

**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 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gary Sturm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Gary Sturm, Councilpersons Kathleen Hanson, Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., Josh Haseman.

Absent: Councilpersons Paul Harris, Don Mackey

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

**MINUTES**

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2019, were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

AYES: Councilperson Josh Haseman, Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., Kathleen Hanson.

NAYS: None.

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$1,264,361.69 as follows: Checks No. 61893 through 61987, and ACH Payments, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.
- B. Schools, Conferences and Workshops
  - 1. MWOA meeting – Fairmont – S. Firchau, M. Anderson, D. Poulson
  - 2. MRWA Annual Conference – S. Firchau

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AYES: Councilpersons Kathleen Hanson, Josh Haseman

NAYS: Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said motion to have passed 2-1

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**WATONWAN COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER, AMERICAN LEGION**

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the Council approved application for the Watonwan County Pheasants Forever permit to conduct bingo, on March 30, 2020 at the American Legion.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LIZA DONABAUER – DAVID DROWN ASSOCIATES**

Semifinalists were provided to Council one week ago along with links to additional information on each of the finalists. Names are confidential during this process. By use of ballot, five candidates received votes.

On motion by Josh Haseman, seconded by Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., the top four candidates will be invited to interview.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Kathleen Hanson, those candidates traveling over 150 miles will be reimbursed for lodging and all candidates will be reimbursed mileage. Mayor Sturm disclosed that he has interest in the Super 8.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

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**APPOINT 2020 ELECTION JUDGES**

Council was presented with a list of election judges for the Presidential Primary, the Primary and the General Elections for 2020.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., the 2020 Election Judges are appointed.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH PARTNERSHIP DESIGN, LLC**

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the contract with Partnership Design, LLC is extended to February 29, 2020 with the dollar amount unchanged.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

**APPROVE MORTGAGE DOCUMENT REGARDING FORMER POLO'S BUILDING**

Interim City Manager, Joe McCabe discussed the mortgage document, noting that it will be forgiven in five years. City Attorney Steven Sunde has reviewed the document.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman the Mayor is authorized to sign the mortgage document regarding the former Polo's building.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

**APPROVE QUOTE FOR RESTORATION OF THE CABOOSE NEXT TO RAILROAD MUSEUM**

Interim City Manager Joe McCabe discussed the restoration of the Caboose. A down payment in the amount of \$17,500.00 is requested by the contractor.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, discussion is tabled regarding the restoration of the Caboose until a resolution can be introduced at the next council meeting on February 2, 2020.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

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**STREET DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR NEW TANDEM DUMP TRUCK**

Street Superintendent, Chad Stradtman discussed the need to replace truck #59, a 1990 Ford L-9000. There is \$180,000.00 in the 2020 budget for this.

On motion by Councilperson Josh Hasemen, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., bids will be obtained for a new tandem dump truck for the street department.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

**APPROVE CHANGING TIME OF THE MARCH 3, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

Due to the Presidential Primary Election being held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the council must change the regular scheduled meeting time.

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., the March 3, 2020 Council meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6pm.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Kristin Hurley  
City Clerk