

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: August 21, 2023

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

MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2023, Regular Council Meeting—waive reading of same.

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, regular council meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 2-0, with 1 abstention.

Approval of the Council Workshop Summary of July 17, 2023—waive reading of the same.

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, the workshop summary—waive reading of same. Motion carried 2-0, with 1 abstention.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Pay Request #4 to McNamara Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$341,857.98 for the watermain trunk project.
- B. Approve Pay Request #2 to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$701,233.09 for the Steven's Ridge Pavement Rehabilitation Project.
- C. Approve Pay Request #3 to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$577,208.91 for the Steven's Ridge Pavement Rehabilitation Project.
- D. Approve conditional offer of employment to Craig Elgin to fill a vacant police officer position.
- E. Approve Maintenance Agreement with Park Estates.
- F. Accept City Clerk, Julie Pelton's, retirement notice and authorize staff to fill the position.
- G. Approve Home Occupation License for Peterson Woodshop at 752 2nd Street.

Motion by Zenner, second by Jones to approve the consent agenda items listed above. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 1698, a resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Storm Water Revenue Bond, Series 2023A, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$507,000.

City Administrator Walsh introduced Mr. Eilertson from Northland Securities regarding the sale of the General Obligation Storm Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A.

Mr. Eilertson indicated the General Obligation Storm Water Revenue Bonds were part of the street improvement project that was currently being done in the Stevens Ridge development. Mr. Eilertson stated Northland reached out to local lenders to keep the cost of the bond issuance lower as well as keeping the business local. Northland received two bids; one from Old National Bank and the other from Midwest One Bank. The lowest bid was from Old National Bank at 4.81% while Midwest's bid came in at 4.99%. This was a seven-year financing term with the ability to call the bonds, meaning that the city could refinance or prepay on the existing principal after three years. The loan could be prepaid at any time before the three-year period at a 1% premium.

Council Member Jones inquired if the rate was comparable to other recent bond sales. Mr. Eilertson stated the banks follow a 10-year treasury when they lend money. The

banks also look at the treasury market which has been creeping back up. Mr. Eilertson also stated the rates are right in line with other municipalities seeking financing.

**Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve Resolution No. 1698 as stated above.
Motion carried 3-0.**

REPORTS:

A. Council Member Swenson

- Public Works Commission
⇒ Due to Council Member Swenson's absents there was nothing to report

B. Council Member Jones

- Public Safety Commission
⇒ Nothing new to report
⇒ Next meeting is September 7 @7PM

C. Council Member Haggerty

- Planning Commission
⇒ Chairperson Dan Dingle stepped down from the Commission
⇒ Patrick Downs is the new Chairperson
⇒ Ethan Glidden is the new Vice Chairperson
⇒ The last meeting was held on August 14. The commission introduced the new members of the commission, Ethan Glidden, and Richard Diaz.
⇒ The next meeting is scheduled for September 11 @7PM

D. Mayor Dingle

- Parks & Recreation Commission
⇒ Due to Mayor Dingle's absents there was nothing to report

E. Council Member Zenner

- Heritage Days
⇒ The Heritage Days Board is planning a night in September at City Hall to review this year's event. They are also inviting residents to attend the meeting who are interested in Volunteering for next year's event.
⇒ The committee is looking for feedback and new ideas for the event. They're also looking for solutions to help improve things.
⇒ Look for more information on the city website front page for the meeting day and time. All are welcome to attend.
⇒ Park Café – Business of the Year - *Congratulations*
⇒ Mayor Dingle – Grand Marshall - *Congratulations*

F. Mayor Dingle

- Administration
⇒ Due to Mayor Dingle's absents there was nothing to report

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: **\$2,629,096.97**

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,629,096.97. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

There were no council comments or requests.


Julie Pelton
City Clerk

Meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.