

**ST. CHARLES VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Pro-Tem Neumann.

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

Members absent: Hoerner.

Others present: Dennis Collison, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, John Meehleder, Steve Harris, Louis Butko, Susie Tanney, Jean Fowler, Luann McNally, Ken Kutz.

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

Resident Louis Butko addressed council asking about the severance pay that was paid to former Village Manager Matthew Lane upon his separation with the Village of St. Charles. Neumann advise Butko that the severance and benefits were a part of the approved manager contract. Butko expressed his concerns and frustrations as a tax payer. He also asked what the Village was paying Spicer for the interim manager and Neumann advised \$115 an hour.

Resident Steve Harris addressed council asking if Lane originally had a one-year contract. Neumann advised that it was a two-year contract and was renewed each year until this last time which it was then approved as an open-ended contract.

Interim Village Manger, Dennis Collison, spoke with council in regards to the search for a new Village Manager. Collison confirmed with council their expectations for the new manager and obtained their approval for the job positing description to be sent out later next week to the local newspapers, the Michigan Municipal League and the Village website.

Council would like to review the Village Manger ordinance and the manager contract to make amendments to ensure the Village is better protected especially the section of the ordinance in regards to spending and residency.

Collison also spoke with council to inform them of the progress he had made with the various projects he was working on and to verify their expectations of him while he is serving as Interim Manager.

Neumann with the support of council felt the cleanup of the Village Office and the sewer and water rate studies were a top priority. Collison advised the environmental cleanup of the Village office would be on the July agenda to accept the bids for the cleanup and that John Olson from Spicer would be at the July meeting to go over the information they had been working on and discussing at the past meetings. Collison also advised that the water mains over by the Flint/Fulton area might need to be fixed sooner than later and with council's approval he will pursue finding out what it will cost to do the work. Council agreed.

Neumann also asked for an update on the bids for the large pavilion roof at Coal Miners' Park. S. Theile asked why it was not put out to bid? Collison advised that he wasn't sure why it wasn't put out to bid, but that we could do so and work on getting this accomplished.

There was discussion on the farmers market and if it should continue. L. Theile and McPhail both agreed that it is a good thing and should continue this year. After some discussion it was decided that the farmers market will continue.

Neumann advised Collison and the Village Council that the attorney for the pending litigation against the Village of St. Charles needs a representative from the Village for depositions, etc. and believes that Diana Kutz should be that person due to her background and knowledge.

Motion by McPhail, second by Dennis to appoint Diana Kutz as the representative for the Village of St. Charles in the pending litigation. Motion carried.

Collison advised council that the Village was not awarded the grant from MDOT for the downtown parking lot and streets. He asked if council would like for him to pursue other grants or resubmit this grant. Kutz advised that she believed that streets were more of a priority and that if our submission was reworded that this grant could be used for streets. Neumann asked what they will give the money for. Once that is established then apply for that. Collison advised it was available for streets in 2020 and that there was another grant that was available for street construction using recycled old tires for the base and material. They will match 50% of the material and the construction would be for 2020 or 2021 depending on awarding. Neumann and Kutz both advised they believed we should be looking at streets right now and hold off on the downtown parking.

Collison advised that the rear suites in the Goodrich Building are not cooling properly. Our DPW met with GW Heating and received an estimate for a second air conditioning unit that would cool the entire building and each of the suites evenly.

Motion by McPhail, second by Kutz to approve the installation of a new air conditioning unit for the back portion of the Goodrich Building. Motion carried.

Collison asked council if we should pursue additional parking lot lights for the DDA parking lots?

Neumann advised that Lane was going to call consumers and get the same lights that were installed at Bare's for the remaining lots.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Dennis to approve the installation of new parking lot lighting for the DDA parking lots. Motion carried.

Collison also advised council that they will need to do some sampling of the Village water supply June-September 2019 and then do a survey of the water lines by the end of the year for the new lead and copper rules. He also advised council that the Village is in noncompliance with Act 51 non-motorized transportation spending. He will get a plan put together and get it to the state for approval. He will keep them posted and work with Spicer to get the Village back into compliance.

Both Dennis and Kutz asked if a sidewalk down W. Walnut street could be a part of this? Kutz advised that council was told there was a grant Safe Routes to Schools that would help with this, but it had to start with the school. Collison advised that yes it had to start with the school, but he will get in touch with St. Charles Community Schools Superintendent Michael Decker to see if he has gotten any updates and check with Rob Eggers at Spicer to see if there is anything out there as well.

Ken Kutz addressed council stating that the Village should look at adding a sidewalk down W. Walnut street.

Motion by Dennis, second by S. Theile to adjourn meeting at 6:52 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk