

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 8, 2020**

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

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

Members absent: L. Theile and McPhail.

Other present: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Victoria Devereaux, Jeanne Marcello, Michael Nesbit, John Olson and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

There was no public comment.

John Olson asked if there were any questions on the projects that Spicer has been working on for the Village. Kutz asked about the water system improvements and questioned if the Village was still moving forward though all future projects are on hold. Olson stated that nothing has been set in stone and if something is unaffordable Spicer can stop or find a more affordable alternative. Neumann did question the Cherry and Spruce Street Resurfacing on the report. Olson explained that this was on the Street Asset Management Plan as a project for a few years out. Aue also mentioned that it was the Category B MDOT Grant that he was advised to go after with the help of Olson.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to approve the June 17, 2020 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$187,457.02. Motion carried.

Aue presented a resolution to establish a vehicle impound police fee of \$25 that shall be paid to the Village as an administrative fee. By doing this it will keep some consistency as well as bring in minimal revenue for the Village. Aue also created a form that would be completed at the Village office, once the fee is paid by the owner of the vehicle, the form would then be taken to the towing company to be released. \$25 was what Aue and Church thought would be fair as not to create economic hardship.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve Resolution 20-4 establishing a vehicle impound release fee. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Scott Crofoot addressed the Council to propose building fee changes to mirror the state as well as the surrounding townships. The prices were put in place by the previous building inspector and currently the Village is paying \$50 for an inspection, but only charging \$40.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve Resolution 20-5 Building Permit Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

Interim Police Chief Church addressed Council asking for two part-time police officers at 30 hours a week. Currently the department does not have the coverage that is needed and although she is asking for two part-time officers, she would only like to hire one now and then hire a second officer later in the year as needed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the hiring of one part-time police officer at 30 hours a week. Motion carried.

Aue presented to Council the specifications for all future sidewalk bids that he is recommending Council adopt as the Village's specifications as there are not any currently. These specifications were drafted by Spicer.

Motion by Neumann, second by S. Theile to approve specifications for all future sidewalk bids. Motion carried.

A motion was brought up to reopen the discussion on the Village's ordinance on chickens and there was no second to the motion. The motion died.

At June's Village Council meeting Aue was directed to gather information on what other communities are adopting as far as marihuana businesses in their community. Per Council's request Aue sent over information drafted from an attorney, but it did not make into the physical Council packets for this month's meeting.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Neumann to table the marihuana resolution until the August 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

There was discussion about possibly removing some of the stop signs near Union Court as there are no longer any schools in that neighborhood. Officer Church informed Council that she has observed drivers in the area, and there was only one stop sign that could have the potential to be removed. DPW Superintendent Donald Ackerman spoke as a resident of that neighborhood, and think they should be left alone. It was decided that the stop signs would be left alone.

The DPW, Police Department and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement reports were accepted and filed.

There was no public comment.

Motion by S. Theile, second by Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk