

**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

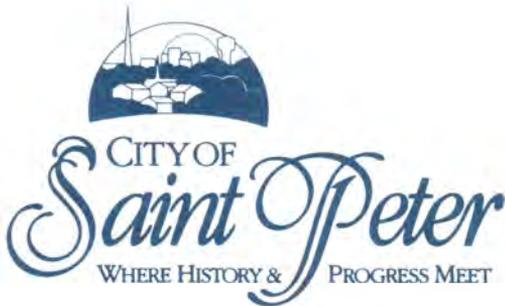
Special City Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Community Center, St. Peter Room – 5:30 p.m.
600 South Fifth Street

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **DISCUSSION**
 - A. Council Out Of State Travel Request
- III. **ADJOURNMENT**

***THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE REGULAR CITY
COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION***

Office of the City Administrator
Todd Prafke

TP/bal



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor Zieman
Members of the City Council

DATE: 2/13/20

FROM: Todd Prafke
City Administrator

RE: Council Travel Request – APPA Legislative Rally

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

Approve an out of state travel request for Councilmember Emily Bruflat as required by the elected official travel policy.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has adopted an elected official travel policy which requires Council approval for out of state travel by any elected official. Councilmember Bruflat will participate in the American Public Power Association Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C. in February at an approximate cost of \$2,500.

We believe this a great opportunity for Members to learn more about the power industry, regulation, financing and operations at a very high level. But maybe more importantly, it gives you an opportunity to better know our Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Association (SMMPA) Staff and partners, the other members of the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA), and the impact that public power has on our community, state and nation - not to mention lobbying on national issues and, maybe more importantly, on our local issues with those elected officials and staff.

We believe that local officials like you, who travel to and participate in these events, are really heard and the message is received differently and with greater impact than messages that are provided by your staff. I believe most past members would tell you it was worth the time, effort and resources to attend and participate at least once during their time on the Council.

Should the Council wish to approve the travel request, a resolution has been prepared for your consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding has been included Electric budget for this expenditure.

ALTERNATIVES/VARIATIONS:

Do not act: No further action will be taken without additional direction from the Council.

Negative Vote: No further action will take place and the Councilmember will not participate in the legislative rally.

Modification of the Resolution: This is always an option of the Council.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this agenda item.

TP/bal

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF NICOLLET)
CITY OF SAINT PETER)**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted an "elected official travel policy" as required by State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously authorized Councilmembers to participate in the American Public Power Association (APPA) legislative rally in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Bruflat wishes to participate in the legislative rally; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been budgeted for this travel in the 2020 Electric Fund budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PETER, NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THAT: authorization is hereby provided for Councilmember Bruflat to travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the APPA Legislative Rally in February, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 to be funded by the Electric Fund.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Saint Peter, Nicollet County, Minnesota, this 18th day of February, 2020.

Charles Zieman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Todd Prafke
City Administrator