4 March 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 3/4/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, and Travis Brockett were present along with 4 guests. Mayor Dennis Smith and Council Member Whitney Hutton were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 2/5/2024 and 2/12/2024: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of March Bills: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve the March bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During February there were 37.33 patrol hours, 14 calls, and 7 traffic stops in St. Charles.

City Boards/Committees:

* Sewer Report: Rhonda Guy presented the sewer report along with recommendations on annexation for a new subdivision. Her report will be shared with Sturco.
* Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer presented the February minutes. Turnout gear is needed for new members of the Fire Dept. The new fire truck is now scheduled to be delivered in April.
* Library Board: Margaret Blair presented February minutes. The library is in search of a new board member.
* Tourism: Ten round tables and a cart were ordered for the Welcome Center. A painting bid has been accepted for the Welcome Center. This will mostly be paid for with raised funds. Mary Seibert discussed ideas for promoting tourism within the city.
* Old Settlers: Planning is underway for July 19th and 20th.
* City Park: A concrete Bags set has been ordered for the park.
* Emergency Management: Reports were submitted.

Ordinance 228 Sewer Rate Increase, Possible First and Final Reading: Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to approve Ordinance 228 Sewer Rate Increase. R/C vote was unanimous. The new rates will be published in the Madisonian. A full copy of Ordinance 228 can be found at City Hall.

Motion to Approve First and Final Reading of Ordinance 228: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the first reading of Ordinance 228 as the final reading. A voice vote was unanimous.

Final Review and Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Property Tax Levy: Motion by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Property Tax Levy percentage of 10.68%. R/C vote was unanimous.

Set Public Hearing Date for Property Tax Levy Hearing: Motion by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve April 1, 2024, for the City of St. Charles Property Tax Hearing date. A voice vote was unanimous. A public hearing will take place at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

Set Public Hearing Date for the St. Charles City Budget Fiscal Year 2025: Motion by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve April 8, 2024, for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Hearing. Voice vote was unanimous. The public hearing will take place at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

City Hall Gutter Bids: Bids were tabled pending more discussion.

Summer Road Work Bid Review: Bids were submitted by Grimes Asphalt and InRoads. Motion by Megan Allison/Travis Brocket to approve a revised bid from Inroads for summer of 2024 road work. Voice vote was unanimous.

Budget Discussion: No action taken.

Employee Review Preparation: Discussion only, no action taken.

Opportunity and Complaint Forms: Letters concerning spring cleanup will be sent in April.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion made by Dan Kozak to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on April 8, 2024, at City Hall.

Megan Allison, Mayor Pro Tem Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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