

**ST. CHARLES VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM by President Hoerner.

Members present: Hoerner, Dennis, Kutz, McPhail, Neumann, L. Theile, S. Theile.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Matthew Lane, Donald Ackerman and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

Village Manager Matthew Lane shared with council that today he would like to discuss the overall strategic goals council had for this upcoming fiscal year and that at the February council meeting he would present the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget for council to go over. Matt prepared and shared a PowerPoint presentation that gave council an overview of what a budget is and how it comes to be, what a fund is and examples of fund types that are included in a budget. He also discussed the fund revenue budgets from last year and advised that the numbers other than the Industrial Park LDFA fund shouldn't change much.

Matthew also updated council on the status of the goals they had set for 2018/2019. He advised council in depth of the progress made in the last year towards the unfunded liability of the MERS Pension and OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits- essentially Retiree Healthcare). With the action of council in the past year setting aside funds towards these two areas it put the Village of St. Charles in a very good spot.

Matthew also gave council an update on the transformation over at Waterfowl Park which underwent an upgrade to help make it a more usable park to the community as well as the small updates done to Coal Miners' Park.

Only one of the goals council had put forth for 2018/2019 that they would like to accomplish was not carried out and will be rolled over into the 2019/2020 goals.

Council decided that the 6 goals they would like to accomplish this year are the following:

1. Complete Underground Storage Tank Contamination Removal Project at Village Office which includes addressing the drainage issues and replacing the aging parking lot.
2. Improve Aesthetic of Village: Beautification Day, Park Maintenance, etc.
3. Improve Downtown Streetscape which includes preparing plans for downtown parking, sidewalks, lighting, etc.
4. Continue "Recreation Revitalization" through Park Improvements which include beginning to replace the aging roofs on the pavilions, continue raising money for Coal Miners' Park Universal Play Initiative and exploring a canoe livery at Lumberjack Park which would include consideration for handicapped accessibility for both the livery equipment and the pathway leading to the river.
5. Continue Asset Management Planning- beginning thought process for implementation to prepare for water bonds and other infrastructure projects as needed.
6. Street/Gateway/Way-Finding Signs which includes inventorying and replacing wood street signs, welcome signs and in-town way finding signs.

Suggestions from the council, updates of costs, and additional items will be incorporated into the budget and it will be presented at the regular February meeting for final inspection. An analysis of fund balance will be included. A final copy will be adopted in March.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to adjourn at 1:10 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk