

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Julie Eastman, Lisa Eng-Sarne, John
Justen and Dick Vitelli
Councilmember Robyn Gulley, virtual

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett
City Attorney Amanda Johnson
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Community Development Director Ben Boike
Public Works Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Parks & Rec Director Dave Schletty

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Item 10B on Consent moved to 12A New Business. Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adopt the agenda as amended.

Vote: Vitelli – aye
Justen – aye
Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Council discussed the following items during the Open Council Work Session of August 8th:

- A. Embedded Social Worker Program and Crisis Response Update
- B. 2023-24 Budget Proposal

6. Community Comments – In Person

- Kimetha (KaeJae) Johnson, founder of ROCC and ROCC Climbers Youth Initiative founder; 3rd Annual Juneteenth event – thanks for the attendance! Next event will be August 20th, Back-to-School event at Thompson County Park from 12-4, hoping to collect and distribute 400 backpacks for the community.
- James Johnson Jr. (JJ), 1530 Bellows St – August 30th from 7-8 p.m. there will be a Renters 101 – Renter’s Rights Workshop, hosted with Homeline in conjunction with St. Stephen’s Church.
- Kevin Hendricks, Ward 3 – Explore West St. Paul Days events this week, August 13th at 8:30 a.m. West St. Paul Rider community bike ride.
- Edgar Herrera – thanked staff for events and apologized to Councilmember Vitelli on behalf of the community for a previous mailing.

7. Community Comments – Phone Line

- No one called in to address the Council.

8. Council Comments

Mayor and Councilmembers addressed the public on various topics. Dan Nowicki, Assistant City Manager, presented information on Explore West St. Paul Days. Council and staff are looking forward to seeing our community out at all the events throughout the August 11th – 13th celebration!

9. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

10. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A. List of Claims for August 8, 2022
- B. Approve Contract with ISD 197 for School Resource Officer Position – moved to New Business
- C. Declare Items Surplus and Authorize Sale
- D. Donations to the City
- E. Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County and West St. Paul for Social Services Embedded Social Worker Program
- F. Joint Powers Agreement with Mendota Heights for ISD 197 Aquatic Center Sanitary Sewer Billing
- G. Rental Licensing
 - 1945-1955 Oakdale Ave (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1250 Charlton Street (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 889 Smith Avenue S (Duplex – Renewal)
 - Total Amount – \$2,412.00

Vote: Vitelli – aye

Eastman – aye
Berry – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
Justen – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

11. Public Hearing

12. New Business

A. Approve Contract with ISD 197 for School Resource Officer Position – moved from Consent Agenda (Item 10B)

City Manager Nate Burkett presented the contract and clarified details.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve the item as presented.

Vote: Vitelli – aye
Justen – aye
Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

13. Old Business

A. Final Reading – Ordinance Regarding Catalytic Converters

Police Chief Brian Sturgeon presented the final reading for a proposed new ordinance. Chief Sturgeon will continue to work with state and federal officials to address this issue through legislative action. Staff looks for approval of final reading.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to approve the final reading as presented and adopt Ordinance No. 22-013 Regulating the Possession, Sale and Purchase of Catalytic Converters within the City of West St. Paul.

Vote: Eng-Sarne – aye
Eastman – aye
Berry – aye
Gulley – aye
Justen – aye

Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

B. Final Reading – Ordinance Regarding Fraudulent Purchases of Gift Cards

Police Chief Brian Sturgeon presented the final reading for a proposed new ordinance. Staff looks for approval of final reading.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve the final reading as presented and adopt Ordinance No. 22-014 Regulating Third Party Gift Card Procurement within the City of West St. Paul.

Vote: Vitelli – aye
Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
Justen – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

C. Final Reading – Ordinance Amending Parking Restrictions for Trucks and Commercial Vehicles

Police Chief Brian Sturgeon presented the final reading for a proposed ordinance amendment to City Code 71.04 regarding commercial vehicles and reducing weight from 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight parked on city streets. Staff looks for approval of final reading.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to approve the final reading as presented and adopt Ordinance No. 22-012 Amending City Code Section 71.04 Regarding Weight Restrictions and Parking Requirements for Truck and Commercial Vehicles.

Vote: Eng-Sarne – aye
Eastman – aye
Berry – aye
Gulley – aye
Justen – nay
Vitelli – aye
5 ayes, 1 nay
Motion carried.

14. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Vote: Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
Justen – aye
Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul