

## 11 November 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 11/11/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Megan Allison, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 12 guests. Council member Whitney Hutton was absent.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 10/7/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of October Treasurer and Budget Reports: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve the treasurer and budget reports for October. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of November Bills: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the November bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During October there were 38.52 patrol hours, 12 calls, and 10 traffic stops in St. Charles.

Public Forum: Gary and Linda Brooks asked about reseeding. The City had contacted Todd Dickinson about this project in August, with a follow up in October. A complaint was filed with the City concerning an employee's private Facebook account. The issue was referred to the Library Board as the complaint involved a library employee.

Precast Plant East of St. Charles: Jessica Stark discussed the opposition to the plant and the rezoning of the property the plant is to be built on from Agricultural to M1 Industrial. The City has concerns about additional truck traffic on Main Street. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to file a letter of opposition, stating concerns about traffic, with the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Voice vote was unanimous.

### City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The October sewer report was submitted to the City. A new mission dialer is needed as ours is no longer communicating. Motion by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to approve the purchase and repair by Electric Pump after Rhonda Guy has reviewed and agreed to the quote. Voice vote was unanimous.
- Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer presented the October minutes. The Fire/Rescue Department's call volume returned to their normal numbers in October after many months of heavier than normal call volume.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the October minutes.
- The Gateway/Tourism Board: October minutes were submitted.
- Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison reported on the hiring of a new Emergency Manager. Mitch Johnson has been selected as the Director of Madison County Emergency Management.

- Clerk's Report: The custodian position, in partnership with Innovative Industries, approved in October is no longer going to work out. The City will be notified of any future opportunities to partner again, should they arise.

Public Hearing for FY 25 Budget Amendment 1: Motion by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to start the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM. After no public wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 7:36 PM.

Resolution 11A-2024 A Resolution approving a Budget Amendment for FY 25: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the first Budget Amendment to FY 25. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Waste Management Contract Renewal: A discussion was held on the presented renewal amendment. The Council would like data concerning the history of CPI for the Trash and Waste Industry before making a motion. Waste Management will be contacted for those numbers.

Crack Sealing on Main Street: After realizing the amount of work to be done to seal the cracks on Main Street and other locations, a motion was made by Travis Brockett/Megan Allison to increase the funding to complete the project before the winter freeze. The final cost will be determined after all the measurements are finished. Voice vote was unanimous.

Dead Tree Walnut Trail: MidAmerican Energy has looked at the tree and will trim it back a safe distance from the powerlines in question.

Plowing of Cemetery: The South Township Board of Trustees contacted the City of St. Charles to inquire having the City's plow help with occasional snow removal. The City would be willing to help with plowing for the cost of \$20 plus wages per snowfall. The Council would also like a written contract stating the City assumes no liability for damages. This will be presented to South Township for their approval.

Resolution of Termination of Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission: Motion by Travis Brockett/Megan Allison to approve the Resolution presented by the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission to dissolve the Commission. R/C vote was unanimous.

North and Middle River Watershed Management Authority: Tom Blomme will attend the quarterly meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and report back to the Council.

Motion made by Tom Blomme to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be December 9, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

Posted at: City Hall, Post Office, Montross, and Library