

## 6 February 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 2/6/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Whitney Hutton, Megan Allison, and Lois Stanley were present along with 2 guests.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 1/9/2022: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of February Bills: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve the February bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During January there were 39.92 patrol hours, 5 calls, and 4 traffic stops in St. Charles.

### City Boards/Committees:

- Maintenance Report: Motion by Megan Allison/Lois Stanley to approve bid from Simon Welding to make and attach a blade for the skid loader bucket at the cost of approximately \$470.00. A voice vote was unanimous.
- Fire/Rescue Department: January minutes were submitted. A cell phone and Ipad are being purchased to assist with transports. Payments will now be made to the volunteers that transport to a hospital.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented minutes from January. Jan Reynolds has been hired as a part time librarian.
- Emergency Management: January report was submitted.
- Clerk's Report: The State Auditor's Office has approved for money in Debt Service to be used towards road maintenance. Payroll reports will now be published once a year to lower publishing costs and still meet the requirements of the State.

Public Hearing Maximum Property Tax Levy FY24: Motion by Megan Allison to move into a Public Hearing at 7:22 PM. No public wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 PM.

Resolution 2A-2023 Maximum Property Tax Levy Fy24. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the published Maximum Property Tax Levy. R/C vote was unanimous. As stated to the Council, this is not the final tax number. This is only a preliminary of what may be needed.

Resolution 2B-2023 Participation in the Southern Iowa Council of Governments: Motion by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison for St. Charles to participate in the SICOG. R/C vote passed by majority.

SICOG Representative: Tom Blomme will be the planned representative once more information is gathered.

Opportunity Forms: Notes from a phone call were shared with the Council. There is a concern about vehicles not parking at a diagonal on Main Street. The City does have plans to add striping on Main Street to assist with the parking.

Sewer Rates: Due to the rising costs of the sewer loans and contracts, the sewer rates will be adjusted accordingly to make up for the differences. A motion was made by Tom Blomme/Whitney Hutton to increase the minimum sewer rate from \$39.65 to \$39.90 and the overage rate from \$2.75 to \$4.75. A voice vote was unanimous. City Sewer is a self-funded subsidiary of the City of St. Charles.

Planned Street Projects: Line painting bids were tabled until more information is gathered on grinding the street. Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve bids from InRoads to asphalt W. Market Street in front of the old school building and to grind down and replace asphalt on various other roads on the North West side of town. A voice vote was unanimous.

Casey's Liquor License: Motion by Megan Allison/Whitney Hutton to approve the renewal of Casey's Liquor License. A voice vote was unanimous.

Set Public Hearing for Budget FY24: The date of March 6<sup>th</sup> has been set for the Budget Public Hearing. If the Property Tax Rollback Calculation Fix should pass in the State, the date of this public hearing could be changed to April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Budget Review: The Council was updated on the Property Tax Rollback Fix. Property Taxes that are being budgeted may be changed if the bill should pass. If this were to happen, the City will be given an extra 30 days to complete the budget.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Tom Blomme presented a pamphlet dealing with mass shootings and how a city responds. Tom also asked to attend a Nuisance Abatement Conference offered by the League of Cities. It was agreed Tom could attend the conference.

Motion made by Lois Stanley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on March 6, 2023, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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