2 October 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 10/2/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

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

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 9/11/2023: Motion made by Whitney Hutton/Lois Stanley to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: During June there were 73.20 patrol hours 7 calls, and 31 traffic stops.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The September report was submitted.
- Maintenance Report: A culvert at Imes Bridge needs replacing. The City will be taking bids. Ground cover will be put in the ditches to help control weeds at the bridge.
- Fire/Rescue Department: September minutes were submitted. The Fire Department has 3 new members.
- Library Board: September Library Minutes were submitted. A new book club has been formed by the library. A new Quilt of Valor will be displayed on October 14th.
- Welcome Center: Saturday, October 14th, the Welcome Center will host an Open House from 10 am to 8 pm with Food Trucks available from 4-7 pm and a live band from 6-8 pm. The Welcome Center has had 717 visitors since May 24th. Motion by Megan Allison/Lois Stanley to approve the appointment of Tracy Bean to the Tourism Board.
- Emergency Management: The September report was submitted.
- Mayor's Report: Mayor pro Tem Megan Allison and the City Clerk met with the Madison County Engineer. A new 28E Agreement between the County and City is to be written.
- Clerk's Report: City Hall will be closed from October 5th – 13th. City Hall will reopen on Monday, October 16th.

Resolution 10A-2023 Approving Annual Finance Report for Fiscal Year 23: Megan Allison/Dan Kozak made a motion to approve the Annual Finance Report published September 27th. R/C vote was unanimous.

Right of Way Issue at 810 W Main Street: After Hwy G50 was relocated years ago, the right of way was not changed for this property. The owner is asking for the right of way to be brought in line with the neighboring properties. The City Clerk will work with the City Attorney on this process. Any accrued costs will be directed towards the owner.

Main Street Traffic and Speed: Sheriff Barnes reported his findings from spending time in St. Charles. Grants are being looked at to cover the cost of data collecting radar signs for St. Charles.

Possible Lot Split and Zoning Change: The City Council was made aware of a possible request for a zoning change in the future. Planning and Zoning will be contacted if this request should happen. The City Clerk will research procedures should this request be made.

"Slow" Signs for Beggars Night: Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to have "Slow" signs put out on either end of the business district on Beggars Night during the Trunk or Treat. Voice vote was unanimous.

Nuisance and Opportunity Letters: The Council asked to have a letter sent to a property owner who has acquired an excessive amount of cars on their property. Council Member Whitney Hutton had received a public request to have the parking ordinance enforced in the 200 block of W. Market St. The City Clerk had also taken a similar request. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

Public Forum: No Public wished to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion by Tom Blomme to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

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

Dennis Smith, Mayor   Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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