

**SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

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1. Mayor Francis called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM on September 18, 2023.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members, Bakken, Hansen, Kaliszewski, Podgorski, Seaberg, Thompson, Mayor Francis

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator, Ryan Garcia  
City Attorney, Amanda Johnson  
City Clerk, Deanna Werner  
City Planner, Michael Healy  
City Engineer, Nick Guilliams  
Director of Finance, Clara Hilger

3. Deanna Werner gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Presentations:

A. Proclamation: River Heights Chamber of Commerce Celebrating 120 Years!

B. Presentation: Jordan Shaw – Acts of Service Project

C. Presentation: Mizpah Lodge Taco Feed for the SSP Fill the Backpack Campaign

6. Citizen Comments: None

7. **Agenda**

Moved by: Seaberg/Kaliszewski

Moved: To approve the agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried. .

8. **Consent Agenda**

Resolved, the City Council of South St. Paul does hereby approve the following:

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023

B. Accounts Payable

C. Resolution 2023-149 Electing not to waive Statutory Tort Limits

Moved by: Kaliszewski/Hansen

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

## **9. Public Hearings:**

### A. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Reconstruction and I-494 Watermain Improvements

Moved: Adopt Resolution 2023-147 ordering improvement and preparation of final plans and specifications for 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue the 7th Ave S reconstruction and I-494 Watermain Improvements.

Moved by: Bakken/Podgorski

Vote: 6 ayes / 1 nays, motion carried.

## **10. General Business:**

### A. 1912 Butler Avenue Fence Variance

Moved: Adopt Resolution 2023-146 approving a fence height variance at 1912 Butler Avenue.

Moved by: Hansen/Bakken

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

### B. 2024 Property Tax Levies & Budget Considerations

Moved: Adopt Resolution 2023-142 Certifying Preliminary 2024 Property Tax Levies and setting a date for a Public Hearing and Discussion of the Proposed 2024 Tax Supported Fund Budgets and 2024 Property Tax Levies

Moved by: Hansen/Kaliszewski

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

Moved: Adopt Resolution 2023-143 Certifying the Preliminary 2024 EDA Levy.

Moved by: Bakken/Hansen

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

Moved: Adopt Resolution 2023-144 City Consent of the 2024 HRA Levy.

Moved by: Podgorski/Kaliszewski

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

Moved: Adopt Resolution 2023-145 Cancelling Debt Service Levy on 2017A Bonds.

Moved by: Kaliszewski/Seaberg

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

### C. Award of Bid to Castle Rock Contracting and Tree Service, LLC for the Tree Removal Project.

Moved: Accept the Bid from Castle Rock Contracting and Tree Service, LLC for the Tree Service.

Moved by: Hansen/Bakken

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

**11. Mayor and Council Communication**

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by: Seaberg/Bakken  
Moved: Adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Approved: October 2, 2023

  
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City Clerk