

**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, October 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Jonathan Wilson, Councilpersons Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Gene Hildebrandt, Hannah Rushing

Absent: Councilperson Sue Craig

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

MINUTES

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2024, were found correct as written.

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

NAYS: None

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

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Payment of claims totaling \$418,721.90 is as follows: Checks No. 702790-702791, 702800 – 702867 as listed in the check register.

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

OLD BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 025, 4TH SERIES –
RENAMING A STREET IN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES – 2ND READING**

Motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 025, 4TH SERIES – RENAMING A STREET IN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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– **2ND READING.** to approve Ordinance 025, 4th Series – Renaming a street in the City of St. James – 2nd reading.

Motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, to amend his motion tabled from October 1, 2024, to rename the street to 6th Avenue Court South. Motion seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson.

AYES: Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris

NAYS: Councilperson Hannah Rushing

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared the proposed **Ordinance 025, 4th series** to be amended to 6th Avenue Court South duly passed 3-1.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 10-24-01 APPROVING ORDINANCE 025, 4TH SERIES RENAMING A STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE TITLE AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

Due to the amendments to proposed ordinance 025, 4th Series, Resolution 10-24-01 has been tabled.

RESOLUTION 10.24.02 SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN RECHARGE AMERICA RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Councilperson Paul Harris introduced **RESOLUTION 10-24-02** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 10-24-02 SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN RECHARGE AMERICA RECOGNITION PROGRAM**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Kathleen Hanson duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 10-24-02** duly passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 10-24-03 AUTHORIZING INTERFUND LOAN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND

Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 10-24-03** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 10-24-03 AUTHORIZING INTERFUND LOAN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Paul Harris duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 10-24-03** duly passed 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – HIRE CHIEF OF POLICE

Bradley Nestegard, Police Officer, has accepted the position as Police Chief for the St. James Police Department. Bradley has been placed within the non-union pay scale and will be starting at a Grade 18, Step 4. His start date is set for October 14, 2024.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing to approve Bradley Nestegard's promotion to Police Chief, Grade 18, Step 4 of the non-union pay scale. Upon voice vote, it was unanimously approved.

Motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Kristin Hurley, City Clerk-Treasurer