

St. Charles City Council Meeting
April 14, 2025

The St. Charles City Council met in regular session on April 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following Council present: Brockett, Hutton, Blomme, and Kozak. Also present: Library Director Margaret Blair, Gateway and Old Settlers Director Seibert, and three guests.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Council meeting minutes for 3-10-2025 and 3-24-2025
- b. Treasurer’s Report for March 2025
- c. Claims and Receipts Report for April 2025

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

3. SHERIFF’S REPORT

There were 50.82 patrol hours, 21 traffic stops, and 8 calls during February.

4. MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

A representative of MidAmerican Energy discussed the steps to renew the City’s franchise agreement with MidAmerican Energy. No action taken.

5. 217 W MAIN STREET

The exterior of the house is to be completed by May 1, 2025.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No Public wished to speak.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Sewer – **Motion by Blomme/Hutton to approve a bid from Electric Pump to repair one of the sewer pumps. Roll: Ayes-unanimous. Motion passes.**
- b. Public Works – Park restrooms had shut off valves installed. Mowing has begun for the season.
- c. Fire/Rescue – Minutes were submitted.
- d. Library –Margaret Blair updated the Council on Library issues.
- e. Gateway – Mary Seibert stated soundboards will be installed. Various maintenance projects are to be done. Mary asked to have Main Street closed on May 10th for the Stroll the Streets event. **Motion by Brockett/Kozak to close the business district of Main Street from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Roll: Ayes-unanimous. Motion passes.**
- f. Old Settlers – St. Charles goes Safari will be held July 18th and 19th. Saturday evening the Mat Club will be sponsoring Rumble in the Jungle wrestling event.
- g. Mayor – The Mayor received an email to confirm the tornado siren is working when the tests are done on the first Saturday of the month.
- h. Clerk – **Motion by Blomme/Brockett to approve the purchase agreement with Gworks for accounting software. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**

8. ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- a. Public Hearing for Budget FY 26: Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 7:35 PM. No public wished to speak.
- b. Resolution 4A-2025 approving Budget FY26. **Motion Kozak/Hutton to approve Resolution 4A-2025. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**
- c. Public Hearing Budget Amendment 2 FY25. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 7:41 p.m. No public wished to speak.
- d. Resolution 4B-2025 approving Budget Amendment 2 FY25. **Motion by Brockett/Blomme to approve Resolution 4B-2025. Roll: Ayes –unanimous. Motion passes.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Main Street Asphalt Bids. **Motion by Hutton/Brockett to approve Grimes Asphalt's bid to asphalt Main Street with high traffic asphalt. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The City Council would like to continue the discussion with the Madison County Chamber of Commerce about staffing the St. Charles Welcome Center.
- b. Beautification of St. Charles will be held April 2026 to coincide with Earth Day.
- c. The Ordinance 66.03 will stay as written. The council can give written permission to allow overweight vehicles on city streets.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

- a. The 2025/2026 Insurance premium through EMC Insurance was given to the Council. No action taken.
- b. A letter will be sent to a nuisance concerning barking dogs.

12. ADJOURN

Being there was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Tracy Kozak, Clerk/Treasurer