

**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 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Gary Sturm called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Gary Sturm, Paul Harris, Gene Hildebrandt, Hannah Rushing and Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson

Those absent: None

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

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2022, were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said motion to have passed 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$215,628.99 as follows: Checks No. 67142 through 67217, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.
- B. Officer Gruninger – to MN BCA DMT Training October 11-13, 2022

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said motion to have passed 5-0.

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

Nathan Gonzalez, dba The Spot, is requesting a Vending Wagon license. All the appropriate forms and documents have been received.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, council approved the Vending Wagon License for The Spot.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

The St James Fire Relief Association is seeking a temporary Liquor License for Railroad Days June 25, 2022

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, council approved the temporary Liquor License for the Fire Relief Association.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 5-22-06 ACCEPTING FINANCIAL GIFT FROM FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES FOR MEADOWLARK OUTDOOR SIGN

Councilperson Hannah Rushing introduced **RESOLUTION 05-22-06** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL GIFT FROM FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES FOR MEADOWLARK OUTDOOR SIGN”** and dispense with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **RESOLUTION 05-22-06** to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 5-22-07 DECLARING EXCESS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduced **RESOLUTION 05-22-07** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION 5-22-07 DECLARING EXCESS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE”** and dispense with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **RESOLUTION 05-22-07** to be duly passed.

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RESOLUTION 05-22-08 SALE OF EDA PROPERTY

Councilperson Paul Harris introduced **RESOLUTION 05-22-08** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION 05-22-08 AUTHORIZING CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES”** and dispense with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **RESOLUTION 05-22-08** to be duly passed.

APPROVE AUTHORIZATION AND GRANT REQUEST-AIRPORT

Council reviewed the authorization and grant offer letter for professional services associated with the Airport Zoning Ordinance update for the airport. This project has been identified on the airport CIP for several years and MnDOT Aeronautics has offered funding during 2022.

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the council approved the Authorization and Grant Request.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

APPROVE AUTHORIZATION AND GRANT REQUEST – AWOS SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

Council reviewed the authorization and grant offer letter for professional services associated with the AWOS Site Preparation Project for the airport. Installation of the new AWOS provides for more reliable equipment in a location that doesn't interfere with future building construction.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, council approved the Authorization and Grant Request.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

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NO MOW MAY DISCUSSION

The City was approached regarding participating in No Mow May as a way to help the pollinators. Because the month of May is almost over, council will look into this possibility for next year. No action was taken.

APPROVE QUOTE TO RE-SURFACE BALL PARK

Three quotes were received for re-surfacing the ball park. Lowest quote was received from C & D Services of St. James.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the council approved the quote from C & D Services totaling \$37,012.50 to re-surface the ball park.

Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Kristin Hurley
City Clerk Treasurer