

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Pat Armon, Wendy Berry, Julie Eastman and Lisa Eng-Sarne

Absent: Councilmembers Robyn Gulley and John Justen

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett
City Attorney Sam Ketchum
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Community Development Director Ben Boike
Finance Director Char Stark
Parks & Rec Director Dave Schletty
City Clerk Nicole Tillander

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

With Item B given further discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Eastman and seconded by Councilmember Armon to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Council discussed the following items during the Open Council Work Session of February 13th:

- A. THC Product Ordinances and Regulations
- B. Strategic Planning Preparation - Environmental Scan

6. Community Comments – In Person

- Jim Probst, 1592 Bellows St – representing the South Robert Street Business Association and inviting all to the 2023 Dodge Nature Center Winter Fun Fest taking place on Saturday, February 18th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Jim also presented a donation to the city on behalf of South Robert Street Business Association which will be acknowledged at the next council meeting.

- James Johnson Jr (JJ), Ward 2 – representing rental community and concerns about police involvement in renter’s issues; involvement with City Council with hopes to create a renter’s advisory council, committee or commission

7. Community Comments – Phone Line

- No one called in to address the City Council.

8. Council Comments

Mayor and Councilmembers addressed the public on various topics.

9. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

10. Consent Agenda

With Item B given further discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Armon and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023
- B. Approve YMCA Contract for 2023 Operation of the WSP Pool
 - Increase joint promotion and reassess fees for next year’s contract – staff will review
- C. Contract Approval for the Development of a Park and Recreation System Plan with Mend Collaborative
- D. City Business Licensing
- E. City Rental Licensing
 - 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 189, 191 Thompson Ave E (Apartment Complex – Renewal)
 - 123 Emerson Ave W (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 183 Annapolis St. W (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 800 Dodd Rd. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 969 Smith Ave. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 180 Carol Ln. (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 996 Charlton St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 976 Dodd Rd. (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 975 Stryker Ave (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 906 Cherokee Ave (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 1061 Humboldt Ave (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 1028 Seminole Ave (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 903 Manomin Ave (Triplex – Renewal)
 - 1008 Cherokee Ave (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 795/803 Dodd Rd. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 884 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 124 Stanley St E (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1266 Gorman Ave (Apartment – Renewal)

- 226 Annapolis St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 234 Annapolis St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1568 Charlton St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 921 Hall Ave (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 1411 Bidwell St. (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 1565 Christensen Ave (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 232 Thompson Ave W (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 179 Conner St. (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 1475 Smith Ave (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 151 Haskell Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 1425 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1435 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1445 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 124 Bernard St. (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 226/228 Dakota St. (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 233 Bernard St. (Triplex – Renewal)
 - 110 Bernard St. W (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 1056 Hall Ave. (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - 980 Oakdale Ave. (Single Family Home – Renewal)
 - Total Amount – \$9,983.50
- F.** List of Claims for February 13, 2023
- G.** Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Joint Powers Agreement
- H.** Authorize Public Works to Apply for the Metropolitan Council State Bond Fund Municipal Inflow and Infiltration Grant
- I.** Award Bid for the 2023 Mill and Overlay Project 23-3
- J.** Resolution of Support for MN DNR Federal Recreational Trail and Equipment Grant

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearings

- A.** Ordinance Amending Ordinance 18-04 - Rezoning 110 Crusader Ave W., 1962 Stryker Ave and 1990 Stryker Ave to PRD, Planned Residential Development with Various Underlying Zoning

Community Development Director Ben Boike presented the first reading of an ordinance amendment. There are three options for council to consider: grant extension for draft ordinance as presented; grant extension with changes; or deny extension and ordinance amendment.

Mayor Napier opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

John Bellows, 1925 Bidwell – notification process, property tax concerns, why are they allowed the exception/extension?

Mark Berchem, founder of Net Ministries and WSP resident – gave background and future planning information.

Mayor Napier closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Final reading will take place at a future meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eastman and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to approve first reading of an ordinance amendment to provide an extension on the continued use of 1924 Bidwell to allow continued occupancy of up to 10 non-related occupants and maintain tax exempt status until December 31, 2024 as presented.

Vote: Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Armon – aye
Berry – aye
4 ayes
Motion carried.

12. New Business

A. Sale of Bonds – HyVee

Finance Director Char Stark and Ehlers Representative Keith Dahl presented; staff recommends approving the resolution as presented, sale day report provided, resolution amended to reflect sale price.

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to approve Resolution 23-014 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$5,985,000 Taxable General Obligation Temporary Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2023A and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof as presented.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

13. Old Business

14. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul