

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
October 7, 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 Hommerding, Skaalerud and Genereux; Engineer Hajicke, Fire Chief Kramer, and City Administrator McCabe. Mr. Backes was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Shea, Randy Tonnell, Brent Ahmann, Don Gfall and Julie Gfall.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Hommerding, 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, September 2, 2025.

City Council Agenda, October 7, 2025.

Bill's Payable, Receipts and Treasurer's Report dated October 7, 2025 and for ePayments #25388e - 25409e and Checks #24990-25000 and 28501 - 28556.

City Council Workshop Minutes, September 16, 2025.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: A motion was made to approve the written sheriff's report by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Mr. Skaalerud. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S

REPORT: Mr. McCabe presented the monthly building report stating there were 65 permits issued during the month with no new houses or commercial building permits.

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

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

Chief Kramer presented the monthly report indicating there were 12 calls for the month bringing the total to 127 for the year as compared to 115 at this time in 2024. Monthly training was Life Link helicopter training. Fire Inc. presented first arriving officer training along with radio communication training. The 5th Monday was also the EMR refresher.

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

Chief Kramer presented a recommendation to hire Caitlin Nelson to the department. He indicated she has her EMT training but will need fire 1 and 2.

A motion was made to hire Ms. Nelson contingent on passing the background check, physical fitness and agility tests by Mr. Hommerding, seconded by Mr. Skaalerud. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Kramer indicated we have the old engine #2 listed for sale on Marketplace and the League of MN Cities.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Tonnell was in attendance to see about the Otta Seal on 48th Avenue. Mayor Schmitz explained we did it as a test road and were hoping to get about 5 years out of it before it needed to be repaved. He was thanked

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Hajicek gave a brief update on the Gaberdine Road project indicating surveying will be done soon and design will begin with the hope of being ready for bids near the end of the year. Ms. Gfall inquired about the trail and was told it was being planned for the north and west side of 238th Street/Gaberdine Road. Mr. Ahmann questioned what the separation of the trail would be from the road and was told that is still in design and will be worked out once the survey is complete.

Mr. Hajicek also reported that Astech completed the paving of Beaver Lake Road and we should see an invoice for that work in the next couple of weeks.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER PURVIEW:

Mayor Schmitz indicated he had heard mostly good with Beaver Lake Road with only a few concerns on shouldering.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. McCabe presented a letter from the MN Department of Health on a water testing requirement that was missed. He indicated we properly gathered the sample but something happened at the lab and we needed to redo the sample, which triggered the violation. A simple

explanation will be included with our consumer confidence report next summer.

Mr. McCabe indicated that Lynden Township will be in attendance at our next workshop meeting to discuss and redo our road agreement. He also stated he has yet to hear from Fair Haven Township.

Mr. McCabe reported that we have an application for a site plan review and wondered if we could schedule for October 21, prior to our work session meeting. Consensus was this is acceptable and the meeting was scheduled for October 21 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:30 pm by Mr. Genereux seconded by Mr. Skaalerud. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 5th day of November, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator