



St. Stephen City Council Agenda – May 3, 2017

Call To Order: 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Reading of Claims

Reading of Receipts

Treasurer's Report

Petitions, Requests and Communication:

David Trobec: Conditional Use Permit Application

Steve Syoka: Rezoning Request for Cecelia Trobec Trust Property

Mike Legatt & Dan Slivnik, American Legion 221: re Gambling Ordinance

Dennis Janssen, St. Stephen Lions Club: re Gambling Ordinance

Bill Vouk Jr.: re Gambling Ordinance

St. Stephen Fire & Rescue

Emergency Management

Reports:

Road & Bridge

Planning Commission

Sheriff's Report

Health Committee

Unfinished Business

New Business

Appendix A: 2017 Fee Schedule for Ordinance Book

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 Liquor Licenses

Miscellaneous Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

This agenda has been prepared to provide information regarding an upcoming meeting of the St. Stephen City Council. This document does not claim to be complete and is subject to change at any time.

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Mayor

Jeff Blenkush
Council Member

Gene Skaj
Council Member

Danita Traut
Council Member

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MINUTES
ST. STEPHEN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All together.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy VanderWeyst-Mayor, Jeff Blenkush, Gene Skaj, Danita Traut and Thomas J. Vouk – Council, Dolores Supan-Treasurer and Cris Drais-City Clerk.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the May meeting was reviewed. Under New Business, Chuck Ertl's Ditch Cutting quote will be added. Jeff Blenkush made a motion to approve the agenda. Gene Skaj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING: The minutes of the April Meeting were reviewed. Gene Skaj made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeff Blenkush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

READING OF THE CLAIMS: The Clerk presented the Claims. To date, the total is: \$14,699.37 with the addition of John Huls mowing claim. Danita Traut made a motion to approve the Claims to date. Gene Skaj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

READING OF RECEIPTS: Receipts for the month total: \$11,055.62.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance	\$1,064,274.44
ADD: April Deposits	\$11,055.62
LESS: April Checks	\$16,497.79
New Checkbook Balance	\$1,058,832.27

Jeff Blenkush made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Danita Traut seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Steve Soyka ~ Rezoning Request for Cecilia Trobec Trust Property: Steve Soyka came before the Council to request rezoning the property in the Cecilia Trobec Trust from General Business to RR1. Tom Vouk shared that the Planning Commission voted to allow the change as the request matches the request made with the other Trobec Trust parcel across the County road from this parcel. Tom Vouk made a motion to set a public hearing at 7:00 PM on June 7th for the rezoning request. Jeff Blenkush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Legatt & Dan Slivnik, American Legion 221 re Gambling Ordinance: Before discussion took place regarding the Gambling Ordinance, City Attorney Tom Jovanovich reviewed the rules of a Council meeting and behavior during a Council meeting. If necessary, a 3 minute time limit will be used for speakers. Mike Legatt asked for the Council or Attorney to provide a definition of the trade area for an organization in regards to gambling. The Attorney defined what a trade area is. Mike Legatt stated that the gambling ordinance has a negative effect on the Legion and City residents. Mike stated that the Legion earned the right to decide what should be done with their charitable gambling dollars. Mike stated that the main mission of the Legion is: Veterans, Youth and Community. It was stated that the gambling rules from the state are being followed by the Legion. On behalf of the Legion, Mike asked if the Council would consider a solution, compromise or alternative

to the Gambling Ordinance. Ben Paggen asked what brought about the ordinance. The Mayor stated that during a conversation with the MN Gambling Control Office, she was referred to follow the City's ordinance regarding a concern. The City had no ordinance in place. The Clerk read Gambling Ordinance Restrictions for Central MN Cities collected by the City Attorney's Office. Bill Vouk Jr. added the restrictions for Sauk Rapids and Rice. Clarification was made that residents do not need to be notified of a public hearing for an ordinance. The approval of ordinances was published in the City's newspaper. Discussion continued regarding the ordinance. Tom Vouk made a motion to cancel the verbiage stating that 50% of the net profits had to be spent within the City's trade area and to drop the verbiage setting forth a trade area for gambling. Jeff Blenkush seconded the motion. Roll call was taken after the Yes/No was completed. Jeff Blenkush-Yes, Gene Skaj-Yes, Danita Traut-N, Cindy VanderWeyst-N and Tom Vouk-Y. Yes: 3 and No: 2. Motion carried.

Dave Trobec ~ Conditional Use Permit Application: Dave submitted a conditional use permit application for the Council's consideration in order to have up to 4 tables outside on the sidewalk in front of Trobec's Bar & Grill for the summer season. Concern was expressed for the width of the sidewalk compared to Howie's Corner Bar which obtained a conditional use permit and was granted one. A permit would not be needed for the Annual Chicken Fry. The application was put on hold. Dave requested ½ Street be closed on Friday, June 2nd from noon to 1 AM during the Chicken Fry. The Sheriff's Deputy in attendance agreed that it was safer to close ½ Street for the time requested vs driving down it. Gene Skaj made a motion to close ½ Street on Friday, June 2, 2017 from noon until 1 AM during the Trobec's Bar & Grill Chicken Fry. Jeff Blenkush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ST. STEPHEN FIRE & RESCUE: The Clerk read the report submitted by the Fire Chief. There were 7 calls in April. To date that makes 33 calls in 2017. The training in May will be pumping and water movement. Ralph Barhorst was recognized for 44 years. Al Vouk was recognized for 45 years (his years are calculated due to time away during military service). Fire fighter Justin Terhaar has completed his Firefighter I and II along with his MR training and certifications. The Fire Department is looking to interview one or maybe two candidates. The Fire Department is always looking for daytime fire fighters. Gene Skaj reported on behalf of the Relief Association that approximately 300 people attended the breakfast on April 9th. The raffle drawing took place on April 28th. The Relief Association made a \$9,000 donation to the Fire Equipment Fund.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Paul Ritter was not in attendance.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- 1. Road and Bridge:** Jerome Supan asked about striping 6th Ave SE. The City Engineer has already been contacted and was helping line up the work. Discussion took place regarding the culvert on 6th Ave SE. The agreement was that with the CSAH 2 construction project beginning, a project of this size couldn't be done as 6th Ave SE will end up being a detour route by drivers. Jerome asked about patching 2 spots along 6th Ave SE and again, the Council agreed the work needs to wait. Jerome will contact Astech and a Maple Grove company regarding sealcoating on 4th St SE and City's parking lot.

(After Health Committee) Danita Traut shared that the culvert on 6th Ave SE was cleaned out by those from the Traut Farm as water was backing up into their home.

- 2. Planning Commission:** The May meeting was busy as two subdivisions were brought before the Planning Commission.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: The April report was brought to the Council meeting. The 2017 contract was delivered to the Council.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor Licenses: Tom Jovanovich read a letter from Bruce Bechtold regarding the liquor license renewals. There are concerns regarding the number of failed compliance checks in St. Stephen. It was confirmed that the liquor license ordinance didn't change with publication. All 3 bars were provided with a copy of the ordinance in the summer when the process began. Discussion took place regarding the violations outlined in the ordinance. It was agreed that a meeting with all 3 bar owners would be beneficial for all involved parties. The meeting discussion needs to focus on following the ordinance.

Chuck Ertl Ditch Cleaning Bid: Chuck Ertl dropped off a bid for performing ditch cleaning services in 2017. The 1st cut would cost \$700 and the 2nd cut would cost \$1250. Gene Skaj made a motion to accept Chuck Ertl's bid for ditch cleaning for 2017. Danita Traut seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented Appendix A to the Council for approval. The Appendix for the Ordinance book outlines the license, permit and service fees and other City charges for 2017. Gene Skaj made a motion to approve Appendix A. Jeff Blenkush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Jeff Blenkush made a motion to adjourn. Gene Skaj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TIME: 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cris M Draw
City Clerk

Cindy Vandulwey
Mayor