

**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 Wednesday, November 6, 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, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt, Hannah Rushing

Absent: Councilperson Paul Harris

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 Gene Hildebrandt, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2024, were found correct as written.

AYES: Councilpersons Hannah Rushing, Kathleen Hanson, Gene Hildebrandt

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Sue Craig

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 3-0-1.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

On motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the following consent items were hereby approved:

Payment of claims totaling \$546,924.11 is as follows: Checks No. 702868 – 702873, 702881 – 702983 and ACH 1740 - 1760 as listed in the check register.

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

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

STJ 1989 Wrestling Champions - Gambling Permit. Requesting permission to hold a raffle on March 7, 2025, at the St. James Eagles Club. All documentation has been received.

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the council approved the gambling permit. Upon voice vote, it was unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – NEW HIRE**

Dustin Palmquist has completed the hiring and background process for the St. James Police Department for the position of Police Officer. Dustin has been placed with lateral entry within the LELS pay scale serving 12 years in law enforcement and will be starting at a step 8 of the LELS union wage scale. His start date with the Police Department was October 28, 2024. Dustin was introduced to council.

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Hannah Rushing, the council approved the hire of Dustin Palmquist. Upon voice vote, it was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 11-24-01 AMENDING RESOLUTION 10-24-03 AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN TO THE ST. JAMES FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND**

Councilperson Hannah Rushing introduced **RESOLUTION 11-24-01** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 11-24-01 AMENDING RESOLUTION 10-24-03 AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN TO THE ST. JAMES FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Kathleen Hanson duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 11-24-01** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 11-24-02 GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 131 9<sup>th</sup> AVENUE NORTH**

Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 11-24-02** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 11-24-02 GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 131 9<sup>th</sup> AVENUE NORTH**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Sue Craig duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 11-24-02** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 11-24-03 GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 34697 COUNTY ROAD 55**

Councilperson Sue Craig introduced **RESOLUTION 11-24-03** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 11-24-03 GRANTING SIGNAGE APPROVAL AT 34697 COUNTY ROAD 55**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Kathleen Hanson duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

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

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 11-24-03** duly passed 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 025, 4<sup>TH</sup> SERIES – RENAMING A STREET IN THE CITY OF ST. JAMES – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Motion by Councilperson Sue Craig to table **PROPOSED ORDINANCE 025, 4<sup>TH</sup> SERIES – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**. There was not second, so the motion was rescinded by Sue Craig.

Motion by Councilperson Hannah Rushing to reject **PROPOSED ORDINANCE 025, 4<sup>TH</sup> SERIES – 1<sup>st</sup> reading** and have the naming of the street taken back to the EDA board, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Hannah Rushing, Sue Craig

NAYS: Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, Kathleen Hanson

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared a tie vote. Mayor Jonathan Wilson is also opposed to the motion to reject the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and declared said motion not passed 3-0.

Motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt to name the street 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court South, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, Kathleen Hanson

NAYS: Councilperson Hannah Rushing, Sue Craig

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared a tie vote. Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **PROPOSED ORDINANCE 025, 4<sup>TH</sup> SERIES**, to have received its 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Kristin Hurley, City Clerk-Treasurer