

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
August 5, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmitz at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Schmitz, Council Members Backes, Hommerding, and Genereux; Engineer Bunders, Attorney Couri, Fire Chief Kramer, Asst. Fire Chief Steinhofer and City Administrator McCabe. Mr. Skaalerud was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jackie Steinhofer, Amy Brand, Brent Ahmann, Mike Zenzen, Jeff Laudenbach, Jenny Schmidt and Lenore Tschida.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe indicated he had added to the amended packets item 3G Gambling permits for St. Mary HOC on 11/21/2025 and 1/31/2026. He also added temporary liquor licenses for St. Mary HOC on the same dates and also on November 28 and 29, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

City Council Minutes, July 1, 2025.

City Council Agenda, August 5, 2025.

Bill's Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated August 5, 2025 and for ePayments #25333e - 25357e and Checks #24808-24895.

City Council Workshop Minutes, July 15, 2025.

Stearns County Attorney Prosecution Contract

Gambling Permits for St. Mary HOC on 11/21/25 and 1/31/26

Temporary Liquor Licenses for St. Mary HOC on 11/21/25, 11/28 & 29/ 2025 and 1/31/26.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. McCabe presented the monthly building report stating there were 25 permits issued during the month including seven new single-family houses and one new commercial building.

A motion was made to approve the building inspector's report as presented by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Hommerding. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer presented the monthly report indicating there were 14 calls for the month bringing the total to 88 for the year as compared to 84 at this time in 2024. Monthly training was cleaning trucks and the fire hall, Fire Inc. completed the second half of active shooter training and in house driver training. The 5th Monday also saw the EMS refresher.

Chief Kramer presented the monthly report for July indicating there were 10 calls for the month bringing the total to 98 for the year as compared to 83 at this time last year. He reported the monthly training was address familiarization and an extrication class with a tool rep.

A motion was made to approve the report by Mr. Hommerding, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Kramer reported the fire department will be receiving a grant to replace all the air bottles and SCBA equipment.

OPEN FORUM:

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Bunders presented the final pay application along with a change order for the 2024 Street Project. He indicated he and Mr. McCabe met with the contractor on site to go over the last remaining warranty issues. The change order was for additional mobilization as the permit for the culvert on Fallow Road wasn't issued by the DNR until way after the project started.

A motion was made to pay OMG Midwest \$51,334.03 which includes the change order amount by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hommerding as about the status of the road conditions map and Mr. Bunders responded that he intends to have the updated map along with the CIP tool information available for our September 2 meeting.

28th AVENUE PATCHING

QUOTES:

Two quotes were presented to do some street patch work on 28th Avenue as was discussed at the July 15 worksession meeting.

A motion was made to approve the quote of Granite City Paving in an amount of \$15,000 by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Mr. Backes. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

No comments offered.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Nothing to report.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:15 pm by Mr. Backes seconded by Mr. Hommerding.

Approved this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator