

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**

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 Genereux, Backes, Hommerding; Clerk/Administrator Claussen. Bill McCabe. Skaalerud absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Utley & Patty Krohnenberg, Paul Shea, Brent Ahmann, Isaac Memken, Ron Kraemer

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were approved with the consent agenda:

Bill Payable and Treasurer's Report dated March 17, 2026 for ePayments #25533e – 25544e and checks #28888 - 28911.
City Council Agenda, March 17, 2026
Approve outdoor liquor sales for St. Mary's HOC German Dinner March 28, 2026

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

A motion was made by Mr. Hommerding, and seconded by Backes to approve the contract for the Jennifer Nash as new city Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

Moore Engineering submitted a resolution so they may submit a grant application for phase 2 of the trail to connect to Beaver Island Trail.

A motion was made to repeal ordinance 2025-02, and approve the 2026-02 by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PURVIEW: Schmitz suggested changing the mayor term to four years to go along with the council term. Verify with Couri and add to next meeting.
Schmitz and Genereux would like to attend the LMC workshop May 7th.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Planner Cauffman and Claussen have been meeting with potential developers and Cauffman suggested rezoning 1-2 parcels that the comp plan have deemed a new zone prior to, to show the city is serious about rezoning.

Claussen discussed development potential beginning plan – in a phased time line 8-9 12-plexes, higher end, min rent \$2000. They were hoping the city had incentives to developing the property.

Claussen mentioned request for a temp Asphalt Plant to be put at Honer Pit for county road work on 7 & 115. IUP currently does not allow it.

Council does not support at this time.

Claussen discussed Site Plan Review checklist, specifically landscaping. It seems most are not meeting those requirements, and she asked if this was something they want to police or if this should be revised or removed from checklist if we do not plan to enforce.

Claussen also discussed request for Lux Lockers to use a granite gravel driveway while land settles and pave the following year.

Both items were passed on to the planning commission to discuss further.

Claussen was advised to send letter to Honer addressing complaint and non-compliance of IUP Permit and request a noise evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:10 pm by Mr. Hommerding, seconded by Mr. Genereux. All ayes

Approved this 7th day of April, 2026.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Claussen, Interim Clerk/Administrator