

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JAMES,  
WATONWAN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of St. James, Minnesota was duly held at the City Hall Council Chambers in said City on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jonathan Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jonathan Wilson, Councilpersons Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt, Paul Harris

Absent: Hannah Rushing

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Knoll, City Clerk-Treasurer Kris Hurley, City Attorney Mike Kircher

**MINUTES**

On motion by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, seconded by Councilperson Paul Harris, the minutes of the special council meeting of November 14, 2024, were found correct as written.

AYES: Councilpersons Gene Hildebrandt, Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 4-0.

On motion by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, seconded by Councilperson Sue Craig, the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 19, 2024, were found correct as written.

AYES: Councilpersons Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt, Paul Harris

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 4-0.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

On motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, the following consent items were hereby approved:

Payment of claims totaling \$957,067.33 is as follows: Checks No. 703076 – 703077, 703082, 703084 – 703152 and ACH No. 1775 - 1790 as listed in the check register.

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared said motion to have passed 4-0.

**SCHEDULED TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING**

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. There was one resident from the public present for the hearing. Public comments were made by one resident. Public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 12-24-01 ACCEPTING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROJECT NO. 24X.135115.00 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH, 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AVENUE SOUTH, & RING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduced **RESOLUTION 12-24-01** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 12-24-01 ACCEPTING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROJECT NO. 24X.135115.00 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH, 13<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SOUTH, & RING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Paul Harris duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Gene Hildebrandt

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 12-24-01** duly passed 4-0

**RESOLUTION 12-24-02 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO  
ENTER INTO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS  
WITH THE CITY OF ST. JAMES ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Councilperson Paul Harris introduced **RESOLUTION 12-24-02** and moved its adoption “**RESOLUTION 12-24-02 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF ST. JAMES ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT**” and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Paul Harris, Gene Hildebrandt, Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 12-24-02** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 12-24-03 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO  
ENTER INTO THE LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION  
OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL 65, LOCAL NO.  
1204**

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Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt introduced **RESOLUTION 12-24-03** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 12-24-03 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL 65, LOCAL NO. 1204”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Paul Harris duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Gene Hildebrandt, Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 12-24-03** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 12-24-04 APPROVING THE ST. JAMES CVB BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Councilperson Paul Harris introduced **RESOLUTION 12-24-04** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 12-24-04 APPROVING THE ST. JAMES CVB BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Sue Craig duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Paul Harris, Sue Craig, Kathleen Hanson, Gene Hildebrandt

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 12-24-04** duly passed 4-0.

**RESOLUTION 12-24-05 AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION BY THE CITY CLERK TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF CERTAIN CONSENT ASSESSMENTS**

Councilperson Kathleen Hanson introduced **RESOLUTION 12-24-05** and moved its adoption **“RESOLUTION 12-24-05 AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION BY THE CITY CLERK TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF CERTAIN CONSENT ASSESSMENTS”** and dispensed with the reading. Councilperson Sue Craig duly seconded it. Upon hand vote, the following voted:

AYES: Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig, Paul Harris, Gene Hildebrandt

NAYS: None

Whereupon Mayor Jonathan Wilson declared **RESOLUTION 12-24-05** duly passed 4-0.

Motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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Kristin Hurley, City Clerk-Treasurer