

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**

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: Junior Councilmember Mckinley Cherrier

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett
City Attorney Pam Whitmore
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Community Development Director Ben Boike
Public Works Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Finance Director Char Stark
City Clerk Nicole Tillander

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Eastman and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

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

A. Strategic Planning – Improved Housing

6. Community Comments – In Person

- Kevin Hendricks, Ward 3 – Sunday, May 19th from 1:30-3:00 bike rodeo, 5 year anniversary of the West St. Paul Reader – thank you to community members!
- Dick Vitelli, Ward 1 – concerns about The Legacy and age limit restriction not being followed, upkeep of surrounding area needs to be addressed as well. Council directed staff to research and return with a report.

- Mike Musikanis, Ward 2 – concern about meetings continuing to be aired through Townsquare on public television, staff will verify meetings are being aired.

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.

9. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adopt Resolution No. 24-032 Proclaiming Arbor Day as May 17, 2024 and the month of May 2024 as Arbor Month.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

10. Consent Agenda

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 April 8, 2024
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes and Open Council Work Session Minutes of April 22, 2024
- C. List of Claims for May 13, 2024
- D. City Business Licensing
- E. City Rental Licensing
 - 225 Thompson Ave. E (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1425 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1435 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1445 Bidwell St. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 475 Ruby Dr. (Single Family – New)
 - 930 Humboldt Ave. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1139 Kruse St. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 200-202 Haskell St. E (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 1245 Stryker Ave. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 994 Oakdale Ave. (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 845 Dodd Rd. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 848 Dodd Rd. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 838 Dodd Rd. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1049 Gorman Ave. (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 186 Logan Ave. (Single Family – Renewal)

- 411-413 Butler Ave. (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 40 Annapolis St. W (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1345 Cherokee Ave. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 90-92 Arion St. W (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 76 Crusader Ave. W (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1924 Bidwell St. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1962 Stryker Ave. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1990 Stryker Ave. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1945 Oakdale Ave. (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 138 Stanley St. E (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 186 Mainzer St. (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 142 Annapolis St. E (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 1087 Stryker Ave. (Duplex – Renewal)
 - 190 Arion St. E (Duplex – Renewal)
 - Total Amount – \$5,340.00
- F. Donations to the City
- MSP Plumbing Heating Air donated \$1,500.00 to Explore West St. Paul Days.
 - The Stremski Agency donated \$750.00 to Explore West St. Paul Days.
 - Dominion / Legacy Commons donated \$750.00 to Explore West St. Paul Days.
 - South Robert St. Business Association donated \$5,000.00 to Explore West St. Paul Days.
 - Window Concepts of Minnesota Inc. donated \$750.00 to Explore West St. Paul Days.
 - Linda Swanson donated \$100.00 to the police department’s K-9 fund.
- G. Financial Update - 2024 First Quarter and 2023 Preliminary Final Report
- H. Support for Americorps Application
- I. Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Private Property Assessments

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing and Final Reading - Xcel Franchise Agreement

City Manager Nate Burkett presented the final reading of an Ordinance 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. This ordinance is substantially similar to prior Ordinances 04-05 and 19-05 with minor amendments to language. Staff recommend holding a public hearing and approving the second and final reading of the ordinance amendment.

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

No one called or came forward to address the council.

Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adopt Special Ordinance 24-001 granting an electric franchise to Northern States Power (Xcel Energy) to include summary publication as presented and outlined herein.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

12. General Business

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul