

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3 JANUARY 24, 2023
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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 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
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17 Absent: None
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19 Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, Public Works Director Jeremy Gumke and City
20 Engineer Justin Messner.
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23 **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**
24 **ITEMS.**
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26 **I. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**
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28 Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve the City
29 Council Meeting Agenda of January 24, 2023 as presented.
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31 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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33 **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION – NONE.**
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35 **III. CONSENT AGENDA.**
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- 37 A. Approval of January 10, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.
38 B. Licenses and Permits.
39 C. Claims.
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41 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to approve the
42 Consent Agenda items.
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44 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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46 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE.**
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48 **V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF – NONE.**
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2 **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**

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4 A. Snow and Ice Control Presentation

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6 Public Works Director Jeremy Gumke presented a power point to the Council regarding St.
7 Anthony Village Snow and Ice Control. Forecasts are done 7 days, 2 days, and 24 hours prior
8 and communication is done with other local municipalities. Radar and local newscasts are also
9 reviewed. The public can sign up for email and/or text notification when city plows will be
10 clearing roads. Plowing notifications will also be posted on the City's website and Facebook
11 page.

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13 Mr. Gumke reviewed the process used for pre-wetting the roads with salt brine. This is done 24
14 hours before the event using a F-250 flatbed pickup truck with 300-gallon tank and spray bar. A
15 23% saltwater brine solution is used at a ratio of 200 pounds of salt per 300 gallons of water.
16 100-200 gallons are used per event.

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18 Plowing of Main Roads within the City begin 30 minutes prior to the end of an event. Routes are
19 run with four single axle plow trucks in teams of two. Currently two of the plow trucks are
20 equipped with salt tracking technology. Routes are divided into two primary zones with 33rd
21 Avenue NE dividing the north and south routes. Parking lots are plowed at City Hall, Police
22 Department, Fire Department, SAV High School and Wilshire Park Elementary. All of this
23 generally can be completed in 2 hours.

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25 Following the completion of plowing of the main roads the plowing of residential streets and
26 sidewalks occurs. Four single axle plow trucks are used on routes within the City. The City is
27 divided into 4 quadrants. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and short roads are cleared with 2-ton and 1-ton
28 pickup trucks. There are 25 miles of city mains and residential streets. Two sidewalk machines
29 are used with routes divided into 2 zones. There are 18 miles of city sidewalks and trails. This
30 generally takes 4-6 hours.

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32 The challenges for 2022/2023 are short one staff person in the Streets Department and the hiring
33 process is happening currently. The City is short one plow truck due to mechanical breakdown.
34 The truck is 28 years old and replacement parts are not available. City Staff performed a repair
35 and the truck will be back in operation. The truck is scheduled for replacement in 2024. Due to
36 these challenges routes have been reconfigured, staff roles are reassigned and the full-city plow
37 time has nearly doubled.

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39 Councilmember Walker asked if the staff position is seasonal and Mr. Gumke stated it is
40 permanent full time.

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42 Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Gumke for implementing the countermeasures made. His
43 neighbors have commented they are pleased with the snow plowing.

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45 Councilmember Randle stated he did not see any difference with being down one person and one
46 truck.

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2 Councilmember Webster thanked Mr. Gumke for his presentation and asked that her thanks be
3 expressed to his department.
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5 Councilmember Walker stated he didn't notice any significance changes with staff shortage or
6 down one truck. He asked if there were any complaints. Mr. Gumke stated he did not receive
7 any complaints.
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9 Mayor Stille stated he has always been amazed with the maintenance department especially
10 during city-wide clean up day to see how the department operates in working with the staff. The
11 vehicles are very well maintained. He has received comments about it being great the sidewalks
12 are plowed. The new truck will be purchased in 2024.
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14 B. Ordinance 2022-09 – Amending Section 50.16 of Chapter 50 Storm Water and Sanitary
15 Sewers.
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17 City Engineer Justin Messner reviewed the proposed ordinance amendment states that when an
18 existing home or commercial property within the City is sold, the City will administer an
19 ongoing program requiring a video condition inspection of the sanitary sewer service lateral.
20 Since 2012 the City of St. Anthony has been fined approximately \$650,000 for above the daily
21 average flow of sanitary sewers. The City continues to be on the exceedance list with the Met
22 Council. To be removed from this list a MOU is required which this Ordinance covers. A
23 grandfather clause excluding homes that are already on the market from the point-of-sale
24 program since this would require a revision to the terms of sale already in place. Videos of recent
25 previously televised sewer laterals will be accepted as proof of inspection so not to add
26 additional repetitive expenses for work that has already been completed.
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28 Staff recommends the City Council adopt the proposed revised amendment to the City Code
29 establishing a “point of sale” I/I inspection for sanitary sewer service laterals. Mr. Messner
30 provided the revised Ordinance for Council consideration.
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32 Councilmember Webster thanked Mr. Messner for his overview. She asked him to share the
33 timeline of when the video would be acceptable. Mr. Messner stated three years is the timeline
34 after a video inspection would be done.
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36 Councilmember Jenson stated he is in favor of the ordinance. He noted in the draft it is clarified
37 that any violations would be corrected within 18 months of the sale of the property. The liability
38 can be assumed by the new buyer.
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40 Mayor Stille stated cameras are always run with all street projects. Does the shelf life of those
41 films be used for the next 3 years also. Mr. Gumke stated they can. The videos can be provided
42 to homeowners where issues are raised. The Met Council asks the City to use the lateral cameras
43 for all mill and overlay improvements also. That is part of the MOU. Repairs can be added to
44 assessments.
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1 Councilmember Randle stated he is glad to hear that because he will need to have his sewer
2 done.

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4 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to adopt Third and
5 Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-09 – Amending Section 50.16 of Chapter 50 Storm Water and
6 Sanitary Sewers.

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8 Mayor Stille stated he feels the three years is excessive but it benefits him personally and he will
9 be abstaining.

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11 **Motion carried 4-0-1 (Stille abstained).**

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13 C. **Resolution 23-016 Approving Summary Publication for Ordinance 2022-09.**

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15 Mayor Stille reviewed this Resolution is to approve Summary Publication for the above
16 approved Ordinance 2022-09.

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18 Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve Resolution
19 23-016 Approving Summary Publication for Ordinance 2022-09.

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21 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

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25 City Manager Yunker had no report.

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27 Councilmember Webster stated tomorrow the goal setting sessions begin and she looks forward
28 to those sessions.

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30 Councilmember Randle had no report.

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32 Councilmember Jenson stated on January 13, he attended the Ramsey County Local League of
33 Governments Executive Board Meeting. On January 19, he attended the Metro Cities Board of
34 Director Meeting.

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36 Councilmember Walker had no report.

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38 Mayor Stille had no report.

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40 **VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM.**

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42 Mr. Don Jenson asked that the Council look at the actual costs of the ordinance that was just
43 adopted. He went through the process during the last couple of weeks. He received a flash drive
44 for a cost of \$395 to give to Public Works so they can see the cost of pipe replacement. The cost
45 to line the pipe is \$150 a foot. He encouraged Council to look at what other cities are doing to

1 help their residents pay for these repairs. He asked the Councilmembers to go through the
2 process. He requested staff communicate to residents when items such as this is on an agenda.
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4 **IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE.**

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6 **X. ADJOURNMENT.**

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8 Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.
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12 Respectfully submitted,
13 Debbie Wolfe
14 *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

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16 Mayor

17 ATTEST: _____
18 City Clerk
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