

**St. Charles City Council Meeting
January 13, 2025**

The St. Charles City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council members present: Allison, Brockett, Blomme, Hutton, and Kozak. Also present: Fire Chief Schaffer, Library Board Director Blair, Sheriff Barnes, Emergency Management Coordinator Johnson, and one guest.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Allison, second by Brockett, to approve agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Council meeting minutes for 12-9-24
- b. Treasurer’s Report for December 2024
- c. Claims and Receipts Report for January 2025
- d. Consider approval of Resolution 1A-2025, Designating Winterset Madisonian as Publisher for 2025.
- e. Consider approval of Resolution 1B-2025 Designating Tracy Kozak as City Clerk for 2025.
- f. Consider approval of Resolution 1C-2025 Designating Stuyvesant, Strong, Kapfl, & Carda as Attorney for 2025.
- g. Consider approval of Resolution 1D-2025 Designate Farmers and Merchants as Bank for 2025.
- h. Consider approval of Resolution 1E-2025 Designate Megan Allison as Mayor-pro-Tem for 2025.

Motion by Allison, second by Hutton, to approve consent agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

3. SHERIFF’S REPORT

Sheriff Barnes reported his department had 42.59 patrol hours for December. The deputies made 4 calls and 9 traffic stops. Sheriff Barnes introduced Mitch Johnson as the new Emergency Management Coordinator for Madison County. Sheriff Barnes along with Councilman Allison discussed the future of Hinterland and the location.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

One guest was in attendance but did not address the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Public Works - G&H Asphalt will be contacted concerning some of the crack sealing not staying in the cracks along Main Street.
- b. Fire/Rescue – Chief Schaffer gave a year-end report for both the Fire and Rescue Departments.
- c. Library – Board Director Blair was in attendance. No meeting was held in December.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of renewing publishing commitment with the Tri-Corner Express. With the recent change to the monthly Council meeting dates, the minutes may not be able to make the deadline for publishing. The Council along with Library Board Director Blair decided to commit to one page of publishing for calendar year 2025.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

- a. The Council would like to have Precision Tree Care remove the Christmas lights from the large tree at Imes Park to allow for any repair and replacement of bulbs.
- b. Budget for the fiscal year 26 was discussed in preparation for the budget meeting to be held on January 14th.

8. ADJOURN

Being there was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Motion by Allison, second by Kozak, to adjourn. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.