

## 9 December 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 12/9/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Megan Allison, Whitney Hutton, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 4 guests.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 11/11/2024: Motion made by Dan Kozak/Megan Allison to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Approval of December Bills: Motion made by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the December bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During October there were 42.92 patrol hours, 8 calls, and 7 traffic stops in St. Charles.

Sculpture at Imes Bridge Park: Becky Knight along with Dawn Vetter, Jim Benedict, and Lily Kuonen presented the idea of a sculpture being placed at Imes Bridge Park. The Heart of Iowa stainless steel and bronze sculpture would be created by Jim Benedict and Lily Kuonen for St. Charles. Donations and grants would be used for the project. The group is asking for the City Council's approval to place the sculpture on City owned land. Motion by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to approve the use of city land at the Imes Bridge Park for the sculpture, with the exact location to be determined at a later date. Voice vote was unanimous.

Public Forum: No public wished to speak.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: Rhonda Guy discussed the two options for replacing the now obsolete mission dialer at the east sewer lagoons. Motion by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to approve Omni Site for the mission dialer. The three year service agreement with Cummins is up for renewal. Motion by Megan Allison/Travis Brockett to approve a new three year service agreement with Cummins for generator repairs at the sewer lagoons.
- Fire/Rescue Department: Minutes for November were submitted.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the November minutes.
- The Gateway/Tourism Board: 16 trees are being decorated for the Festival of Trees. The Gateway will be open December 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> for viewing of the trees.
- Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison reported on Hinterland's plans for the future.
- Clerk's Report: City Hall will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution 12A-2024 A Resolution approving the Hiring of Temporary Snow Plow Driver: Motion by Megan Allison/Travis Brockett to approve Resolution 12A-2024 the hiring of a Temporary Snow Plow Driver. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 12B-2024 Transfer of Funds to Capital Street Improvement: Motion by Travis Brockett/Whitney Hutton to approve Resolution 12B-2024 the Transfer of Funds to Capital Street Improvement. R/C vote was unanimous.

Waste Management Contract Renewal: After a discussion on using the Waste Consumer Price Index or a percentage rate that does not change to renew the City's contract with Waste Management, a motion was made by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to accept the contract for 3.5% increase in 2025 and a 5% percent increase yearly for the remaining five years of the contract. Voice vote was unanimous.

2025 City Council Meeting Dates: Motion by Travis Brockett/Megan Allison to approve the 2025 City Council meeting dates and holiday schedule. Voice vote was unanimous.

Gworks: The accounting system used by the city clerk is going through some changes. Updates will be given after the changes are made and the City will determine if they will remain with Gworks.

Budget Meeting Dates: Dates and timeline for the discussion and adoption of the Fiscal Year 26 Budget were set.

Nuisance and Opportunities: Nuisances within the City of St. Charles were discussed and property owners will be contacted.

Motion made by Travis Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be January 13, 2025, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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