

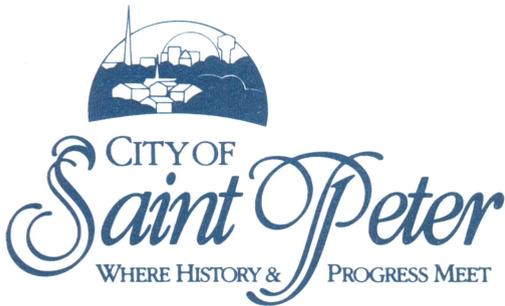
**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA  
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Emergency City Council Meeting of Wednesday, June 30, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.  
This meeting will be conducted electronically only - See below for electronic access.

- I.       **CALL TO ORDER**
- II.       **WARD 1 POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION**
- III.       **ADJOURNMENT**

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Zieman  
Members of the City Council

**DATE:** 6/29/20

**FROM:** Todd Prafke  
City Administrator

**RE:** Polling Place Designation

### **ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

Designate a new polling place for Precincts 1 and 2 of Ward 1 for the August 11, 2020 primary election.

### **BACKGROUND**

State Statute requires the City to designate polling places. The City took action at the end of 2019 to designate the national Guard Armory as the Ward 1 polling place for 2020.

On June 29, 2020, the National Guard representatives notified this office the building will no longer be available for use as a polling place in August and staff immediately worked to secure Johnson Hall at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds as a replacement polling place.

However, the Statutory deadline to change a polling place for this year is July 1, 2020. With that in mind, an emergency meeting of the City Council was called for June 30, 2020 and a draft resolution has been made adopting this change.

If approved, Statute would require the City to send mailed notification of the change to every registered voter in Ward 1. This process was used previously when the Armory underwent a major renovation and the notices, along with a public notification campaign initiated by my office, worked quite well. There were very few complaints about the switch to Johnson Hall and the subsequent switch back to the Armory.

While this is certainly not something we wish to undergo, it appears we have no option for the primary election. Once the State is notified and the primary is completed, the Council will need to take additional action to change the polling place back to the Armory for the November presidential election.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of notification of this change would officially fall on the City, however in the recent past the County has volunteered to absorb those changes.

**ALTERNATIVES AND VARIATIONS:**

Do not act. Failure to act will leave the City with an official polling place that is inaccessible.

Negative vote. Again, failure to act will mean the City is unable to access the designated polling place.

Modification of the resolution. This is always an option of the City Council.

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

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**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -**

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

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEW WARD 1 POLLING PLACE FOR AUGUST 11, 2020  
PRIMARY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted a resolution designating polling places for the 2020 elections as required by State Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 1 polling place had been designated as the National Guard Armory at 1128 North Swift Street; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the National Guard notified the City on June 29, 2020 that the building will no longer be available for use on August 11<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for designating polling place changes for the August 11, 2020 election is July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emergency meeting of the City Council was convened on June 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PETER, NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THAT:

1. The polling place for Precincts 1 and 2 of Ward 1 for the August 11, 2020 primary election shall be Johnson Hall at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds, 400 West Union Street.
2. As further required by State Statute, City staff shall provide for direct mail notification of this polling place change to all registered voters in Ward 1.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Saint Peter, Nicollet County, Minnesota, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Charles Zieman  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Todd Prafke  
City Administrator