

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS MN
ANOKA COUNTY

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2017

1. **Call to Order**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Steve Feldman.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Mayor Steve Feldman, Councilmembers, Joe Muehlbauer, Jerry Tveit and Rich Skordahl. Robert Bauer arrived at 5:40 pm.

Also present City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, Police Chief Todd Schwieger and Public Works Director Paul Teicher,

3. **Public Works Internship Agreement**

Public Works Director Paul Teicher stated a current student in the Water Environment Technologies Program at St. Cloud Technical and Community College approached the city asking if he would be able to do a one week internship in the water department. Teicher said our water treatment plan is suitable for the proper training experience and meets the educational needs of the students enrolled in the program. Tveit stated he would abstain as the potential intern is a nephew of his. MOTION BY SKORDAHL SECOND BAUER AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR STUDENT TRAINING EXPERIENCE/INTERNSHIP. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tveit abstained.

4. **Hire Public Works Water/Wastewater System Operations Specialist Contingent upon passing all Pre-employment testing and showing up for work the first day**

Teicher indicated that he is still in discussion with the number one candidate. Their concern was about health care coverage. Feldman stated health care coverage for full time employees has been explored. It looks like the city found coverage and still could grandfather the taxable contribution to employees if they have group coverage. Feldman explained this is not a cost savings but to provide a benefit to full time employees. The only reason I am bringing it up now is because this potential employee is questioning group coverage availability. MOTION BY MUEHLBAUER SECOND TVEIT TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Discussion on Providing Police Protection to the City of Oak Grove**

Police Chief Todd Schwieger provided a budget to the city council on what it would cost Oak Grove for police protection from St. Francis. Schwieger said I did a budget for 24 hour coverage. They currently have 20 hour coverage with Anoka County Sheriff's Office. However in the time they don't have full coverage it is easier for them to draw more officers in from Anoka County. Chief Schwieger stated I didn't want to take away from our residents of St. Francis so that was the reasoning for the 24 hours

coverage. After more discussion it was decided not to put in a police protection bid for the City of Oak Grove. No council action was taken.

6. **Other Business**

None.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Feldman adjourned the regular city council at 6:48 pm.

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk