

**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, March 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Those absent: Councilperson Don Mackey and City Attorney Steve Sunde

Staff present: Interim City Manager Joe McCabe, City Clerk Kris Hurley

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2020 were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

AYES: Councilpersons Josh Haseman, Kathleen Hanson, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., Paul Harris

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared motion to have passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., the following consent items were hereby approved:

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$480,340.60 as follows: Checks No. 62291 through 62369 and ACH Payments No. 368 through 372 Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

NOI'S ASIAN DELIGHT – VENDING WAGON

Noi Sysim requested a vending wagon license for Railroad Days 2020 and July 4th, 2020.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the Council approved a vending license for Noi's Asian Delight.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

ST. JAMES FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST – STREET DANCE

Fire Fighter, Jason Monnens, shared with Council that it is the St. James Fire Departments 125th anniversary and they would like to have a street dance during Railroad Days 2020 weekend. The location for the street dance would be behind CCF Bank. The fire department will be working with St. James Chamber of Commerce, St. James Railroad Days Committee and the American Legion.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris the Council approved the St. James Fire Department to hold a street dance during Railroad Days weekend.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW

Interim City Manager, Joe McCabe, provided Council with copies of the April 3, 1998, Home Rule Charter. There are items that are either incorrect or items that are not being followed. The City Charter should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Joe suggested appointing a Charter Commission to review the charter and address the entire document.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the Council started the process to establish the Charter Commission by appointing Paul Harris, Michael Banks, Joe McCabe and Linda Buller to the Charter Commission. Additional individual will need to be appointed.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

SHARPLINE CORPORATION REQUEST

Sharpline is currently in escrow for the purchase of the former ST Industries building and they are expected to close on the property May 1, 2020. They expect to be fully operational by the end of the year with a five year growth plan. It is their intent to become part of the St. James economic development by employing local workforce as they expect to hire an additional 5 to 40 employees within the first 2 – 5 years. As part of the sale, Sharpline is expecting to pay the back property taxes for the years 2018/2019. Sharpline is making a request to the penalties for those years waived.

Upon motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the Council approved the City Attorney to draw up an EDA grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,379.55.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

ORDINANCE GRANTING CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR EMERGENCY AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.05 OF THE CITY CHARTER

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., the Council approved **ORDINANCE NO. 46 3RD SERIES, “ORDINANCE GRANTING CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR EMERGENCY AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.05 OF THE CITY CHARTER”** upon hand vote the following members voted:

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said Ordinance No. 46 3rd Series to have duly passed and ordered published.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Kris Hurley
City Clerk