

**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 21, 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 Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 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 Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the following consent items were hereby approved:

- A. Payment of Claims totaling \$160,252.61 as follows: Checks No. 68905 through 68908, and 68919 through 68981, Pioneer Bank as listed in the Check Register.
- B. Schools, Conferences and Workshops:
  - Bill Nelson – MNIAAI Arson Conference
  - Seth Reinke – MNIAAI Arson Conference
  - Rochelle Hanson, Amanda Glass and Kris Hurley – City Day on the Hill

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

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**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

Flying Eagles Cycle Club –has applied for a gambling permit to host bingo at the American Legion on April 22, 2023.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the council approved the gambling permit.

Upon voice vote, it was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BACKYARD CHICKENS**

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, **ORDINANCE NO. 010, 4<sup>TH</sup> SERIES, “AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS”** received its second reading. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: Kathleen Hanson

Whereupon Mayor Jon Wilson declared said Ordinance No., 010-4<sup>th</sup> Series to have received its second reading and ordered published.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2-23-07 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL GIFT FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #33**

Councilperson Paul Harris introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-07** and moved its adoption, **“RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL GIFT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #33”** 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 2-23-07** to be duly passed.

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**RESOLUTION 2-23-08 RESOLUTION DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE**

Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 2-23-08** and moved its adoption, “**RESOLUTION DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE**” and dispensed with the reading. It was duly seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson. 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 2-23-08** to be duly passed.

**FIREWORKS DATE**

Premium Pyrotechnics that handles our fireworks show each year need the City to select the fireworks show dates for 2023, 2024 and 2025. Available dates each year are July 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> for Independence Day celebration. We could also move the fireworks to a different holiday or enhance other celebrations such as Rail Road Days or the County Fair.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, second by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, discussion is tabled. Upon voice vote it was unanimous.

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Kristin Hurley  
City Clerk Treasurer