

**City of West St. Paul  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 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, Lisa Eng-Sarne, Robyn Gulley and John Justen

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett  
City Attorney Pam Whitmore  
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon  
Finance Director Char Stark  
Public Works Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith  
City Clerk Nicole Tillander

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Adopt the Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adopt the agenda, as presented, and with Item E given further discussion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**5. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions**

**A. Oath of Office - Introduction of New Police Officer**

Chief Sturgeon and Mayor Napier swore in new police officer Joseph Penny. Joe was previously a Police Reserve in West St. Paul and worked for Dakota 911 and chose to come back for his officer career. Many friends and family members were present in the council chambers. Thank you for choosing West St. Paul, Officer Penny!

**6. OCWS Briefing**

Council discussed the following items during the Open Council Work Session of April 24<sup>th</sup>:

- A. 2024-25 Budget Introduction and Process**
- B. Boards and Commissions Appointment Process**
- C. Future OCWS Items – on agenda but did not discuss**

## **7. Community Comments – In Person**

- Elaine Hause, here on behalf of Salem Lutheran Church at 11 Bernard St W – concerns regarding changes to the sign ordinance, would like consideration for their many community events on a changing electronic sign
- Kevin Hendricks, Ward 3 – bike rodeo event on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Garlough, free helmets, bike repair and safety; West St. Paul Rider event on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Edgar Herrera, Ward 1 – would like West St. Paul to consider becoming a sanctuary city

## **8. Community Comments – Phone Line**

- No one called in to address the council.

## **9. Council Comments**

Mayor and Councilmembers addressed the public on various topics.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

With Item E Donations to the City given further discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A.** Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023 and April 10, 2023
- B.** List of Claims for April 24, 2023
- C.** City Business Licensing
- D.** City Rental Licensing
  - 152 Belvidere St. W (Duplex-Renewal)
  - 1173 Macarthur Ave. (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 1371 Smith Ave. S (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 1116 Humboldt Ave. (Duplex-Renewal)
  - 81 Orme St. E #5 (Townhome-Renewal)
  - 421/423 Stanley St. E (Duplex-Renewal)
  - 884/886 Cherokee Ave. (Duplex-Renewal)
  - 1098 Stryker Ave. (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 1131 Seminole Ave. (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 175 Thompson Ave. E (Apartment-Renewal)
  - 177 Thompson Ave. E (Apartment-Renewal)
  - 181 Thompson Ave. E (Apartment-Renewal)
  - 189 Thompson Ave. E (Apartment-Renewal)
  - 191 Thompson Ave. E (Apartment-Renewal)
  - 413/417 Stanley St. E (Duplex-Renewal)
  - 226 Curtice St. W (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 816 Dodd Rd. (Triplex-Renewal)
  - 1053 Sperl St. (Duplex-Renewal)

- 435 Bernard St. E (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 325 Bernard St. E (Single Family-Renewal)
  - 156 Westchester Dr. (Single Family-Renewal)
  - Total Amount – \$2,716.50
- E. Donations to the City**
- AMVETS Post #1 donated \$10,000 to the police department's outreach efforts and programing.
  - Southview Acres Health Care Center donated \$1,500 for Explore West St. Paul Days.
  - Southview Animal Hospital donated \$750 for Explore West St. Paul Days.
  - US Bank donated \$1,500 for Explore West St. Paul Days.
- F. Dakota County Drug Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)**
- G. Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force JPA**
- H. Award Bid for Annapolis Street Reconstruction Project CP 23-1**
- I. Committee Appointment – Amendment**
- J. First Quarter Financial Update**
- K. Preliminary Year End General Fund Financial Update**

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **11. Public Hearings**

### **12. General Business**

**A. Approve Councilmember Travel to League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference**

City Manager Nate Burkett presented. Council discussed various options and reasons for attendance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eastman and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve travel, lodging and conference expenses for Mayor Napier, Councilmember Berry and/or all other Councilmembers to attend the 2023 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**B. Conditional Use Permit to Allow an On-Sale Liquor Establishment Selling Beer and Wine at 1049 Dodd Rd – Betty's Kitchen**

City Manager Nate Burkett presented. Planning Commission reviewed and held a public hearing at their April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of this permit. Staff recommends approval of the permit subject to conditions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve Resolution No. 23-032 Approving a Conditional Use Permit for an On-Sale Liquor Establishment Selling Beer and Wine in a B2 – Neighborhood Business District at 1049 Dodd Road (Betty's Kitchen).

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**13. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

David J. Napier  
Mayor  
City of West St. Paul