

**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, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Those absent: none

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2022, were found correct as written and the City Clerk was instructed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilperson Kathleen Hanson

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared said motion to have passed 4-0-1.

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 \$743,675.43 as follows: Checks No. 67773 through 67846, and ACH payments 968 through 976, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.

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

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Family Dollar Store #27965 located at 7 Armstrong Blvd S., St. James MN is seeking an Off-Sale 3.2 beer license. All appropriate forms, documents and fees have been received.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, council approved the Off-Sale 3.2 Beer license for The Family Dollar Store.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

Karlina Zirne is requesting a Peddler's License to sell educational books in the City of St. James, for the time period of August 15, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, council approved the Peddler's License for Karlina Zirne.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 08-22-05 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LOT DIVISION WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES

Brianna Sanders, EDA Coordinator, requests a moratorium on lot division within the city of St. James. The zoning ordinances, licensing framework and other regulations of the City of St. James presently do not address the issues presented by the expanded authority to split and divide parcels or lots. The moratorium would allow time for staff to obtain input and to study an issues that may arise from dividing parcels.

Councilperson Hannah Rushing introduced **RESOLUTION 08-22-05** and moved its adoption, **"RESOLUTION 08-22-05 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LOT DIVISION WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES"** and dispense with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: Councilperson Sue Craig

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **RESOLUTION 08-22-05** to be duly passed 5-0.

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RESOLUTION 08-22-06 AMENDING PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON MAYBERRY HILLS 6TH ADDITION LOTS

Councilperson Paul Harris introduced **RESOLUTION 08-22-06** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION 08-22-06 AMENDING PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON MAYBERRY HILLS 6TH ADDITION LOTS”** and dispense with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **RESOLUTION 08-22-06** to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 08-22-07 DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduced **RESOLUTION 08-22-07** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION 08-22-07 DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE”** and dispense with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Gary Sturm declared **RESOLUTION 08-22-07** to be duly passed.

PURCHASE REQUEST – ST. JAMES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rochelle Hanson, Police Chief, is requesting the purchase of portable radios that will align with the Watonwan County Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff’s Department is switching over to an encrypted channel and the police department shares the same dispatching services. The request is to use ARPA funding to purchase the radios in the amount of \$53,621.10.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the council approved the purchase of portable radios with the use of ARPA funding.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

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AGENDA REQUEST – TESS HALL

Tess Hall, was present to request council to review and amend ordinance 91.03, which currently prohibits chickens within city limits. Tess feels this would benefit families of our community and environment and possibly increase revenue (in a small way) for the city.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, council tabled the discussion to allow staff time to research the ordinance.

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Kristin Hurley
City Clerk Treasurer