

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS MN
ANOKA COUNTY**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Steve Feldman through a virtual setting via Zoom.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mayor Steve Feldman, Councilmembers Joe Muehlbauer, Robert Bauer, Sarah Udvig, and Kevin Robinson.

Also present: Assistant City Attorney Dave Schaps (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Craig Jochum (Hakanson Associates, Inc.), City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, Police Chief Todd Schwieger, Fire Chief Dave Schmidt, Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt, Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, and City Clerk Barb Held.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY BAUER SECOND MUEHLBAUER APPROVING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

Ayes: Robinson, Udvig, Feldman, Bauer, and Muehlbauer.

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. City Council Minutes – February 16, 2021
- B. SEH Proposal – America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan
- C. Final Pay Request – 2018 Street Reconditioning Project to North Valley Inc. for \$9,458.32.
- D. Final Pay Request – 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project to ASTECH Corporation for \$9,529.30.
- E. Final Pay Request – Kings Hwy & Riverbank Lane Improvement to North Valley Inc. for \$52,219.88.
- F. Pay Estimate No. 4 – 200 Street Rehabilitation Project to North Valley Inc. for \$11,458.82.
- G. RFP Liquor Store - Engineer Services: Per direction of Pearl Architecture, The City needs to send out an Request for Proposal (RFP) for the following services: soil testing and site observation for Earthwork, Aggregates, Soils Compaction at building addition footings (in-situ), Bolting Inspections, Wood Shear Walls, Reinforcing Steel, Concrete Samples, Post Installation Anchors (ICC-ES Report), Structural Steel, Barrier Behind EIFS,, and as outlined per the MN Special Structural Testing and Inspection Program Schedule that was provided in the packet.
- H. RFP Liquor Store - Coolers

I. Payment of Claims \$188,177.19 (Check #'s 78772-78814)

Item B, E and H were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and clarification.

MOTION BY ROBINSON SECOND UDVIG APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, C-G AND I.

Ayes: Bauer, Udvig, Robinson, Feldman, and Muehlbauer.

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0.

B. SEH Proposal – America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan

The council questioned why is there a not to exceed amount, should we not have gone out for RFP's for this project. City Administrator Joe Kohlmann stated Public Works Director Jason Windingstad could not make the meeting tonight but said it is his understanding that SEH has worked in the past with the City on different compliance plans and most recently our permit.

Council also questioned why if the America's Water Infrastructure Act was signed in 2018 why is it just coming to us? For the cost of this assessment the council felt they should receive more quotes. Kohlmann stated this is a budgeted item and is a risk assessment and develop an Emergency Response plan.

After more discussion, the council agreed they would like to see another quote and why it took so long for this to come before the council.

E. Final Pay Request – Kings Hwy & Riverbank Lane Improvement to North Valley Inc. for \$52,219.88

Mayor Feldman asked if everything has been completed. City Engineer Craig Jochum said yes, all items that we knew of have been taken care of. After some discussion about various problems with the project the council agreed to move forward with the final pay request.

H. RFP Liquor Store - Coolers

There was an update to the RFP with the addition of 5-foot cooler door versus 6 foot. The RFP is for the walk-in cooler and the back-bar equipment. More discussion continued about the coolers and the size of the doors but council agreed to move forward with the RFP.

MOTION BY MUEHLBAUER SECOND ROBINSON TO CONTINUE ITEM 4 B. AMERICAN'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (AWIA) RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MORE QUOTES; APPROVE ITEM 4 E. APPROVING THE FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR THE KINGS HWY & RIVERBANK LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; APPROVE ITEM 4 H. GOING OUT FOR RFP'S FOR THE LIQUOR STORE COOLERS AS PRESENTED BY PEARL ARCHITECTURE.

Ayes: Bauer, Feldman, Udvig, Muehlbauer, and Robinson.

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0.

5. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

City Administrator Joe Kohlmann asked if anyone watching would like to speak to the council on an item not on the agenda. Hearing none the council continued.

6. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

None

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

10. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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11. **REPORTS**

A. Department Reports – None

B. Councilmember Reports -

Udvig – attended the school board meeting via zoom last Monday. The school board voted to cut the School Resource Officer (SRO) position. I was very disappointed in that vote. Will be attending a Community Health Forum on Mental Health tomorrow. Few people reached out to me regarding the ice rinks. Is there a way to reach out to let people know when the warming house will not be staffed? Kohlmann said probably because the ice wasn't in good shape do to the warmer weather. Council agreed we should put something out saying when the rinks will be closed on social media or posting a letter, just something.

Bauer – not much to report but with the recent snow again remember to shovel out by your hydrant.

Muehlbauer – I was also tagged on some of the same post regarding the ice rink concerns. Complaining on Facebook is not the right way to address a concern. Was not able to join in on the last work session was having audio problems. Frustrated with the school board and the elimination of the SRO. Seems like whenever they have a referendum they always say it's for the kids-disappointing.

Robinson – took part in the last work session. Great disappointment with the school board regarding the SRO position being cut. They shouldn't take away from the kids. The SRO's do a lot by being in the schools. In the future, maybe the Homerun Club could at least post a note on the door that the rink is closed for the season.

Feldman – regarding the complaints about the rinks, I don't understand why they go to social media, call us or city staff instead. In regards to the SRO position being cut, I am very disgusted with this action by the school board. I found out at our finance work session. Kids trust the SRO's I am hoping we can persuade them to maintain an SRO in the schools, I am sure there are other areas they can make some cuts. Feldman then asked Police Chief for his comments. Chief Schwieger stated they have been preparing reports explaining what actually the SRO all does. Maybe we could present this to a group made up of a couple school board members and council members. Udvig stated I want you to all know that Superintendent Giese is not for cutting this position. The school board thinks if they cut this position they can add another counselor. The school board knows I am very upset about their decision. Feldman said there use to be two SRO's in the schools, they did a lot of training and preventative type teaching. I like the idea of having a small group with members from each side to discuss this out. I am not personally a fan of the ALICE program. Feldman also reported the Casa Rio truck will start back up for the season in the Bottle shop parking lot. Staff is checking into their 21-day restriction for a temporary food license with Anoka County. I would like to see more trucks in the city throughout the summer.

Feldman asked department heads how staff's moral is during the pandemic. All departments said as good as can be expected and looking forward to spring.

C. Upcoming Events –

Mar 15 City Council Meeting – 6:00 pm, Zoom meeting

Mar 17 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

Apr 5 City Council Meeting – 6:00 pm, Zoom meeting

D. City Administrator's Report –

1. Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minn. Statute 13D.05 Subd.3(c)(1) to determine asking price for the real property owned by the City and described as 313424440003

MOTION BY MUEHLBAUER SECOND BAUER TO GO INTO A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO MINN. STATUTES 13D.05 Subd. 3(c)(1) TO DETERMINE ASKING PRICE FOR THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AND DESCRIBED AS 313424440003.

Ayes: Muehlbauer, Bauer, Feldman, Robinson, and Udvig.

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0.

2. Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minn. Statute 13D.05 Subd.3 (c)(3) to consider offers for the purchase of real properties as described as 053324220013 and 053324220012

MOTION BY FELDMAN SECOND ROBINSON TO GO INT A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO MINN. STATUTES 13D.05 Subd.3 (c)(3) TO CONSIDER OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTIES AS DESCRIBED AS 053324220013 and 053324220012.

Ayes: Robinson, Udvig, Feldman, Bauer, and Muehlbauer.

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Feldman stated the City Council will go into a closed meeting at 6:47 pm.

Mayor Feldman stated the City Council is back in open session at 7:28 pm.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Feldman adjourned the regular city council at 7:28 pm.

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk