

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
September 2, 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, Skaalerud and Genereux; Engineer Bunders, Attorney Couri, Fire Chief Kramer, and City Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brent Ahmann, Jill Shea, Mike Zenzen,

CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. McCabe indicated he had added the 2026 Sheriff's Contract to the amended packets.

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, August 5, 2025.

City Council Agenda, September 2, 2025.

Bill's Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated September 2, 2025 and for ePayments #25363e - 25372e and Checks #24925-24974.

City Council Workshop Minutes, August 19, 2025.

Mr. McCabe's attendance at the fall CGMC Conference.

Stearns County Sheriff's Contract.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sgt Hoffman was in attendance and presented the monthly sheriff's report. He indicated there were 41 hours spent on the contract in the month of August. Sgt. Hoffman also briefly reviewed the call types and answered questions from the Council.

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe presented the monthly building report stating there were 55 permits issued during the month including four new single-family houses.

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

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer presented the monthly report indicating there were 17 calls for the month bringing the total to 115 for the year as compared to 105 at this time in 2024. Monthly training was National Night Out prep work and airway management training during a baseball game.

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

OPEN FORUM:

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Bunders presented the initial proposed 5-year CIP plan. Indicating he was starting with the 2026 Street Project which has been discussed as Gaberdine Road along with 238th Street and 240th Street. There was significant discussion on what would be included in the design including mailbox placement, removal and replacement of signs, location of the trail and how that will be delineated, and shouldering.

A motion was made approve the design of the Gaberdine Road Project along with the trail by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Mr. Skaalerud. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bunders presented the CIP tool showing how this will work and indicating the Council and staff will have read access to the plan. He indicated we would not only have our major plans but also include the maintenance projects as well. Ultimately all the CIP projects will be included in plan.

RESOLUTION #2025-09

PRELIMINARY LEVY: A motion was made to approve Resolution #2025-09, adopting the preliminary levy by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Hommerding. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER
PURVIEW:**

Mr. Genereux inquired about the Blackberry Farms pond and was told we haven't heard anything.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT:**

Mr. McCabe reported the patching work was done on 28th Avenue, reminded everyone there would be an area cities meeting on September 30 and he asked about preference on next planning commission meeting.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 pm by Mr. Skaalerud seconded by Mr. Genereux.

Approved this 7th day of October, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator