

6 September 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 9/6/2022, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Megan Allison, Lois Stanley, and Whitney Hutton were present along with four guests.

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

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 8/1/2022: Motion made by Megan Allison/Lois Stanley to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

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

Sheriff's Report: During August there were 46.43 patrol hours, 4 calls, and 6 traffic stops.

City Boards/Committees:

- Sewer Report: There were no issues to report at the sewer.
- Maintenance Report: Skid Loader: The tractor will be having its brakes repaired. The city owned skid loader has broken and repairs will be costly. It was determined that the skid loader is not worth the repairs that would be needed. Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the purchase of a 2015 Mustang for \$30,000.00.
- Fire/Rescue Department: Rick Schaffer submitted the August minutes. Rick also submitted a final bid for a new fire engine for the City Council's approval. Megan Allison/Dan Kozak made a motion for the Fire Department to move forward with a bid to purchase a Toyne Fire Truck for \$334,237.00. Voice vote passed unanimously. The truck is approximately 475 days out from delivery. The purchase price will change based on the cost of the chassis. Final approval of the purchase and funding will be voted on after we receive the final cost, sometime after the first of the year.
- Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the August Library Minutes.
- Old Settlers: Park Bench, Mary Austin would like to donate a bench at Old Settlers Parks in honor of Bruce Austin. Motion by Tom Blomme/Lois Stanley to approve the pouring of 4 cement pads for the purpose of more benches to be purchased. Voice vote was unanimous.
- Welcome Center: Bid for Heating and Cooling, Electrical, Vendor Agreement. Updates will be made to the vendor agreement. Bids are tabled until we can talk with the Madison County Chamber of Commerce about their future plans.
- Emergency Management: The August report was submitted.
- Mayor's Report: Larry Downs asked for dust control. The City Council has stated they do not provide dust control.

- Clerk's Report: A budget amendment will be needed for the City Park. A code enforcement proposal was submitted to the City Council.

Brooks Tree: The City Council has been advised the tree does not appear to be dying or in immediate danger of coming down. Many of the issues the tree is presenting are normal for that type of tree. The City Council has decided not to take the tree down at this time but will reevaluate if the tree shows signs of distress.

Beggars Night: The City Council has decided to hold Beggars Night on October 30th from 4 pm to 7pm.

Land Split in City Limits: Motion by Lois Stanley/Tom Blomme to approve the split of 2.5 acres from agricultural land located along Windwood Ave.

Madison County Chamber of Commerce Liquor License for the Welcome Center: Motion by Megan Allison/Whitney Hutton to approve a Class B Native Wine Permit for the Welcome Center. Voice vote was unanimous.

Ordinance Review of Abandoned Houses, House Size: Lois Stanley will put together ideas and suggestions to strengthen the City's Ordinances.

Public Forum: No public asked to speak.

New Business: Motion by Megan Allison to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on October 3, 2022, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor

Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

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