

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2008

1. **Call to Order:** The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Dressen at 6:00 pm at the ISD #15 District Offices.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Randy Dressen, Council members LeRoy Schaffer, Ray Jones and Tim Brown. Steve Kane excused. Also present was Assistant City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolten & Menk, Inc.), Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Finance Director Gayle Bauman, City Administrator Matt Hysten and City Clerk Barb Held
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Move the closed meetings to under Report from Mayor. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND SCHAFFER TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** Remove Tim Benson as a part time liquor store applicant, he took another job opportunity. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND JONES TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 19, 2008, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA A-E AS AMENDED:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes – February 4, 2008.
 - b. Approve the Re-appointment of Jeff Sandoval to the Park Commission for a Three-year term.
 - c. Accept the Letter of Resignation from Part time Liquor Store Clerk Beau Hixson.
 - d. Hire part Time Liquor Store Clerks Carol Binger and Barbara Olson on a conditional offer of employment.
 - e. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$165,282.41. Motion carried 4-0.
5. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
 - a. None
6. **Ordinances & Resolution:**
 - a. **Resolution 2008-12: Approving the Premise Gambling Permit for the St. Francis Lions at Rum River Inn:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND DRESSEN TO APPROVE THE PREMISE GAMBLING PERMIT FOR THE ST. FRANCIS LIONS AT THE RUM RIVER INN. Motion carried 3-0-1. Schaffer abstained. Schaffer abstained because he and Ray are Lion members.
 - b. **Resolution 2008-13: Approving the Premise Gambling Permit for the St. Francis Lions at Billy's Neighborhood Bar and Grill:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND DRESSEN TO APPROVE THE PREMISE GAMBLING PERMIT FOR THE ST. FRANCIS LIONS AT BILLY'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR AND GRILL. Motion carried 3-0-1. Schaffer abstained.
 - c. **Resolution 2008-14: Approving the Premise Gambling Permit for the St. Francis Lions at Patriot Lanes and Lounge:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND DRESSEN TO

APPROVE THE PREMISE GAMBLING PERMIT FOR THE ST. FRANCIS LIONS AT PATRIOT LANES AND LOUNGE. Motion carried 3-0-1. Schaffer abstained.

7. **Meeting Open to the Public:** Dave Langseth 4637-241st Avenue, addressed the City Council on a letter he received from Council member LeRoy Schaffer. Langseth said he reviewed the letter and called LeRoy regarding the \$55,000 loss on the Poppy Street property. Langseth said, LeRoy you could not answer my questions and handed the phone over to Chester to answer them. I do not know Chester, I have never met Chester. LeRoy you told me to call City Hall for the facts. If you put out information door to door LeRoy, you should know the facts. Langseth asked was the report handed out by LeRoy, council approved. The City Council including LeRoy said no. Langseth said how can a council member send out half-truths. Schaffer complimented Langseth on how he handled himself. Schaffer stated I could give you the whole budget. You are entitled to your opinion and so am I, I will not be gagged, stated Schaffer. Schaffer said my intent is good and if I mislead anybody I am sorry, I got the numbers from the budget.

Larry Anderson, 6345 Ambassador Blvd. handed out a copy of his concerns to the City Council. You previously stated your intent was to do something good, but LeRoy you did not use all the facts. I too called LeRoy at home but Chester was the one that answered his question. Anderson concerns that he addressed in his letter were LeRoy going to businesses on be-half of the City asking them to move here, what experience does LeRoy have doing that. LeRoy said he did not pretend to have the expertise. I am circulating a brochure about the City, right Matt. City Administrator Matt Hylen stated a draft document, yes. Schaffer said I am just the initial contact. Leroy stated he refers possible clients to Matt Hylen our City Administrator for the details. Regarding the City Code of Conduct, it is just “being respectful and being respected.” In addition, Anderson’s concerns are about the half-truths that are in the newspapers and on flyers placed on the doors of homes. Anderson stated he is ashamed to watch LeRoy’s actions and arguing and to think that he is representing St. Francis in his actions. Discussion pursued back and forth between Anderson and Schaffer.

Council member Brown thanked the residents for coming in.

8. **Reports of Consultants & Staff Members:**

- a. **Engineer:** No report.
- b. **Attorney:** 1) **Closed Meeting to discuss the Consideration of the Purchase of Real Property. The Real Property that is of subject of the closed meeting is described at 22950 Woodbine Street. (32-34-24-34-0018). The Closed Session is Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D05, Subd.(c)(3) and 13.44 Subd. 3(a).**
2) **Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations.**

Moved to Report from Mayor.

Staff: Fire Dept: None

Water/Wastewater: 1) Presentation of the Water Treatment Plant Progress: Eric Peterson, Assistant Public Works Director gave a power point presentation on the progress of the Water Treatment Plant.

2) Presentation on the new GIS Mapping System Available to the City: Eric Peterson and Jared Voge gave a presentation on the potential of a GIS Mapping System that is available to the City.

Streets/Parks: No Report.

Liquor Store: No Report.

Police Dept: No Report.

City Administrator Report: Nate Sparks, City Planner (NAC) was able to attend the City Council meeting to recap what the Planning Commission and City Council will be looking at in the next couple of months.

1) Planning Commission review of Zoning Adjustments needed for the Comprehensive Plan Update: .At a recent staff meeting, we were discussing the need for significant update to our Zoning Code in order to be compliant with the Comprehensive Plan. Nate Sparks will be preparing a list of topics, which will need to be amended and presenting them to the Planning Commission and City Council.

2) Planning Commission will be reviewing /updating ordinances: Nate Sparks will also be preparing a memorandum on several planning commission items for future agendas for review and changes. These items will include Windmills in the City, Rental Housing regulations, Landscaping requirements, Fencing regulations and our Animal/Fowl Ordinance.

3) Conditional Use Permits: We will also be reviewing all of our CUP's we have in town. They are to be reviewed annually.

Update on the possibility of video taping our city council meeting. Hylan reported he spoke with our IT person regarding this. Without the purchase of the camera, equipment and personnel to run the equipment the approximate cost would be \$3,850. Dressen said before the meeting there was some interest from a school board member about the City working with the school district possibly do a cost share for the equipment.

9. Reports from Council Members: Schaffer contacted two businesses.

Brown said he contacted three businesses. Brown said some residents had some concern that several months that you were asked to attend a sexual harassment course. The City paid several thousand dollars in attorney fees because of your actions. Did you do attend a sexual harassment training, Brown asked. Schaffer said being I did not instigate it. I thought you would set it up for me. Schaffer said I thought what I did it was trivial; if you want to be vindictive you can take care of it.

10. **Report from Mayor:** Received a letter from the Mayor of the City of Fridley to revitalize Local Government Aid (LGA). There is a resolution that they would like to have the area cities support. Dressen said this support would raise our LGA, substationally. There is a resolution attached supporting the LGA is this something we should support. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND SCHAFFER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2008-15 IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REVISE MINNESOTA STATUES RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID. Motion carried 4-0.

Lepak asked the City Council to go into a closed meeting Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D05, Subd.(c)(3) and 13.44 Subd. 3(a) to discuss the consideration of the purchase of Real Property described as 22950 Woodbine Street (32-34-24-31-0018) and while we are in there to proceed right into the closed meeting on labor negotiations.

Mayor asked to go into the closed meeting at 7:17 pm.

The City Council was back in open session at 7:38 pm. Regarding the purchase of the property as stated previously, the City Council chose not to pursue it at this time.

Tour of Police Station: Dressen asked if the City Council was open to meet at 5:30 pm before our next City Council meeting on March 3rd to tour the police station. The council agreed on the tour time and date.

11. **Old Business:** None

12. **New Business:** Jones asked about the snowmobiles bids. The bids were opened on February 9th at 9:00 am before the workshop began. Three bids were received and the highest bid came in at \$2,111.00

13. **Adjournment:** The Regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk