

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
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ANOKA COUNTY**

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

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

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Steve Feldman.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mayor Steve Feldman, Councilmembers Kevin Robinson, Joe Muehlbauer and Sarah Udvig. Robert Bauer excused. Also present; Assistant City Attorney Dave Schaps (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Craig Jochum (Hakanson Associates, Inc.), City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom, Police Chief Todd Schwieger, Fire Chief Dave Schmidt, Public Works Director Paul Teicher, Liquor Store Manager John Schmidt, and City Clerk Barb Held.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY MUEHLBAUER SECOND UDVIG APPROVING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Feldman asked to pull item 4E. from the consent agenda for further comments from the Public Works Director Paul Teicher.

MOTION BY ROBINSON SECOND MUEHLBAUER APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-D and F AS FOLLOWS:

- A. City Council Minutes – October 21, 2019
- B. Embedded Systems Contract Renewal for 2020
- C. 2020 Squad Care Purchase/Replacement
- D. Hire Catherine Hauan as a Part Time Liquor Store Clerk
- E. ~~2020 Residential Recycling Agreement with Anoka County~~
- F. Payment of Claims \$138,393.99 (Check #'s 76594-76661)

E. **2020 Residential Recycling Agreement with Anoka County**

Teicher reported Anoka County asked us to pull this from the agenda due to a miscalculation of our tonnage for 2020. Likely will have the new number next week. Council can either approve the agreement contingent upon receiving the new tonnage number and inserting them in the existing agreement, or we can place this on the next City Council agenda.

MOTION BY SECOND APPROVING THE 2020 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH ANOKA COUNTY CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING AND INSERTING THE NEW TONNAGE TOTALS FOR 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Boy Scout Troup Mayor Feldman move Special Business to before Meeting Open to the Public.

6. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

A. Recognition of Eagle Scouts: Jacob Lane
Dillion Nagel

Mayor Feldman presented a certificate to both Jacob Lane and Dillion Nagel for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability as evidenced by your attainment of Eagle Scout award. Congratulations Jacob and Dillion.

B. Fire Chief Dave Schmidt – Fire Officer of the Year Award for Cities under 10,000 in Population

Mayor Feldman stated he is also honored to present this next award. Fire Chief Dave Schmidt was chosen by a third party committee on a unanimous decision to be awarded the Fire Officer of the Year Award for Cities under 10,000 in Population. Congratulations Dave.

5. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A. Dallas Muun, 4461-236th Lane, I have a track in my back yard and have a pit bike and my one neighbor also uses it. My other neighbor is complaining about me and boarding on harassment.

Feldman asked Chief Schwieger what can we do here. Chief Schwieger stated when the police department receives a call for service they have to respond. To my knowledge, he has not received a citation. Don't see much changing. Decibels levels are set by the State.

Feldman ask how is your working relationship with your neighbor. One neighbor rides with me. I have only had issues with Gary (Janisch). Muun said he has tried to work with him.

Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom said there is not a lot the city can do. We did tell Gary what the ordinances are, looked at lot lines, erosion, noise, and his easements.

Muehlbauer asked legal is there anything he can do. City Attorney Dave Schaps said it is a private matter.

Thunstrom said what Dallas is using his yard for is allowed at this time. Gary (Janisch) does have room for a fence.

Feldman said we appreciate you are trying to work with him. Feldman said there is really nothing we can do.

Robinson I am for property rights and to be able to do things.

Udvig, thank you for being considerate to your neighbor and trying to work with him. Sorry it is an inconvenience.

Feldman said what if myself, city administrator, you and Gary all get together to discuss this further. I will reach out to Gary.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Assessment Public Hearing: Certifying Assessments for Delinquent Utilities, Miscellaneous Invoices and Administrative Fines: Resolution 2019-50

City Administrator Joe Kohlmann reported on what provided to the city council . I includes a list of Delinquent utility bills, storm water fees, miscellaneous invoices and administrative citations. Before any action is taken the council needs to take public comment.

Mayor Steve Feldman opened the public hearing 6:19 pm. Closed the public hearing at 6:19 pm after no public comment.

Feldman said he is disappointed with the unpaid stormwater fees. We are just the stewards of implementing and collecting the fee. Kohlmann said the amount total is consistent with last years.

Udvig protesting something we can't control.

Muehlbauer asked if the past due utilities consistent too. Kohlmann was not sure.

Robinson asked about the consistency of certain neighborhoods not paying the fee.

Feldman said they are notified multiple times. The MS4 amount is an unfunded mandated fee. Some cities put it in the levy. We just put it out there. Some neighborhoods already benefited from this fund. Feldman said we are forced to do these abatements. Rather see they pay it.

MOTION BY MUEHLBAUER SECOND ROBINSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-50 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTIFICATION F MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICES, MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL NOTICE FEES, AND REPAIR OF LEAKS AS A LIEN UPON PREMISES. Motion carried 4-0.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

10. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None

11. **REPORTS**

A. **Department Reports –**

1. **Fire Department Quarterly Report**

Fire Chief Dave Schmidt gave an overview of the fire department report. Third quarter the fire department responded to 117 calls for service, call volumes have increased since last year of approximately 23%. Just this last year we went over 416 calls for service with two-months left in the year. Third quarter a little reduction to call attendance which has to do with the summer months and vacations. Chief Schmidt also went over the types of calls, response time and calls by day of week.

Feldman said response time has decrease since 2017. Schmidt said there are variables because of the layout of the city.

Muehlbauer good report.

Robinson good report. Robinson asked about the number of people responding.

Schmidt said there are standby number firefighters that show up but do not go out on an apparatus. First five people through the door go on the vehicle or however many we can staff the vehicle, up to five.

Udvig excellent report.

2. **Public Works Update:** Public Works Director Paul Teicher gave some verbal updates. Update on Oak Grove sewer connection happened last Thursday and received payment. No noticeable change.

Crosswalk lights on Pederson should be happening next week. Some miss communication at Connexus Energy that caused a delay.

948 meters completed 147 scheduled of the total 1735 total in the meter change out program. Feldman said with these new meters we will be more efficient in our readings, better service and customer service. Keeping current with technology, preventive and proactive.

In regards to the Anoka County Recycling SCORE funding, we do ask for the max. Teicher said yes.

B. **Councilmember Reports-**

Udvig – attended the October 28 school board meeting safe routes to school grant program will be applied for this year. Saturday attended pancake breakfast SFHS fundraiser.

Robinson – nothing to report.

Muehlbauer- attended joint fire enforcement council.

Feldman - November 11 city offices closed. Please signal your turn in the roundabout. Bring your concern or issue to us, not on Facebook. We are here to serve you but you have to work with us.

Appreciate Dallas coming forward. Thank you to all the Eagle Scouts. Glad and proud to hand out certificates. Thank you to all staff.

C. Upcoming Events -

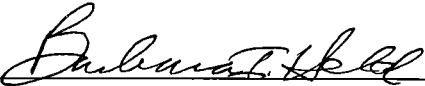
Nov 11 Veterans Day – City Offices Closed

Nov 13 City Council Work Session @ City Hall 5:30 pm

Nov 18 City Council Meeting @ St. Francis Area Schools District Offices 6:00 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Feldman adjourned the regular city council at 6:41 pm.


Barbara I. Held, City Clerk