

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Stille called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Stille invited the Council and audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, Fire Captain Mattie Jaros, City Engineer Justin Messner and Fire Chief Mark Sitarz.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

I. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 22, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.

Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve the City Council Meeting Agenda of November 22, 2022 as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION.

Fire Captain Mattie Jaros presented the 2022 Fire Prevention Poster Winners. The theme for this year's contest was "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape". This year's winners were:

4 th Place	Emma DeSouza	5 th Grade	Wilshire
3 rd Place	Bella Klement	5 th Grade	St. Charles
2 nd Place	Connor Gallagher	5 th Grade	St. Charles
1 st Place	Charlie Gallagher	5 th Grade	St. Charles

Photographs were taken with the Mayor and the Fire Chief.

Last year's winner Nelle M. went onto the state competition and was the winner.

Captain Jaros announced the 2022 Santa on the Fire Truck will be held December 11, 12, 14, 2022 starting at 5:30pm each night. Donations for Toys for Tots – new, unwrapped toys, check or checks will be accepted. Donations will also be accepted for Nourish 282 – cash or gift cards.

Santa can be tracked through the GPS tracking on the City's Website and a link will also be posted on the Fire Department Facebook page.

III. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Approval of November 8, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Licenses and Permits.
- C. Claims.

Motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Webster, to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING.

- A. Ordinance 2022-09 – An Ordinance Amending Section 50.16 of Chapter 50 Storm Water and Sanitary Sewers.

City Engineer Justin Messner reviewed this is the first reading of the Ordinance and City Staff has worked closely with the Metropolitan Council of Environmental Services (MCES) to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the Ongoing Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Program. City Council approved the MOU under resolution 22-052 at the June 14, 2022, City Council Meeting. Under the terms of the MOU, the City has agreed to adopt and implement ordinances which will require an amendment to the City Code Section 50.16 of the Chapter 50 Storm Water and Sanitary Sewers.

The proposed language in the amendment established a "point of sale" I/I inspection of all sanitary sewer service laterals. As such, when existing homes and commercial properties within the City are sold, the City will administer an ongoing program requiring a video condition inspection of the sanitary sewer service lateral. The City's current ordinance requires a "point of sale" I/I inspection of sump pump systems only, so the proposed language adds sanitary sewer service inspection to the "point of sale" inspection.

The proposed language in the amendment sets forth a timeline and defines compliance, violations, penalties, and temporary waivers as a result of the "point of sale" I/I inspection.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the proposed amendment to the City Code establishing a "point of sale" I/I inspection for sanitary sewer service laterals as reflected in the ordinance redline version.

Mayor Stille asked about the cost and the potential for a match from the Met Council. Mr. Messner stated they are reviewing the grants available and there is currently nothing for private properties. Mr. Messner stated St. Anthony has been on the I/I watch list for a number of years.

Mayor Stille opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Stille closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to adopt First Reading of Ordinance 2022-09 – An Ordinance Amending Section 50.16 of Chapter 50 Storm Water and Sanitary Sewers.

Motion carried 5-0.

V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF - NONE.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL - NONE.

A. Ordinance 2022-08 – An Ordinance Amending Multiple Sections of Chapter 33 Sewer, Water, License and Permit Fees, Storm Water Facilities.

City Manager Yunker noted this was presented at the last meeting. This is the second reading for Ordinance 2022-08.

Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to adopt Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-08 – An Ordinance Amending Multiple Sections of Chapter 33 Sewer, Water, License and Permit Fees, Storm Water Facilities.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Ordinance 2022-10 – An Ordinance Amending Multiple Sections of Chapter 33 Sewer, Water, License and Permit Fees, Storm Water Facilities.

City Manager Yunker reviewed this is the first reading of the proposed Building Permit Fees for 2023. Last May, the City began contracting with MNSPECT for Building Official services. MNSPECT along with staff have reviewed the building permit fees and recommend the proposed changes. Mayor Stille suggested the Third Reading be waived at the next City Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to adopt First Reading of Ordinance 2022-10 – An Ordinance Amending Multiple Sections of Chapter 33 Sewer, Water, License and Permit Fees, Storm Water Facilities.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Resolution 22-079 – Authorizing Entering into a Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Purchase and Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Fire Chief Mark Sitarz reviewed the St. Anthony Fire Department is looking to update their current self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) which was purchased in 2001. This

equipment is required to be worn when entry into an environment that is immediately dangerous to life and health such as a fire or hazardous materials spill needs to take place.

The Joint Powers Agreement is an effort to allow all participating organizations the ability to purchase breathing equipment, ideally tested and maintained by the manufacturer, resulting in increased life safety to the firefighters.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize City Staff to participate in the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Webster, to approve Resolution 22-079 – Authorizing Entering into a Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Purchase and Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Motion carried 5-0.

D. Resolution 22-080 – Supporting the City of St. Anthony Village Grant Application Submittal for the 2022-2023 Minnesota Department of Transportation Active Transportation Infrastructure Program.

City Engineer Messner reviewed the Minnesota AT Infrastructure Program provides grant funding for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects. The program was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2017 and is defined in Minnesota Statute 174.38. Currently, the legislature appropriated a total of \$3.5 million for infrastructure projects across the state.

Active Transportation funding does not require any local match, and grants are paid on a reimbursable basis. Grant requests will be between \$50,000 and \$500,000 to fund up to 100% of eligible AT construction costs.

If successful, the grant funds received will be used to remove the existing sidewalk and construct a new 10-foot-wide pedestrian/bike trail along St. Anthony Blvd. between Ridgway Pkwy and Minneapolis Diagonal Trail.

Staff recommends approval of the resolution of support for the grant application for the 2022 Minnesota Department of Transportation Active Transportation (AT) Grant Program.

Councilmember Webster thanked Mr. Messner for bringing this forward. This was an item on the pyramid.

Mayor Stille stated he likes that there is no match associated with this grant.

Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve Resolution 22-080 – Supporting the City of St. Anthony Village Grant Application Submittal for the 2022-2023 Minnesota Department of Transportation Active Transportation Infrastructure Program.

Motion carried 5-0.

E. Resolution 22-081 – Awarding a Bid for the Harding Pond Stormwater Quality Improvements.

City Engineer Messner reviewed this resolution awards the contract for the Harding Pond Stormwater Quality Improvement Project to the lowest bidder.

A drawing of the Harding Pond with sediment accumulation levels was shown to the Council. The sediment needs to be removed to allow for rainwater storage. The proposed improvements include removing unconsolidated nutrient rich soils, increase pond volume below Normal Water Level, improve habitat and slow the accumulation of sediment deltas.

Bids were received for this project on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and were opened and read aloud. Eight bids were received. The bids were checked for mathematical accuracy. The low bid was submitted by Nadeau Companies, LLC, Hampton, MN in the amount of \$146,318.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$170,605.00. Staff recommends the City Council consider these bids and award a contract in the amount of \$146,318.00 to Nadeau Companies, LLC based on the results of the bids received. The total project cost is \$198,300 including \$14,000 contingency costs and \$38,000 engineering costs. The funding source is from the St. Anthony Village Stormwater Fund. The project schedule if approved this evening would include the pond draw down in late November 2022 and excavation would begin in December 2022 (Weather permitting). The final turf establishment would be in the Spring of 2023.

Councilmember Randle asked when the water is pumped out of the pond where is it pumped to and Mr. Messner stated it would be pumped into the storm water system.

Councilmember Jenson asked what Mr. Messner's confidence level is with the lowest bidder. Mr. Messner stated his coworkers have said they are reputable and have done work in the southern metro. They came highly recommended.

Councilmember Walker asked if there is an annual rate at which the sediment settles. He also asked how often the heat detection is done. Mr. Messner stated the sediment rate for ponds varies by watershed area. WSB has a computer program which looks at the size of the pond and determines when inspections should be done. The heat detection is done every 10 years. Councilmember Walker asked about the bids and being such a large difference between the highest and lowest bidder. The highest bidders may already have a lot of work on the books and getting another bid would be icing on the cake.

Mr. Messner noted there was a public information meeting with the residents who live nearby the pond. There were 5-6 attendees.

Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve Resolution 22-081 – Awarding a Bid for the Harding Pond Stormwater Quality Improvements to Nadeau Companies LLC in the amount of \$146,318.00.

Motion carried 5-0.

VII. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

City Manager Yunker had no report.

Councilmember Walker had no report.

Councilmember Jenson stated on November 10, he attended the Northeast Youth and Family Services Open House. On November 11, he attended the Ramsey County Local League of Government Meeting. On November 16, he attended the Metro Cities Annual Meeting and Policy Adoption Meeting.

Councilmember Randle stated on November 20 the Annual Sister's City Meeting was held with Salo, Finland. In July there will be a FinnFest in Duluth. The new Mayor was introduced. It was discussed about a possible delegation visit to Finland from St. Anthony Village.

Councilmember Webster had no report.

Mayor Stille stated earlier today he entertained a group of nine members of the Voyager's Club (2nd and 3rd graders) and brought them to the Council Chambers.

VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM.

Ms. Lona Doolan, 3511 Harding Street, shared information about the Green Step Cities that have reached Step Five. She asked Council to act with urgency on the time and attention devoted to climate and reduced emissions. She explained two opportunities that would help the City move forward quickly. Excel Energy offers partnerships to Cities. The Green Step Program is starting a Gold Leaf Program. She distributed written information to the Council.

Ms. Barb Draper, 2608 West Armor Terrace, urged St. Anthony Village to develop a plan to address climate change. She urged Council sign up for training from Great Plains Institute – Climate Action 101. She also urged Council to participate in Minnesota Cities Caucus and to hire a consultant to do a Climate Action Plan.

IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Wolfe
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Mayor

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1 ATTEST: _____
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