

7 August 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 8/7/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Lois Stanley, and Whitney Hutton were present along with six guests. Mayor Dennis Smith joined the meeting at 6:38.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 7/10/2023: Motion made by Lois Stanley/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of July Treasurer and Budget Reports: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the treasurer and budget reports for June. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of August Bills: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to approve the August bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During June there were 43.68 patrol hours 10 calls, and 8 traffic stops.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: July report was submitted.
- Maintenance Report: Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve 2 loads of pea gravel for the City Park. Voice vote was unanimous.
- Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer submitted the July Fire and Rescue Minutes. The Fire Department has received a grant from FEMA to purchase equipment.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair was present to discuss the July Library Minutes.
- Old Settlers: Mary Seibert stated Old Settlers was very successful. The Committee was able to donate \$1000 to the I-35 Backpack program, the 5K run donated to the Pink Tractor Foundation, and the car show sponsored by PitStop Performance donated over \$600 to the Fire Department.
- Welcome Center: Minutes were submitted. The Tourism Board would like to use funds from their grants to purchase folding chairs. Updates to some of the electrical will start on August 9th.
- Emergency Management: July report was submitted.
- Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison reported on the outcome of Hinterland. Some ideas and suggestions were made to discuss with Emergency Management and the Madison County Supervisors in the future.
- Clerk's Report: US Cellular will be contacted to see if the new CRAN poles will alleviate cellular issues during Hinterland.

Barking Dog: The resident did not appear at the Council Meeting; therefore the Council will assume the problem is resolved.

Building Permit Review 401 W Council Drive: Council reviewed proposed plans for a house. If all measurements can be adjusted to meet City Code, the landowner can proceed. To ensure the integrity of the drainage area running through the property, the Council would like a larger culvert put in the driveway.

Land Split 810 W Main St.: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the preliminary proposal of a 120-foot lot to be split from the property located at 810 W Main Street with the following terms, when the sewer is run to the new lot the sewer main will be extended 10-12 feet with 8 inch PVC and a clean out added before a 4-inch single service line can be added to the sewer service, as recommended by our Sewer Affidavit Operator. Dan Kozak abstained. Voice vote was unanimous. The property owner will submit the final plat for approval once the survey work is complete.

Opportunity and Nuisance Reviews: An email was submitted to the Council concerning a property located at 302 Cherry Street. The Council will give an extension on the dilapidated structure until early spring but want to see continued progress on the cleaning and upkeep of the property.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion by Lois Stanley to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on September 11, 2023, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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