

**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, April 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Those present: Mayor Gary Sturm (in person), Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr. (virtual), Kathleen Hanson (virtual), Paul Harris (virtual), Josh Haseman (virtual)

Those absent: Councilperson Don Mackey

Staff present: City Manager Amanda Glass (in person), City Clerk Kris Hurley (in person), and City Attorney Steve Sunde (virtual)

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2020 were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared motion to have passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$423,208.78 as follows: Checks No. 62370 through 62452 and 62465 and \$51,598.50 ACH Payments No. 379 Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

RHINO ROOFING & SIDING, LLC

Destry Brink & Carter Brink (d/b/a Rhino Roofing) each requested a 6 month peddler permit for the time period of 5/1/2020 – 10/31/2020.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the Council approved peddler permits for Destry Brink & Carter Brink, d/b/a Rhino Roofing.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

INTERIM EDA DIRECTOR

The Personnel Committee held interviews for the EDA Director on March 26, 2020. The committee interviewed three candidates, of which one candidate stood out however, this candidate declined the position as EDA Director.

Motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman to hire Joe McCabe as Interim EDA Director effective Monday, March 23, 2020 ending Friday, June 19, 2020 for \$30.00 per hour and start the advertisement process at the EDA Director at the end of the interim period.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

T J Becthold requested hiring of Brady Nickel for the apprentice lineman position on grade 9, step 1 of the non-union pay scale.

Motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris to hire Brady Nickel for the apprentice lineman position. Brady will start on grade 9 step 1 of the non-union pay scale.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

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AIRPORT REQUEST APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

In 2017 the Airport Commission requested bids for the construction of a hangar taxilane for future hangar construction, replacement of chain link fencing and installation of navigation aids at the St. James Municipal Airport. The bids were rejected as they significantly exceed the engineers estimate. The Federal stimulus package has an airport provision in it that allows the FAA to fund 100% of shovel ready projects. City Manager, Amanda Glass, has requested approval to publish call for bids for this project.

Motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, council approved publishing the notice of call for bids for the airport project.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

VIRTUAL MEETING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

The April 7, 2020, City Council meeting was a virtual meeting using telephone and ZOOM Meeting. There were a total of 7 people physically at the community building and were seated 6' apart. The remainder of the attendees appeared virtually.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr., seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Kris Hurley
City Clerk