

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Lisa Eng-Sarne,
Anthony Fernandez, John Justen, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Others Present: Police Chief Manila Shaver
City Attorney Kori Land
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn
Finance Director Char Stark
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adopt the agenda, as presented.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Mayor Napier said the Council held a work session prior to the regular meeting to discuss the following:

- A. Code Enforcement Procedure Review
- B. 2019 City Council Initiative Discussion
- C. Housing Improvement Area (HIA) Discussion
- D. Cinco de Mayo Report
- E. Clean Up Note from Volunteer Coordinator
- F. Infiltration & Inflow Program
- G. Review of CEP/CIP Changes – Council did not have time to discuss this agenda item

6. Citizen Comments

- Ken Paulman, Ward 3, discussed the intersection at Smith and Dodd and offered a suggestion to bump out the curbs in this area.

Mayor Napier agreed that this may have been a missed opportunity and suggested that Beckwith bring back more information to a future meeting.

- Donald Sylvester, 1285 Charlton, said he is concerned about the reconstruction planned for Wentworth Avenue from Charlton to the dome. He said if it is not done correctly there will be issues with this road. He also commented about cracking of the new road surface on Charlton.

Beckwith responded and said that Wentworth Avenue is a county road and a lot of analysis was done to determine the work going into it.

Mayor Napier replied and said that a mill and overlay was done on Charlton, not a complete reconstruction of the road. He said a mill and overlay will allow the City to delay a full road reconstruction by another ten years. Beckwith added that only the top two inches are removed during a mill and overlay. He said that cracking is expected after a spring thaw, which will be grouted and sealed at a later date.

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Berry reminded everyone to come out for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, at Harmon Park.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said there will be a Wentworth Avenue Reconstruction Open House on Wednesday, April 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Middle School.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said a new restaurant, Hamburguesas El Gordo, will be opening soon at 1731 Robert Street.

Councilmember Justen reminded everyone of the Curbside Appliance Pick-up event scheduled for May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. More information is available in the City newsletter as well as on the City's website.

Mayor Napier said it was great to see spring coming but winter will be back on Thursday.

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

A. West St. Paul Food Drive

Scott Andrews of Neighbors, Inc. addressed the Council and said the Food Drive was a great community effort. He said Neighbors serves over 500 families each month. He also said that this is National Volunteer Week and that this Food Drive couldn't have happened

without all of the great volunteers in our community. Mr. Andrews didn't have results available from the Food Drive at this time but said that Neighbors is currently on track for meeting their goal.

Mayor Napier recognized the West St. Paul community, volunteers and businesses for the great effort put into the Food Drive to help Neighbors serve those in need.

Volunteers (in alphabetical order):

Lyn Crosby	Jessica Mager
Claudia Egelhoff	Mary McCauley
Samantha Green	Sandy Mullaby
Kelly Hagler	Linda Olson
Tonya Hanson	Jade Pennig
Laureen & Mike Jansky	Judy Rangel
Tom King	Lisa Stevens
Kris Klein	Karen Vavreck
Darlene Lewis	Laura Zanmiller

Donations were collected at each of the following businesses. Some of these businesses also offered discounts to customers who donated to the Food Drive, as well as donated money, goods and services from their own business:

Amore	Cub Foods	Pace Tire
Anytime Fitness	Dodge Nature Center	R&B Liquor
Arthur J. Gallagher Co.	Dodge Nature Center School	Realife Co-op
Beirut	Dunham's	Salem Lutheran Church
Bellow CT Apts	Eclipse Music	Signal Barbers
The BLVD	Faith United Church	Signal Garage
Cardinal Corner	Fireside	Talecris Plasma
Cherokee Auto Center	Menard's	Tapper's Bar
Cherokee Grill	Midwest Dental	Wentworth Library
City of West St. Paul	Mike's Butcher Shop	YMCA
Condo Linda Olson	Nowak's Liquors	Zak's Auto
Condo Lyn Crosby	Oxendale's	

9. Consent Agenda

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

- A. OCWS and Regular Council Minutes of March 25, 2019
- B. List of Claims for April 8, 2019
- C. Resolution No. 19-039 Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing Sale and/or Disposal Thereof

D. City Licensing Including:

- Wine & Beer License for Tokyo Sushi All You Can Eat, 1895 Robert Street South
- Resolution No. 19-040 Concurring with the Issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Exemption for South St. Paul Educational Foundation to be held on August 7, 2019 at Southview Country Club, 239 Mendota Road East

E. Rental Licenses, New and Renewed

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Jerry Carbone of Carbone's Pizza addressed the Council and asked if the City would consider prorating the Liquor License fee for the new owner of his restaurant. He said he has also drafted a letter to the City with this request.

Mayor Napier thanked Mr. Carbone for being a business owner in West St. Paul for so many years.

Chief Shaver said the City will take care of this transaction for him.

10. Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings.

11. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

12. New Business

A. Electric and Gas Franchise Ordinances

City Attorney Land introduced the ordinances for a final reading and said there were some wording changes since the first reading.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve:

Ordinance No. 19-05 Amending West St. Paul Ordinance 04-05 Regarding the Franchise Agreement with Xcel Energy for an Electric Distribution System; and

Ordinance No. 19-07 Amending Section 34.07 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding the Electric Utility Tax

All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve:

Ordinance No. 19-06 Granting to Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, Permission to Erect a Gas Distribution System for the Purpose of Constructing, Operating, Repairing and Maintaining in the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, the Necessary Gas Pipes, Mains and Appurtenances for the Transmission or Distribution of Gas to the City and its Inhabitants and Others and Transmitting Gas into and Through the City and to Use the Public Grounds and Public Ways of the City for Such Purposes; and

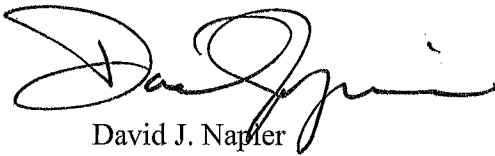
Ordinance No. 19-08 Enacting Section 34.08 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding the Gas Franchise Fee

All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.



David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul