

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: December 4, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Dingle, Council Members Swenson, Jones, Haggerty, and Zenner. Also present: City Administrator Walsh. Pledge of allegiance said by all.

MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the November 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting—waive reading of same.

Motion by Swenson, second by Haggerty to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023, regular council meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 4-0, 1 abstain (Dingle).

Approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2023, Special Council Meeting—waive reading of same.

Motion by Jones, second by Haggerty to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, special council meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 3-0, 2 abstain (Swenson, Zenner).

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Washington County Commissioner Karla Bigham presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Council Members Haggerty and Jones and outgoing Mayor Dingle for their years of service to the City of St. Paul Park.

Cottage Grove Mayor Myron Bailey presented Mayor Dingle with a plaque recognizing her part in partnerships St. Paul Park and Cottage Grove. He thanked her for her years of service to the community and noted that he had secured tickets for her to join him and Congresswoman Angie Craig on a train ride from Hastings to Cottage Grove.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Acknowledge receipt of commission minutes
 - Parks & Rec Commission—November 9, 2023
- Adopt Resolution No. 1706, a resolution designating polling places for 2024 elections in St. Paul Park.
- Adopt Resolution No. 1707, a resolution authorizing public works to apply for the Met Council Environmental Services I&I Grant.
- Approve Budget Amendments.
- Approve Audit Preparation Services Agreement with Abdo Financial Solutions.
- Change Council Meetings in 2024 due to legal holidays:
 - Change 1/1 to 1/2 (Tuesday)—New Year’s Day
 - Change 1/15 to 1/16 (Tuesday)—MLK Day
 - Change 2/19 to 2/20 (Tuesday)—Presidents Day
 - Change 9/2 to 9/3 (Tuesday)—Labor Day
- Approve On-Sale Intoxicating Licenses:
 - American Legion #98 (*pending insurance*)
 - Park Bowl Triple Shift Entertainment

- Games of Skill License
 - Park Bowl
- Approve Sunday On-Sale Liquor Licenses:
 - Park Bowl Triple Shift
 - American Legion
- Approve License Applications for:
 - Fire Alarms
 - Home Occupations
 - Massage Therapist
 - Garbage Collectors
 - Wrecking and/or Junk Yard

Motion by Swenson, second by Zenner to approve the consent agenda.

City Administrator Walsh explained the budget amendments.

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 1708, a resolution approving the final city budget and establishing the tax levy collectable in 2024.

City Administrator Walsh noted that the budget was slightly reduced from the preliminary budget approved in September. Councilmember Swenson thanked city staff for their work on the budget and noted that although property taxes went up, it was not due to the city.

Motion by Swenson, second by Jones to approve Resolution No. 1708. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

- A. Council Member Swenson

- Public Works Commission
 - ⇒ Next meeting is Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5 p.m.
 - ⇒ Commission has two openings.

- B. Council Member Jones

- Public Safety Commission
 - ⇒ Next meeting is Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7 p.m.

- C. Council Member Haggerty

- Planning Commission
 - ⇒ Next meeting is Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.

D. Mayor Dingle

- Parks & Recreation Commission
 - ⇒ Next meeting is Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7 p.m.
 - ⇒ Sledding event is December 28 if there is enough snow.
 - ⇒ Commission has four openings.

E. Council Member Zenner

- Heritage Days
 - ⇒ Next meeting is Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6 p.m.

F. Mayor Dingle

- Administration
 - ⇒ Thanked the City Council and City staff for their hard work and thanked the residents for all the support they have given during her years serving as mayor.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: \$ 163,288.49

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of \$163,288.49. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Mayor Dingle reminded residents that Old National Bank is again having the holiday lights contest. She urged residents to nominate themselves or others. More information is available on Facebook and on the City's website.

Council Member Swenson thanked Council Members Haggerty and Jones and Mayor Dingle, who will not be on the Council next year. He thanked them for their years of service and for the pleasure of serving with them.

Councilmember Zenner also thanked Council Members Haggerty and Jones and Mayor Dingle for their service.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Amy Truhlar
City Clerk

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