

## 9 September 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 9/9/2024, for a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Allison called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Whitney Hutton, Travis Brockett, and Dan Kozak were present along with 18 guests. Mayor Dennis Smith was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meetings 8/5/2024: Minutes were amended to state Gary and Linda Brooks were present to hear the plan to reseed. Motion made by Travis Brockett/Tom Blomme to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: During August there were 58.03 patrol hours, 8 calls, and 2 traffic stops in St. Charles.

Cole Dickinson Employee Review Questions: Cole was given the option to move to a closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5I. A closed session was declined. Cole asked for a review of his work with the City of St. Charles. Many representatives attended the meeting to participate in the discussion. Cole had previously resigned from the City but would like to be rehired by the City of St. Charles. No action was taken at this time.

### City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: The August sewer report was submitted to the City.
- Maintenance Report: A motion was made by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve new push button faucets for the park bathrooms at a cost of up to \$600. Voice vote was unanimous.
- Fire/Rescue Department: August meeting minutes were submitted. The Fire Department is planning an EMS class that will be open to the public. Rick Schaffer shared information concerning Hinterland and the involvement of the Fire Department. The Call volume for the Fire and Rescue Departments is at a high with close to 200 calls being received for this calendar year.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the August minutes. A new librarian has been hired. The Library is asking for public input on when story time will work best for the community.
- Clerk's Report: Todd Dickinson has been contacted concerning reseeding.

Resolution 9A-2024 A Resolution approving the 2024 Street Finance Report: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Street Finance Report submitted to the Iowa DOT. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Resolution 9B-2024 A Resolution approving the Transfer of Funds to Capital Street Projects: Motion by Tom Blomme/Travis Brockett to approve the transfer of funds from General account to Capital Street Projects. R/C Vote was unanimous.

Resolution 9C-2024 A Resolution approving the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial Report published on August 29, 2024. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 9D-2024 A Resolution approving the Transfer of Funds to General Fund: Motion by Tom Blomme/Whitney Hutton to approve the transfer of funds from Fire Department Savings to the General fund for the purchase of a Fire/Rescue truck. R/C vote was unanimous.

Dead Tree Walnut Trail: Tabled to receive a quote to trim the tree away from the power lines.

Crack Sealing the City Streets: The City will take bids for sealing the cracks in the city streets.

Austin Blvd: The City will take bids to help the street drain properly so water will drain into the ditch. The City will also be looking at the shoulders along the east side of Main Street.

Y-Park Bevington: The City feels they cannot use city resources for a park located out of city limits.

Opportunity and Nuisance Reviews: A court date regarding a house on Main Street is set for September 18<sup>th</sup> unless a timeline of construction is sent to the City.

Gravel Trucks: Per Iowa Code, Highway G-50 is a Farm to Market Road and the City of St. Charles cannot restrict trucks without valid written justification approved by the Iowa DOT.

Public Forum: Gary and Linda Brooks were present and gave input and asked questions concerning many topics on the agenda. Gary Brooks asked about a school bus making a stop in an area that is not designated as a bus stop. Linda Brooks also inquired if the City's part time employees receive extra pay if they choose to work weekends or holidays. At this time, no part time employee receives overtime or holiday pay in the City of St. Charles.

Motion made by Dan Kozak to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be October 7, 2024, at City Hall.

Megan Allison, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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