

**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, May 19, 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. (in person), Kathleen Hanson (virtual/phone), Paul Harris (virtual/phone), Josh Haseman (virtual/phone)

Those absent: Don Mackey

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

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 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, Paul Harris, Ray Hahnfeldt, Jr.

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared motion to have passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$311,258.46 as follows: \$111,476.62 Checks No. 62645 - 62716 and \$199,781.84 ACH Payments No. 405 – 409 Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris to add an additional item under new business as agenda item E for St. James High School Senior Recognition Day.

Upon roll call voice vote it was unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT MEMBER TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION

Joe McCabe, Interim EDA Director / Charter Commission requested Council to approve appointing Sarahi Showalter to the Charter Commission.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, Council approved appointing Sarahi Showalter to the Charter Commission.

Upon roll call voice vote it was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE REFUNDS

Amanda Glass, City Manager, shared that there has been a request to refund or credit some of the liquor licenses, since establishments were not able to operate to their full capacity per Governor Walz's order requiring bars and restaurants to be shut down on March 17, 2020, due to COVID 19. The proposal has an estimated cost impact of \$1606.25 to the City.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, Council approved refunding a portion of the liquor license / 3.2 license fees as follows:

American Legion	\$275.00	On Sale Liquor License
FOE Aerie 3420	\$275.00	On Sale Liquor License
VFW Club 1914	\$275.00	On Sale Liquor License
Plaza Jalisco	\$275.00	On Sale Liquor License
Lupe's Mexican Grill	\$275.00	On Sale Liquor License
Jakes	\$ 62.50	Wine & 3.2 Licenses
Comes Investments	\$ 62.50	Wine & 3.2 Licenses
St. James Youth Baseball	\$ 31.25	3.2 License On Sale
Band Box	\$ 31.25	3.2 License On Sale
Los Americas	\$ 43.75	3.2 Combination

Upon roll call voice vote it was unanimous.

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TANDEM DUMP TRUCK– STREET DEPARTMENT

Chad Stradtman, Street/Park Superintendent, requesting approval to purchase a Freightliner Tandem Dump Truck off State bid pricing for the cab & chassis from Harrison Truck Center for a total of \$105,872.00, lowest bid. State pricing for box and hoist from Crysteel is \$39,017.00. The purchase is included in the 2020 approved budget, line item #101-43121-5500. Chad will not be trading any truck in, it is an outright purchase. Chad will eventually be selling the 1990 Ford and the proceeds will go back into capital equipment fund. Four bids were received for the truck:

RIHM Kenworth	\$125,950.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment	\$118,121.00
North Central International	\$113,453.00
Harrison Truck Centers	\$105,872.00

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, Council approved the purchase of the Freightliner Tandem Dump Truck from Harrison Truck Center in the amount of \$105,872.00 and the box and hoist from Crysteel in the amount of \$39,017.00.

Upon roll call voice vote it was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO REMOVE CITY PROPERTY – FENCE AT DOWNTOWN PARK

City Manager, Amanda Glass, received a request to remove the fencing and posts at the downtown park. Per the 03/11/2020 Park Board meeting, the Park Board made a motion and approved the fencing to come out at the downtown park. Amanda is unsure of the structure of board and committees as it relates to the overall city operations and felt it necessary to discuss the removal of the fencing with council. Removing of the fencing would change the look to the downtown park immensely.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, to leave the fencing and posts as is, in the downtown park. Upon roll call voice vote the following councilpersons voted:

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

NAYS: Kathleen Hanson

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared motion to have passed 3-1.

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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 2020 GRADUATING SENIORS

Request received for council to approve a proclamation declaring Friday May 22, 2020, as St. James High School Senior Recognition Day.

On motion by Councilperson Josh Haseman, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, Council approved the proclamation declaring Friday, May 22, 2020, as St. James High School Senior Recognition Day.

Upon roll call voice vote it was unanimous.

The May 19, 2020, City Council meeting was a teleconference/ZOOM meeting. There were a total of 8 people physically at the community building and were seated 6' apart. The remainder of the attendees appeared by telephone.

On motion by Councilperson Ray Hahnfeldt Jr., seconded by Councilperson Josh Haseman, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Kris Hurley
City Clerk