

7 October 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 10/7/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Whitney Hutton, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 3 guests. Council member Megan Allison was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 9/9/2024, 9/16/2024, and 8/16/2024: Motion made by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: During September there were 38.52 patrol hours, 8 calls, and 10 traffic stops in St. Charles.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The September sewer report was submitted to the City.
- Fire/Rescue Department: September meeting minutes were submitted.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the September minutes.
- The Gateway/Tourism Board: There will be an open house at The Gateway on October 12th, from 11:30-4:00 with a free-will offering lunch served. The City Council has decided to not list every business with a St. Charles address on the City's website but would rather have the Tourism Board/Love the Locals compile a list which the City will link to the City's website. A water spigot will be added to the outside of the Gateway building.
- Clerk's Report: City Hall will be closed October 9th-11th.

Septic 401 S. Morgan Street: Septic would be contingent on the future use of the land and Madison County Environmental approval.

Resolution 10A-2024 A Resolution approving the hiring of Public Works: Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve the hiring of two part-time public works employees. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Resolution 10B-2024 A Resolution approving wages for Public Works: Motion by Travis Brockett/Whitney Hutton to approve hourly wages for part-time public works employees. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Discuss Hiring of Custodian in partnership with Innovative Industries: A proposal for hiring a supervised custodian for City Hall and the Public Library was presented to the Council. The City would pay the wage of the Custodian and the Supervisor would be paid through Innovative Industries as long as needed.

Resolution 10C-2024 A Resolution approving the Hiring of a Custodian in partnership with Innovative Industries: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the hiring of a part-time custodian up to 3 hours a week. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 10D-2024 A Resolution approving Date Change to the Regular City Council Meetings: Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to approve the regular City Council meetings to be moved to the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 10E-2024 A Resolution Approving Prairie View Subdivision Plat: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Tom Blomme to approve the Prairie View Subdivision Plat located within a two mile radius of the City of St. Charles. R/C vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing Date for Proposed Budget Amendment: Motion by Dan Kozak/Travis Brockett to set a Public Hearing for the proposed Budget Amendment for November 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM at City Hall. Voice vote was unanimous.

Dead Tree Walnut Trail: Motion by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to call MidAmerican concerning the tree to see if they will trim below the power lines. If MidAmerican does not trim the tree, Precision Tree Care will be called in to trim below the service line. Voice vote was unanimous.

Crack Sealing the City Streets: Motion by Travis Brockett/Dan Kozak to allow for up to \$7500 to be used to have cracks in the asphalt city streets sealed. Voice vote was unanimous.

Reseeding/Austin Blvd: Public works will do repair work on Austin Blvd. Todd Dickinson has been contacted and given a map for the reseeding project.

Public Forum: No public wished to speak.

Motion made by Whitney Hutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be November 11, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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