

City of North Saint Paul
April 1, 2025
Approved Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monge called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Nordby
Council Member Woods
Council Member McKenzie
Council Member Schweer
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos, and
City Attorney Jack Brooksbank.

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. North St. Paul Historical Society

Historical Society Vice President Elaine Ekstedt provided an update on the Historical Society and a brief review of rescued newspapers and photographs from the Lillie building, memorandum of understanding with the City, Google drive for digital history, purchased archival materials and organized storage areas, outdoor flags, benches and signs, office clean up, creation of an administrative book, updated memberships, registrations and bylaws, tech equipment upgrades, a reprint of the 2012 History Book, and a Fox 9 news story in addition to regular business.

Ms. Ekstedt noted the Historical Society is open on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2024-036 consisting of:

- A. March 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes
- B. General Claims \$692,430.23
- C. HRA Claims \$16,182.31

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmahl expressed his frustration with the code compliance language.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no City Business Action Items & Recommendations.

IX. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

City Manager Brian Frandle stated that road restrictions have started and bids are open for the road reconstruction project. The Electric Department has been doing some preemptive work before the road reconstruction project and continues to place lights along the Casey Lake path. The Police Department have two officers who have finished training, and the new Investigator will begin April 14, 2025. Mr. Frandle stated the bond sale results from the Finance Department will show on April 15, and will start budget prep work. The Public Works Department continues to work on the student-built house, are interviewing for summer help, and will continue with lead service line testing. The Fire Department attended the Fire Service Day at the Capitol, have hired three part-time on-call firefighters, and will receive its new fire engine in June.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Nordby noted that the Planning Commission will meet this Thursday to discuss the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the Downtown Design Manual.

Council Member Woods stated that the Arts and Culture Commission will meet tomorrow night.

Council Member McKenzie stated that the EDA will meet next Tuesday at 4 p.m. to elect new members.

Council Member Schweer stated that the Park and Recreation Commission met last Wednesday, discussed improvements at Polar Park, and the May 17th park clean-up date.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS

Tyler Shaw attended the City Council meeting to fulfill a requirement for his Eagle Scout badge with Troop 9817. He needed to observe a topic with opposing viewpoints, and that evening, the Council discussed the debate between using Class 5 material versus regrind material for parking pads on private property.

Mayor Monge commented on the nicely written story by Fox 9 on Snowy.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Monge adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk