

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 11, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Hoerner.

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

Others present: Hartmann Aue, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, John Meehleder, Donald Ackerman, Ken Kutz, Neil Novak, Chuck Bussinger, Luanne McNally, Jean Fowler and Zach Theile.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to add Resolution 19-22 Pension and Retiree Health Benefits Funding Policy and Action Plan to the agenda under New Business letter B making this B. A. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Neil from Spicer Group updated Council on the projects that Spicer is currently working on in their office as well as with Village staff for the Village of St. Charles. Neil answered the few questions asked by Council as far as dates to be met on the Village's Water System Asset Management Plan, Streets Asset Management Plan and Fulton & Hosmer Street Water Main Replacement.

Motion by McPhail, second by L. Theile to accept and file the Spicer Engineering Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to approve the November 13th, 2019 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to accept and file the December 6th, 2019 D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$263,300.97. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule. Motion carried.

Hartmann Aue, Village Manager, updated Council on the status of his report due to the State of Michigan on the Village's long-term liabilities of our Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Other Post-Employment Benefits. The Village is at a pre-funded status below the percentage threshold that the State of Michigan has set as favorable. Aue has prepared a policy and action plan to send to the State to show the Village is working on getting to the appropriate level of funding needed to ensure our long-term liabilities are met as well as not jeopardizing our ability to provide adequate services to our residents. Aue is also applying with the State of Michigan to obtain a waiver of underfunded status providing them with documentation as well as our plan to meet the minimum funding criteria. All of this is due Thursday, December 12, 2019. With Council's approval of Resolutions #19-22 and 19-23 this would allow Aue to submit the waiver and action plan to the State of Michigan by the due date to show them the Village is diligently working on getting out of the underfunded status.

Motion by McPhail, second by Dennis to approve Resolution 19-22 Pension and Retiree Health Benefits Funding Policy and Action Plan. Roll call vote: L. Theile; yes, Kutz; yes, Neumann; yes, Hoerner; yes, McPhail; yes, Dennis; yes, S. Theile; yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve Resolution 19-23 Approval of P.A. 202 of 2017 Application for Waiver and Plan: DB Pension. Roll call vote: L. Theile; yes, Kutz; yes, Neumann; yes, Hoerner; yes, McPhail; yes, Dennis; yes, S. Theile; yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by L. Theile to approve Resolution 19-24 Redevelopment Ready Communities. Motion carried.

Aue was approached by Dr. Klein at the D.D.A. meeting about possibly writing a Resolution of Support from both the D.D.A. Board and the Village Council that the Village of St. Charles would like to be the new home of the Saginaw County Animal Control. Currently the county commissioners are in a deadlock vote of where the new home should be, and Dr. Klein was hoping that presenting the options here in St. Charles might sway their vote.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve Resolution 19-25 Support of Saginaw County Animal Control in St. Charles. Motion carried.

Motion by McPhail, second by L. Theile to approve the Michigan Trails 1/8th size ad in the amount of \$395. Motion carried.

The D.D.A. has approved the application and lease of Suite 3 in the Goodrich Building to Carrie LeVan, owner of Yesterday's Treasures and Aue has brought the application and lease to the Council to approve. LeVan has been in business for about 3 years at a different location and will offer antiques, collectables and locally sourced products. The D.D.A. did also approve Aue to have the Suite 3 signage arrows updated with the new businesses' name.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the Goodrich Building Suite 3 application and lease with Carrie LeVan. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to approve Suite 3 signage arrows in the amount of \$25 with Dan Hauman. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the final invoice from Banning Construction for the large pavilion roof in Coal Miner's Park. The invoice was the same amount as the bid presented in the amount of \$44,725. No motion was needed to pay the invoice as it was the same as the approved bid.

Aue also updated Council on 420 W. Belle that was brought up at the last meeting. It was purchased by the Saginaw County Land Bank and is set to be demolished in the spring by the Land Bank.

Motion by Dennis, second by S. Theile to accept and file departmental reports from DPW, Police and Building Inspector. Motion carried.

Ken Kutz spoke during public comment in regards to the large potholes on N. Main and E. North Streets. He was wondering if they could be looked at during the next street project. The patches that DPW have been using over the years do not work and it is a waste of time and money to keep patching it. Could the road be made gravel if not repaved?

McPhail asked if anyone has ever been fined using the leaf dump if they are not from the Village? Don Ackerman, DPW Superintendent, answered no.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk