

St. Charles City Council Meeting
February 10, 2025

The St. Charles City Council met in regular session on February 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the following Council present: Allison, Brockett, Blomme, and Kozak. Also present: Fire Chief Schaffer, Library Board Director Blair, Gateway and Old Settlers Director Seibert, SICOG representative Niestadt, and one guest.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Council meeting minutes for 1-13-2025 and 1-14-2025
- b. Treasurer's Report for January 2025
- c. Claims and Receipts Report for February 2025
- d. Consider approval of Casey's Liquor License Renewal

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

3. SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 42.29 patrol hours, 31 traffic stops, and 2 calls during January.

4. SICOG

Terry Niestadt from the Southern Iowa Council of Governments discussed opportunities available for the City of St. Charles and our residents.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Randall Lane asked how often hydrant flushing took place. Mr. Lane also discussed North Cross St. and road grading with the Council.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Public Works – Snow plows have been prepped and ready for our first major snowfall.
- b. Fire/Rescue – Chief Schaffer stated the Fire/Rescue department's heavy call volume continues with 30 calls in 2025.
- c. Library – A new craft time will take place once a month for all ages. Patrons are encouraged to call the library for information. Councilman Blomme asked Board Director Blair for a 5 year report of library usage.
- d. Gateway – A business directory is being assembled to be distributed throughout St. Charles. A May 10th Grab and Gab will be held in conjunction with the St. Charles Lion's BBQ competition.
- e. Old Settlers – Board Director Seibert reported the 2025 Old Settlers dates will be July 18th and 19th.
- f. Mayor – A SICOG meeting will be held in Winterset on February 27th. Councilman Blomme will plan to attend.
- g. Clerk – A possible new driveway will be installed at a property along Truro Road. The owner has been asked to follow the Madison County Ordinance for the installation.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. House on Main Street – A letter will be sent to the owner with a deadline given for the exterior work to be completed.
- b. Hinterland Music Festival – A temporary rezoning meeting will take place in Warren County on February 13th.
- c. G&H Asphalt was contacted about crack sealing. The Council discussed how to proceed with a fix.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Summer 2025 Road Projects – Bids will sought to overlay the asphalt portion of Main Street.

- b. Consider approval of Tax Levy Rate for FY 26 –A property tax levy rate of 10.5389 percent is planned. This is a small decrease from FY 25.

Motion by Allison, second by Kozak to move forward with the planned property tax levy rate.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

- c. Set Public Hearing Date FY 26 Property Tax Levy for March 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Brockett, second by Blomme to approve the public hearing date. Roll: Ayes – unanimous.

Motion passes.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

- a. Budget for the fiscal year 26 was discussed.

10. ADJOURN

Being there was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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