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**City Commissioners Vote on Mayor and Vice Mayor, Announce New Commissioner**

**St. Johns, MI** – The St. Johns City Commission selected the city's new mayor and vice mayor at its regular meeting held Mon., June 26. In a united front, the commission unanimously approved Scott Dzurka as mayor. Brad Gurski was subsequently chosen to fill the vice mayor position vacated by Dzurka, also with unanimous approval.

"It is a great honor to serve on the commission and as mayor. We have a strong, dedicated and experienced team," shares Mayor Dzurka. "We are all excited about collaborating to guide the City of St. Johns forward in a clear, strategic direction."

The selections come on the heels of the commission's May 22 meeting, where Chris Hyzer was unanimously approved to fill the commission seat left vacant by Roberta Cocco's resignation.

Hyzer is a 23-year resident of St. Johns, and brings a depth of knowledge and experience to his new role. Hyzer has served as a governmental auditor, finance officer, controller, administrator and presently as finance director for the City of Ionia. He was also active as an appointed member of the City of St. Johns Finance Committee.

Dzurka, Gurski and Hyzer along with Eric Hufnagel and Jean Ruestman, complete the five-member commission. Collectively, the team serves as the community's legislative and policy-making body.

In their roles, Dzurka and Gurski are responsible for presiding over meetings, representing intergovernmental affairs, facilitating communication, appointing citizens to boards, and guiding the commission in goal setting and policy decisions.

St. Johns City Commission meetings are held once per month in the Clinton County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 2200. Visit [cityofstjohnsmi.com/meetings/](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com/meetings/) for the commission's meeting schedule, agendas, minutes and more.

The City of St. Johns, Michigan is a historic community founded in 1856. Known as the Mint City due to its unique agricultural heritage, St. Johns honors its roots while also planting the seeds for thriving small businesses and industry hubs. The best of both worlds, the city offers a charming, small-town feel with an easy commute to downtown Lansing. St. Johns serves as the Clinton County seat and provides a full range of municipal services to about 8,000 residents. Learn more at [cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com).

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