

**COUNCIL MEETING** – September 21, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Kerry Taylor, Council Robert Smestad Jr., Terrill Anderson, Tom Schufman, Carolyn Brooks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk and Firefighter Jason Ratzlaff

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MNDOT Consultant Brandon Bourdon, Spartan Steel Jon Jochims and T Cody Turnquist, Tom Thurk, Mark Schulz

**ADOPT MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes for the 09/07/2022 Council Meeting. All aye 5/0

**MNDOT HIGHWAY 7 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT:**

Consultant Brandon Bourdon presented the audit for areas from New Germany to St. Louis Park as on file at City Hall. The audit is an evaluation of planned and existing roads that includes a review of crash history, prior plans and recommendations and existing conditions. During the audit, potential safety hazards are looked at that may affect road users and suggests measures to mitigate those safety issues. Audit included crashes from 2016 thru 2020 in the corridor as 275,352,316,388 and 228 per year with 11 fatal crashes and 28 serious injury crashes. Manner of the majority of crashes was front to rear. Causes of the majority of fatal and serious crashes were ran red light followed by improper driving maneuver (failed to yield) and distracted driving. Recommendations include yellow border around lights, install enforcement confirmation lights to safely observe and pursue red light violators, increased enforcement and create a coalition. Specific improvements at the St. Boni County Rd 92 intersection include short term- increase red light enforcement, medium term- make signal improvement and improve visibility to reduce the number of drivers who run red lights. Monitor to determine potential intersection control changes and to continue the trail on the north side of Hwy 7. Long term- construct a raised concrete median on Hwy 7, reconstruct if justified, and implement other strategies to give the location a more urban feel. Council informed Bourdon of other concerns at the intersection being the lack of right of way on the northwest corner causing a hazard for pedestrians and difficult for trucks to make the westbound turn. Bourdon accepted the information and concluded by explaining the next steps in the corridor is to identify funding and project prioritization.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW 4200 MAIN STREET OWNER SPARTAN STEEL JON JOCHIMS ARCHITECT T CODY TURNQUIST BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ON THE LOT NORTH OF THE EXISTING BUILDING IN A MU-BI MIXED USE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT:**

Access to second lot via driveway easement as filed with 2020 final plat.

Council acknowledged documents as follows:

- Application dated 8/16/2022/ Use of building: property owner vehicle storage
- Site Plan dated 8/4/2022 sheets dated 7/19/22 A-1 thru A-3 as described as general conditions, foundation plan/floor plan and elevations (sheets revised from Planning Commission review)
- 09-09-2022 City Planner Report recommending approval with continued review
- 09-08-2022 City Engineer Report recommending approval with conditions
- 08-29-2022 Fire Chief e-mail approval
- Planning Commission 09-13-2022 draft minutes passing to council

T Cody presented a landscaping plan including 6 Conifers on the north side of the lot and building materials to match existing building to the south.

Motion was made by Schufman and seconded by Mayor Taylor contingent on the City Planner approval of the building permit plans, meeting city ordinances and future tenants or owners must be a permitted use and meet

parking requirements and motion to approve the site plan review for 4200 Main Street contingent upon Engineer review. All aye 5/0

**DAMAGE CLAIM RESULTING FROM ST. BONI SAINTS BALL TEAM BALL HITTING THURK BROS. SHOWROOM WINDOW AT 3932 MAIN STREET:**

Tom Thurk expressed the need for netting over the 25ft high fence due to the park was designed for wood bats and now aluminum bats are used causing balls to be hit with more force. He reported he has not heard from the Saints ball team; he is requesting the \$925.00 invoice to be paid by the City or the St. Boni Saints and condition to be placed on their next application to use the batting cage for practices. Council read the language from the application as:

“The Renter agrees to hold the City of St. Bonifacius and any of its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against all claims, damages, losses, injuries or expenses, including attorney’s fees” and informed Thurk that Saints will be at a ballfield committee meeting on Tuesday where they will be asked to contact him.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CONSIDERATIONS NOTICE POSTED 9-08-2022:  
CHAPTER 91: DRONES**

Council acknowledge Adm/Clk/Trs draft ordinance amendment as follows:

91.04 Exceptions.

Amended by replacing as follows:

(D)replace ‘under contract’ with ‘with written permission’

Amended by adding the following:

(C) and records video of that property only;

(F) License operators in compliance to FAA part 107 regulations.

91.99 Penalty

Amended by deleting as follows:

Delete ‘a misdemeanor,’

Adm/Clk/Trs reported the police chief is in favor of keeping the misdemeanor penalty in the ordinance as it is in other ordinances to better enable enforcement.

Tabled in order for Schulz to submit his example to office.

**SECTION 30-12: COUNCIL MEMBER SALARIES**

Council reviewed the draft increasing the salaries by \$300 per year. New salaries being \$3,900 for mayor and \$2,700 for council. Salaries were last increased in 2005.

Motion made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Smestad to approve Ordinance Amendment 2022-01, Council Member salaries. Aye 4/0 Schufman abstained

**CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/COMMISSION MINUTES:**

**ISO LETTER DATED AUGUST 29, 2022 REGARDING BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVENESS**

**GRADING SCHEDULE PROGRAM: FYI**

**HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE AND PLANNING COMMISSION 09-13-2022 DRAFT MINUTES:**

Discussed during other agenda items in tonight’s meeting

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-29, PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Motion was made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Brooks to approve Resolution 2022-29; Payment of Bills. All aye 5/0

**2023 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET:**

**08-23-2022 Workshop Minutes**

- Fire Dept Duty Officer budget response to council questions as acknowledged 9-7-2022
- Council Members/Mayors salary increase discussed earlier in meeting
- Gametime Company Playground Equipment Grant. Council consideration to increase the proposed 2023 tax levy below and to apply for the grant. Planning Commission 9-13-2022 draft minutes recommending not to apply for the grant in 2022.

**RESOLUTION 2022-30; A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF ST. BONIFACIUS FOR COLLECTION IN 2023:**

Adm/Clk/Trs reported her meetings with two vendors where interior drainage solutions were \$20,000 at the highest and one exterior estimate of \$24,000 including water proofing, drain tile, and excavation. Recommendation to change the building maintenance from \$95,000 to \$50,000 in the proposed budget levy and receive additional quotes and Engineer reports by December for the final levy. \$25,000 is expected at the end of year in the Public Works fund reserves. This change will lower the proposed tax levy from the 11.9% increase to a 6.4% increase.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Schufman to approve Resolution 2022-30 with the changes discussed for a total levy of \$873,715. All aye 5/0

**ST. BONI FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF 8-29-2022 REQUESTING A PER YEAR OF SERVICE INCREASE FROM \$4800 TO \$5200 AND REQUEST LETTER TO BE SENT TO SERVICE AREAS SHOWING COUNCIL IS LOOKING FAVORABLY ON THE \$400 INCREASE REQUEST:**

Consensus from council to send letter to other service areas.

**SPEED MONITOR SIGN:**

Adm/Clk/Trs reported the EV15 which is quite large due to the message board causes it not to be portable unless a trailer or dolly is used at additional expenses.

Council consensus to exchange the current sign for an EV12 which does not include a message board.

**MISSILE PARK BALLFIELD COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Adm/Clk/Trs reported Old National Bank would like to see a contract including sponsorship levels for a scoreboard. Committee to discuss at their next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MISSILE PARK STEP REPAIR:**

Council directed Public Works to make the temporary repair of the concrete slab step their priority. Replacement to be made with dugout project or in spring with miscellaneous repairs.

**RESIDENT COMPLAINT OF STOCKPILING OF PALLETS ON STEINER STREET:**

Adm/Clk/Trs reported pallets are on private property and she considers them as recycling due to the turnover therefor cannot be considered as a nuisance on city right of way.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Brooks to adjourn the meeting. All aye 5/0  
8:15 pm

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**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Fisk", written over a horizontal line.

**Adm/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk**