

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 3, 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:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND SCHAFFER TO ADOPT THE MARCH 3, 2008 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND JONES TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2008, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA A-J:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes – February 19, 2008.
 - b. Proclamation acknowledging March as Minnesota Food Share Month.
 - c. Appoint Police Investigator Jacob Rehling to the Sergeant Position. .
 - d. Approve the Police Department Policy.
 - e. Approve the Police Department Union Contract (LELS).
 - f. Accept the Performance Review of Finance Officer Gayle Bauman.
 - g. Approve the Trunk Utilities to River’s Edge Pay Request #7 to Kober Excavating for \$30,049.00.
 - h. Approve the Water Treatment Plant Pay Request #6 to Staab Construction for \$238,516.00.
 - i. Receive and File the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization Minutes of December 4, 2007.
 - e. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$140,073.62. Motion carried 4-0.
5. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
 - a. **St. Francis Youth Hockey Assn:** Table
 - b. **St. Francis City Centre Villas Water Usage:** Angel Hoeffner, member of the St. Francis City Centre Villas was before the City Council to discuss the late fees assessed to the Association for their failure to pay the water bill. The water bill has been paid in full, except the penalty. Ms. Hoeffner went on to explain how this came about. The Association never knew there were financial problem until October 2006. After a meeting with the members of the Association we parted ways with Personal Touch in June of 2007, who was their management company that was suppose to

collect dues and pay all their association bills. The Association has paid the past due irrigation amount but is asking the City Council to waive the late charge fee from November 2006 to present. The management company took over \$11,000 from them. Dressen asked if they are taking legal action. Hoeffner said yes they are pursuing legal actions against the management company. We would like our irrigation back on for the summer. Hylen said being the principal amount was paid, when civil litigation is finished then they could come back to ask for consideration. Lepak said lets look at the penalty charges and recommended tabling this until more information if available. Consensus was to table any action this evening and bring this back at a future council meeting.

6. **Ordinances & Resolution:**

a. None

7. **Meeting Open to the Public:** Jeff Sandoval, I have been in the City since 2000 at 5113 238th Avenue NW, St. Francis. I have kind of sat back on this until now. I am tired of hearing over and over I got the wrong information and the businesses getting wrong information and the Council moving on and appointing Jeff as the Chief and then this stuff appears in my door. I am tired of this. I am tired of Mr. Schaffer walking up to me at Lions meetings and going hey guy “hi”, oh, I know your mad at me. You don’t know whether I’m mad at you, you don’t take the time to find out, all you do is take the time to run around distributing this stuff and drop it in my door. You stand up here and talk about how you are the voice for the citizens. I don’t see where you’re the voice for me, I don’t see where you’re the voice for the citizens, who comes up here. I am tired of it. You have taken an oath to represent the City, you talked about integrity, I don’t see where you have integrity, you walk around with a top hat and a tail coat, you walk through the local establishments, you walk up and hand flowers to women. (Leroy tries to speak) No I am stating facts Mr. Schaffer, I am getting phone calls from people when this happens and you are my representative? You were elected to this City Council to represent this City in a matter, which is becoming of a Councilmember; you talk about how rules are being made to shut Leroy Schaffer up. These are common sense rules, it’s too bad they had to be brought out, things have happened, you need to move on from it. This doesn’t need to be coming to our doors anymore, we’ve heard it. It’s in the newspapers, people I know who don’t even live in St. Francis, ask what’s going on up there? It’s a joke, and me as a citizen am tired of it. I am really tired of it, I have representatives here that should be moving forward and this has to keep coming up and up and I am just feed up. I wish you would move on, and quit distributing this information and if your going to distribute it with all the facts not partial.

Schaffer said it cost be \$300.00 to get the sheets out. I try to inform you of what is going on. You have every right to give your viewpoint. Schaffer said leave this alone you agitate me and I agitate you. Let go of it. Only reason this keeps coming up is the sexual harassment thing. Dressen said it has nothing to do with that.

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

a. **Engineer:** Voge gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant.

Attorney: No report.

Staff: Fire Dept: No report.

Water-Wastewater: No report.

Streets/Parks: No report.

Liquor Store: None.

Police Dept: No report.

City Administrator Report: Hylan stated he does not usually like to surprise you with memos the night of the meeting; however, the 1999 Chevy 1-ton Utility Truck developed some engine problems recently. A memo from Assistant Public Works Director, Eric Peterson, explained the problems they are having. This vehicle was to be replaced in 2009. There is \$26,000 budgeted for this year to purchase a ½ ton truck for the new Public Works Director and in the 2009 Capital Outlay there is \$35,000 to replace the 1999 Chevy 1-ton Utility Truck. In looking over the vehicle situation, the Public Works Director could use the former Streets and Parks Supt. vehicle, which would free up the money budgeted for the new ½ ton truck. After quickly looking at the State Bid late this afternoon, a 1-ton diesel would be the better truck for the use it will get but it prices out at over \$28,000. Money is available under the C-O-L Other Equipment line item in each department to make up the difference. **MOTION BY BROWN SECOND JONES TO REPLACE THE 1999 ONE TON UTILITY TRUCK AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PURCHASE A ONE-TON PICKUP WITH A DIESEL ENGINE AND SIDE TOOL BOXES OFF THE STATE BID.** Hylan said it was told to him late this afternoon and will provide a more detail of the trade in value and the exact cost of the truck when it come available.. Motion carried 3-0-1. Schaffer abstained.

The Park Commission has invited the City Council to the March 11th Park Commission Meeting, Tom Larson of ISD#15 will also be at this meeting.

Sexual Harassment Training Video: A tape is available at City Hall for the City Council to watch.

Jones asked about the old fire rescue truck and what is going on with it. Fire Chief Ken Pace said they are still trying to figure out who is going to insure it, but they still want it.

9. **Reports from Council Members:** Schaffer contacted two businesses.
10. **Report from Mayor:**
11. **Old Business: None**
12. **New Business:**
13. **Adjournment:** The Regular City Council meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.