

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3 MARCH 22, 2022
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5 **CALL TO ORDER.**

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7 Mayor Stille called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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9 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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11 Mayor Stille invited the Council and audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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13 **ROLL CALL.**

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15 Present: Mayor Stille, Councilmembers Jenson, Randle, Walker and Webster.

16 Absent: None

17 Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, City Engineer Justin Messner, and Police Captain Jeff
18 Spiess.

19 Guests:
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21 **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**
22 **ITEMS.**

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24 **I. APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

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26 Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to approve the City
27 Council Meeting Agenda of March 22, 2022 as presented.
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29 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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31 **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION – NONE.**

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33 **III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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35 A. Approval of March 8, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

36 B. Licenses and Permits.

37 C. Claims.
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39 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve the
40 Consent Agenda items.
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42 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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44 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE.**

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46 **V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF – NONE.**

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48 **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**
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1 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to approve
2 Resolution 22-029 – A Resolution Calling a Hearing on the Proposed Assessments for the 2022
3 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

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5 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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7 Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve Resolution
8 22-030 – A Resolution Declaring the Cost to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of the
9 Proposed Assessments for the 2022 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

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11 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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13 B. Police Annual Report.

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15 Police Captain Jeff Spiess appeared before the City Council to present the 2021 St. Anthony
16 Police Department Annual Report. There are 20 Full Time Police Officers (4 contract), 6
17 Volunteer Reserve Officers (authorized for 14), 1 Full Time Community Service Officer, and 2
18 Full Time Civilian Support Staff. The department fleet includes 6 marked squads, 1 marked
19 reserve unit, 1 marked CSO unit and 5 passenger vehicles assigned to Chief, Captain, Detective
20 & Special Detail.

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22 Charts showing Part I and Part II Crimes were shown. There were 598 total criminal cases with
23 245 cases cleared, 170 cases cleared by arrest and 75 cases cleared by other. There are three
24 investigators. In 2022 the rotating investigator position will be increased to a three-year term.
25 The total calls for service for 2021 were 7201. Captain Spiess presented a patrol review,
26 education summary, and a report on the police reserves. He stated the reason for the stop data
27 include 83% moving violations, 10% vehicle violations, 5% investigative stops and 2% 911
28 calls.

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30 Every officer is a community engagement officer and every encounter is an engagement. A team
31 of four operates social media, meets quarterly to plan, organizes community events and presents
32 to the public, and develops youth and other programs as a form of engagement and education.
33 Captain Spiess cited 2021 community engagement events.

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35 The body worn camera program was reviewed. A summary progress report was presented along
36 with plans for 2022. Updates can be provided via the St. Anthony Village website by signing up
37 to be “Notified”. The police can be emailed at police@savmn.com. Police records can be
38 requested at sapdrecords@savmn.com. The police department can be reached at 612-782-3350 to
39 arrange for a meeting via phone or in person. The complete police department report can be
40 found on the City’s website at www.savmn.com.

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42 Councilmember Jenson stated he was very impressed with the presentation and the amount of
43 community engagement activities. The City is very fortunate for the Police Department.

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45 Councilmember Walker congratulated Captain Spiess on his 24 years with the Police
46 Department. He asked about the calls for service and asked if there were reasons why the
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1 numbers decreased. Captain Spiess stated he looked at 2019 vs 2021 and some of that is part of
2 the Zero Death Grant Program. Some of the decrease is due to fewer medicals and fewer alarms.
3 Councilmember Walker referred to the elected training and what types of training was taken.
4 Captain Spiess stated the elected training is vetted by the department to ensure it follows the
5 strategic plan. Councilmember Walker asked if the community engagement events are driven by
6 the Police Department or suggestions from residents. Captain Spiess stated a survey was sent out
7 for input on the Citizens Academy. The Police Department is always looking for ideas.
8 Councilmember Walker indicated interest in seeing what other cities are collecting as far as the
9 drug collection.

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11 Councilmember Webster thanked Captain Spiess for his presentation. She is pleased that the
12 programs within the Police Department match with highly successful organizations and
13 employee satisfaction. She is very proud of the Police Department. She asked about the traffic
14 stops and asked if the stops by race will be presented. Captain Spiess stated that data will be
15 available later this year.

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17 Councilmember Randle stated that was an excellent report. He is impressed with the amount of
18 work that has gone into community engagement.

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20 Mayor Stille thanked Captain Spiess for the presentation. Mayor Stille asked how Council can
21 support the Police Department and if something is needed it will be considered seriously. The
22 Department has Council's support. This ties into the Police Department's Mission Statement
23 where people want to work. A pamphlet has been created regarding the Police Department.

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25 C. 2022 Parks & Environmental Commission Work Plan.

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27 City Manager Yunker reviewed the Parks and Environmental Commission 2022 Work Plan Draft
28 for the Council. This was also reviewed at the Goals Setting Session.

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30 Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve the 2022
31 Parks & Environmental Commission Work Plan as presented.

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33 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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35 D. Resolution 22-027 – Supporting the “Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation”.

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37 City Manager Yunker reviewed the Wyland Mayor’s Challenge is an annual month-long
38 campaign, from April 1-30, to promote drought resiliency and protect water quality. This is a
39 friendly competition to see which city is the most “water wise” in the nation, where residents
40 make a pledge to change behaviors in their water consumption at home and reduce human
41 impact on lakes, rivers, streams, and other water systems.

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43 All residents are invited to join in the effort to reduce St. Anthony’s water consumption and
44 preserve our water resources. Students and teachers can join the effort by participating using the
45 educational resources available on the website.

1 The City will promote the challenge through the upcoming newsletter to households in April, the
2 City website and social media channels.

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4 Go to www.mywaterpledge.com and click on “Take the Pledge” to sign-up. When searching for
5 the City, enter it as “Saint Anthony, Minnesota” and follow the instructions.

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7 Mayor Stille noted we are still in a drought and encouraged participation. The resolution was
8 read in full by the City Councilmembers and Mayor.

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10 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve
11 Resolution 22-027 a Resolution in Support of the Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation.

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13 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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15 **VII. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

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17 City Manager Yunker had no report.

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19 Councilmember Walker stated on March 15, he attended the TCAAP Meeting.

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21 Councilmember Jenson stated on March 11, he attended the Ramsey County Local League of
22 Governments Meeting.

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24 Councilmember Randle stated on March 16, he attended the Sister Cities Meeting.

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26 Councilmember Webster had no report.

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28 Mayor Stille stated a work session was held earlier this evening. MWMO Executive Director
29 will be hired soon. He was elected Vice Chair of the MWMO.

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31 **VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM.**

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33 No one appeared to address the City Council.

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35 **IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE.**

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37 Mayor Stille stated two weeks ago there were three watermain breaks. The breaks were thought
38 to be weather related. He commended Public Works on fixing these. He encouraged residents to
39 help keep the City beautiful by picking up trash.

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41 **X. ADJOURNMENT.**

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43 Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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45 Respectfully submitted,
46 Debbie Wolfe

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Mayor

4 ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk

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