

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

**ROLL CALL.**

Present: Mayor Webster, Councilmembers Doolan, Jenson, Randle and Stephens.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, Parks and Environmental Commission Chair Lily Fee, and Liquor Operations Manager Mike Larson.

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

**I. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

Motion by Councilmember Doolan, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve the City Council Meeting Agenda of February 26, 2024 as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION.**

**A. 2024 Water Conservation Poster Winners**

Parks and Environmental Commission Chair Lily Fee presented the winners of the 2024 Water Conservation Poster Contest. The Winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gwen Herrald – Wilshire

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Chinander, Maxim Jurich-Christensen and Oliver Herrald – Wilshire

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Amelia Lindgren – Wilshire

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Lydia May - Wilshire

Photographs were taken of the winners with Mayor Webster and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Doolan congratulated all the participants.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Approval of February 13, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. License and Permits
- C. Claims.
- D. Resolution 24-017 – Designating Mayor Webster as a Participant in Outside Organizations for 2024.
- E. Resolution 24-018 – Designating Councilmember Doolan as a Participant in Outside Organizations for 2024.
- F. Resolution 24-019 – Designating Councilmember Jenson as a Participant in Outside Organizations for 2024.
- G. Resolution 24-020 – Designating Councilmember Randle as a Participant in Outside Organizations for 2024.
- H. Resolution 24-021 – Designating Councilmember Stephens as a Participant in Outside Organizations for 2024.

Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Stephens, to approve the Consent Agenda items.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE.**

**V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF - NONE.**

**VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**

- A. Liquor Operations Annual Report.

Liquor Operations Manager Mike Larson presented a Power Point Annual Report for the St. Anthony Village Liquor Operations. The Power Point included Convenient Locations, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, The Value of Municipal Liquor Operations, The Value of St. Anthony Village Wine and Spirits, Sales and Profit Comparison 2023-2022, 5-Year Profit History, 10-Year Profit History, Benchmarks and Comparisons, Current Conditions, 2023 Celebration Year, Looking Ahead – 2024, and Purpose and Profits. More information can be found on the website SAVMN.COM.

Mayor Webster thanked Mr. Larson for the presentation. The staff works hard to work by the mission. 2023 was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest year with profit. She thanked Mr. Larson and Mr. Haugen for their leadership.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the road construction affected the business with drive by sales. Mr. Larson stated the Marketplace location was affected the most. They are attempting to get that business back. The construction on 37<sup>th</sup> was beneficial to Silver Lake Village store.

Councilmember Doolan congratulated Mr. Larson and Mr. Haugen on the business. The \$3.2M brought in over the last 10 years is a benefit to the taxpayers. She asked about the uplift that is needed for the facilities. Mr. Larson stated it is everything that needs to be done to the building that is 20 years old. The HVAC system, the roof, the flooring, the counters, some shelving, paint is all needed.

Councilmember Randle referred to the dip in 2023 and it looks like none of the new business was lost. Mr. Larson stated during COVID many of the municipals didn't know what the future would bring. The goal was to capture the new people coming into the stores and keeping them. Profits and sales have continued at that level since re-opening.

**B. 2024 Strategic Plan.**

City Manager Charlie Yunker reviewed the 2024 Strategic Plan Power Point Presentation. The presentation included The Team, the Agenda for the January 17-19, 2024 Meetings, The Accomplishments, The Progression, On the Radar, Pyramid Changes, The 2024 Pyramid, and The Strategic Plan. The Final 2024 Pyramid was provided for Council consideration. Mr. Yunker noted there were not a lot of changes to the Action Steps in the Pyramid. St. Anthony is dealing with same challenges as neighboring cities. More information is available on the City's website. A brochure format has been created also.

Councilmember Jenson stated the amount of interaction was greater this year than in the past. Some formatting changes were made to the pyramid which made it more clear. It is more intuitive and easier to understand.

Councilmember Doolan stated the experience was a great opportunity for Councilmember Stephens and her to learn about the various departments within the Cities.

Mayor Webster stated she appreciates hearing from all the departments and how those align to the legislative priorities. She appreciates the values – service, trust and inclusion.

Motion by Councilmember Doolan, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to adopt the 2024 Strategic Plan as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

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

City Manager Yunker mentioned the posting has been done for the Sustainability Coordinator position with over 20 applicants received thus far.

Councilmember Randle had no report.

Councilmember Doolan stated on February 15 she attended the Three Rivers Park Board Meeting. March 21 is when the next Board Meeting is to discuss the future of Silverwood Park. On February 22, she attended the Minnesota Cities Climate Coalition.

Councilmember Jenson stated on February 20 he attended the General Council follow-up meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities. On February 22, he attended the Northeast Youth and Family Services Open House.

Councilmember Stephens stated she has had multiple meetings to continue her onboarding process. She has been assigned to the St. Anthony Advisory Board and Kiwanis.

Mayor Webster stated on February 15 she attended the North Suburban Communication and Access Commission Meetings. On February 20, she attended the City Council Leadership Development Meeting.

**VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM - NONE.**

No one appeared to address the Council.

**IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Councilmember Doolan reminded everyone of the Plastic Waste Challenge for Hennepin County ends February 29, 2024.

The tasting will be at the Marketplace Liquor Store on March 23, 2024 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Stephens stated she will be attending the Omar Happy Hour for Black Representatives on February 27, 2024.

Councilmember Jenson will attend the meeting on the expansion of a bus route at the library on February 28, 2024.

**X. ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Webster adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk