

**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 City Hall Council Chambers in said City on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jonathan Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Jonathan Wilson was present until 5:35 p.m. Paul Harris, President Pro-Tempore of Council, was the presiding officer (Acting Mayor) from 5:35 p.m. until the meeting adjourned.

Present: Mayor Jonathan Wilson, Councilpersons Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris (arrived at 5:33), Gene Hildebrandt, Hannah Rushing

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Glass, City Clerk-Treasurer Kris Hurley, City Attorney Mike Kircher

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 2024, were found correct as written.

AYES: Councilpersons Sue Craig, Hannah Rushing, Gene Hildebrandt, Kathleen Hanson

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 4-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Payment of claims totaling \$261,241.00 is as follows: Checks No. 702581– 702601, 702617 – 702693 as listed in the check register.

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared said motion to have passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION 09-24-01 ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SETTING
THE PRELIMINARY 2025 TAX LEVY**

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Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduced **RESOLUTION 09-24-01** and moved its adoption. **“RESOLUTION 09-24-01 ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SETTING THE PRELIMINARY 2025 TAX LEVY”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared **RESOLUTION 09-24-01** duly passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 09-24-02 SETTING THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Councilperson Hannah Rushing introduced **RESOLUTION 09-24-02** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 09-24-02 SETTING THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Sue Craig duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared **RESOLUTION 09-24-02** duly passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 09-24-03 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE RENEWAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH WEST CENTRAL SANITATION

Councilperson Sue Craig introduced **RESOLUTION 09-24-03** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 09-24-03 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE RENEWAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH WEST CENTRAL SANITATION”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared **RESOLUTION 09-24-03** duly passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 09-24-04 ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT 7TH STREET SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS AND RING ROAD EXTENSION

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduce **RESOLUTION 09-24-04** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 09-24-05 ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON**

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IMPROVEMENT 7TH STREET SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS AND RING ROAD

EXTENSION” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Hannah Rushing duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared **RESOLUTION 09-24-04** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 09-24-05 DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND ORDER SALE**

Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 09-24-05** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 0-24-05 DECLARING ABANDONED AND SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ORDERING SALE”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Sue Craig duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared **RESOLUTION 09-24-05** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 09-24-06 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT
LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Councilperson Hannah Rushing introduced **RESOLUTION 09-24-06** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 09-24-06 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Kathleen Hanson duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared **RESOLUTION 09-24-06** duly passed 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - RESIGNATION

Brad Nestegard, Police Officer resigned from his position effective September 23, 2024. He resigns in good standing with the City of St. James.

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt to accept Brad Nestegard’s resignation in good standing. Upon voice vote, it was unanimously approved.

STREET/PARKS DEPARTMENT – NEW HIRE

Charles Wagner, Street/Park Lead, has returned to his position effective September 9, 2024. He was eligible for rehire as he resigned in good standing with the City of St. James. He returned to his position at Grade 7, Step 7 in accordance with the approved AFSCME union wage scale.

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the council approved the rehire of Charles Wager. Upon voice vote, it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 025, 4TH SERIES RENAMING A STREET IN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES, WATONWAN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig “**ORDINANCE N. 025, 4TH SERIES, AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A STREET IN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES, WATONWAN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**”, received its first reading. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Acting Mayor Paul Harris declared Ordinance No. 025, 4th Series to have received its first reading.

Motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Kristin Hurley, City Clerk-Treasurer