

**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, February 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jonathan Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Jonathan Wilson, Gene Hildebrandt, Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson, Hannah Rushing, Paul Harris

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

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2023, were found correct as written.

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$45,678.49 as follows: Checks No. 68783 through 68785, and 68797 through 68904 ACH payments 1140 through 1146, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.
- B. Schools, Conferences and Workshops:
 - Bill Nelson – MRWA Annual Conference
 - Danny Rotert – MRWA Annual Conference
 - Rochelle Hanson – Women in Command Training
 - Aidan Bartels – Street Survival Training

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 5-0.

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

Pheasants Forever – Watonwan County Chapter #0725 has applied for a gambling permit to have a raffle at the American Legion on March 28, 2023.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the council approved the gambling permit.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

The Watonwan River Longbeards has applied for a gambling permit to have a raffle at the American Legion on April 14, 2023.

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, the council approved the gambling permit.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2-23-01 RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER OF ST. JAMES AND SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

Councilperson Hannah Rushing introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-01** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER OF ST. JAMES AND SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING”** and dispensed 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 Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 2-23-01** to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 2-23-02 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DEFERMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Councilperson Sue Craig introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-02** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DEFERMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS”** and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 2-23-02** to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 2-23-03 RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EDIBLE CANNABINOID PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM HEMP WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES

Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-03** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EDIBLE CANNABINOID PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM HEMP WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES”** and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 2-23-03** to be duly passed.

RESOLUTION 2-23-04 RESOLUTION GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 701 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-04** and moved its adoption, **“GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 701 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH”** and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 2-23-04** to be duly passed.

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**RESOLUTION 2-23-05 RESOLUTION GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 201
ARMSTRONG BLVD SOUTH**

Councilperson Sue Craig introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-05** and moved its adoption, **“GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 201 ARMSTRONG BLVD SOUTH”** and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: None.

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 2-23-05** to be duly passed.

**RESOLUTION 2-23-06 RESOLUTION GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 1103 13th
AVENUE SOUTH**

Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-06** and moved its adoption, **“GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 1103 13th AVENUE SOUTH”** and dispensed 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 Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 2-23-06** to be duly passed.

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION – ERIC GRUNINGER

Police Officer Eric Gruninger has submitted his resignation.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, council accepted the resignation and thanked Eric Gruninger for his service.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

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ACCEPTING RESIGNATION – JORDAN JENSEN

Jordan Jensen, Electric Department, has submitted his resignation.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, council accepted the resignation and thanked Jordan Jensen for his service.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION – LINDA BULLER

Linda Buller, Charter Commission, has submitted her resignation.

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, council accepted the resignation and thanked Linda Buller for her service.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

WASTEWATER – PURCHASE REQUEST FOR TWO NEW TRUCKS

Mark Anderson, Wastewater Superintendent, is requesting permission to purchase two pickup trucks. Truck #51 will be replaced and Truck #38 will be kept and used for the collection system. Truck #51 was to be replaced in 2022 but with new truck orders taking 14-months to deliver at that time, it was delayed until 2023. The State bid price for the two trucks is \$97,500 and the trade for truck #51 is \$24,000 making the total \$73,500. There was \$37,000 budgeted in 2022 that was unspent and \$50,000 budgeted in 2023 for these purchases. The capital equipment funds will not be used for these purchases.

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the Council approves the purchase.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BACKYARD CHICKENS

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, **ORDINANCE NO. 010, 4TH SERIES, “AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS”** received its first reading. Upon hand vote the following voted:

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

NAYS: Kathleen Hanson

Whereupon Mayor Jon Wilson declared said Ordinance No., 010-4th Series to have received its first reading.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Kristin Hurley
City Clerk Treasurer