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 19, 2021 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, Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt.

Staff present: City Manager Amanda Glass, City Clerk Kris Hurley, City Attorney Steve Sunde.

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2021, were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

AYES: Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt.

NAYS: None.

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

CONSENT ITEMS

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the following consent items were hereby approved:

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$1,279,053.48 as follows: Checks No. 64311 through 64390, phone payment and ACH Payments 555 - 560, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 1-21-09 AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS AS BUDGETED IN 2020

Councilperson Paul Harris, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-21-09** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS AS BUDGETED IN 2020**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-21-09 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-21-10 AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS AS BUDGETED IN 2020

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-21-10** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-21-10 AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS AS BUDGETED IN 2020**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, Sue Craig, Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-21-10 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-21-11 DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-21-11** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-21-11 DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-21-11 to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 1-21-12 SUPPORTING PURSUIT OF 2020 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FROM MnDOT FOR THE 7TH STREET S & RING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, introduced **RESOLUTION NO. 1-21-12** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 1-21-12 SUPPORTING PURSUIT OF 2020 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FROM MnDOT FOR THE 7TH STREET S & RING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig. Upon hand vote the following members voted:

AYES: Councilperson Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson, Gene Hildebrandt.

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Resolution 1-21-12 to be duly passed.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE VACANT SEAT WARD 2 – HANNAH RUSHING

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, appointed Hannah Rushing to fill the vacant seat in Ward 2.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO CLEAN THE WATER TOWER

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the council approved the request to clean the water tower.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE NEW HIRE – BRADLEY NESTEGARD

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the Council approved the hiring of new Police Officer Bradley Nestegard.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE VARIANCE REQUEST – 430 WESTON AVE N

The applicant is requesting a variance to construct a storage unit building that would comply with all other ordinances, except that it would be constructed without a principal structure on the lot first. The planning commission has approved the request. There were no public comments.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the council approved the request for a variance.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2ND DRAFT ORDINANCE REGULATING BREWER TAPROOMS, SMALL BREWER OFF-SALE, AND BREW-PUB OFF-SALE LICENSING

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the Council approved the second reading of “**ORDINANCE NO. 49 – 3RD Series, “ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JAMES TO REGULATE BREWER TAPROOMS, SMALL BREWER OFF-SALE, AND BREW-PUB OFF-SALE LICENSING”**” received its second reading. Upon hand vote the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Paul Harris, Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **ORDINANCE NO. 49 – 3RD SERIES** to have duly passed and ordered published.

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On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Kristin Hurley
City Clerk