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 special meeting of the City Council of St. James, Minnesota was duly held at the City Hall Council Chambers in said City on Thursday, November 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Christopher Whitehead called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

Present: Mayor Christopher Whitehead, Councilpersons Kathleen Hanson, Sue Craig, Paul Harris

Absent: Councilperson Mary Shupe, Stephen Lindee

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Knoll

NEW BUSINESS

CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS

The City Clerk submitted the Detail of Election Results and Summary Statements prepared and certified by the County Auditor and Election Judges as the results of the General Election held on November 3, 2026. The returns were reviewed by the Council and results were found to be as follows:

Christopher Whitehead, having received a majority of the votes cast in the City of St. James for Mayor, is hereby elected Mayor for a term of two (2) years.

Liam Skogen, having received a majority of the votes cast in the City of St. James for Councilperson At Large is hereby elected Councilperson At-Large for a term of four (4) years.

Paul C. Lenz, having received a majority of the votes cast in the City of St. James for Councilperson 1st Ward is hereby elected Councilperson 1st Ward for a term of four (4) years.

Jacob Beckius, having received a majority of the votes cast in the City of St. James for Councilperson 2nd Ward is hereby elected Councilperson 2nd Ward for a term of four (4) years.

On motion by Councilperson Paul Harris, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, the Council approved the election returns as certified by the Election Judges and directed the City Clerk - Treasurer to proceed with the issuance of certificate of election.

Voting in favor of said motion: Councilperson Kathleen Hanson, Paul Harris, Sue Craig

Voting against: None.

Mayor Christopher Whitehead declared said motion to be duly passed 3-0.

Motion by Councilperson Sue Craig, seconded by Councilperson Kathleen Hanson to adjourn. All ayes – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Amanda Knoll, City Manager