

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
December 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmitz at 7:0 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Schmitz, Council Members, Hommerding, Genereux, and Skaalerud; Interim Claussen and Mr. Bunders. Backes arrived at 7:30

OTHERS PRESENT: Full house for the open house on the trail and Gaberdine Road. None stayed for the council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Genereux, seconded by Mr. Hommerding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

Bills Payable dated December 16, 2025 for ePayments #25449e – 25461e and Checks #28708 - 28741.
City Council Workshop Agenda, December 16, 2025

LYNDEN TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT RESPONSE:
Council agreed to table this item.

MOORE ENGINEER OPEN HOUSE AND GABERDINE ROAD & TRAIL FOLLOW UP:
Mr. Bounders spoke about the open house. There was a lot of thoughtful questions and concerns that he plans to research and address. He thanked the board members in attendance for helping answer questions that residents had. He will get an idea of what phase 2 will cost and update the board.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/PURVIEW:

Mr. Hommerding wants the council members to come up with ideas for work sessions such as making a list of ordinances that they question so they can be cleaned up and specific. He would also like to get options for dirt road grading.
Mr. Genereux would like more open, meaningful conversations during meetings, so they can make educated decisions.
Mayor Schmitz, agreed and thought there should be more oversight and transparency. He also wants to use the resources we have such as planner, engineer, and lawyer for decision making processes in their expertise. Mr. Schmitz would also like the planning commission to meet the week before the council meetings so the professionals above have time to work on their proposals based on decisions from the planning commission.

CLERKS REPORT:
7A, residential snow complaint.

7B, Mrs. Claussen asked the board members to fill out their questionnaires for the SCSC.

7C, Council agreed to visit with Mr. Sweeney with David Drown during the January work session.

ADJOURMENT: **A motion was made to adjourn at 8:03 pm by Mr. Genereux seconded by Mr. Skaalerud.**

Approved this 2nd day of December 16, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Claussen, Interim Administrator Clerk