

St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 9, 2020

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

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Hartmann Aue, Donald Ackerman, Ken Berthiaume, Scott Crofoot, Julie Church and Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit.

Kutz suggested to move Contract Negotiations from IX. B. to XI. B. after closed session as this is how it has been done in the past.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

There was no public comment, but Village Manager Hartmann Aue did have a couple of announcements to make. A Parks and Recreation Special Event Permit Application has been submitted by Rebel Magnolia for their Fall Flea Event for next Saturday, September 19th from 10-4 PM. We will be having a meeting with Lauren, the store owner and event organizer, this Friday, September 11, 2020 at 9 AM to go over all the details. He did find an older form and increases the fee from \$300 to \$500 with a \$300 deposit. At our last meeting Lauren stated that the days of previous events the local businesses had an increase in business by \$700 for the day. Aue also informed Council that he and DPW Superintendent, Donald Ackerman, had an initial meeting with Dr. Roger Kahn in regards to his Charitable Remainder Trust Foundation. This meeting was just touching base and Aue is not sure if anything is coming up, but Dr. Kahn wanted to do some nice things for the Village.

Aue updated Council on the water main project that is about to start on Hosmer and Fulton Streets. The tubes are being delivered on Friday and Eric Construction will begin work on Monday. The equipment has already been delivered and the flags are up. DPW will coming in at midnight tonight to install a new valve at Union Court that will allow them to bypass Union Court so that they will not lose water at all during the water main project. The USDA-RD application is started and they are thinking of going after the \$5.25 million for both projects in one shot. They did use the numbers off Municipal Analytics chart and if all the numbers are correct the Village will be okay. The more we do the more USDA might be able to get as a loan grant. USDA has been very helpful and we have a great shot.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to approve the August 12, 2020 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Neumann did question on the Planning Commission minutes what they decided to do in regards to the marijuana ordinance. Kutz replied that they are going to study it and move slowly. They are going to listen to Bill Wood who has experience on the building aspect and Kris Savage who has experience with the medical aspect of it.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to accept and file the Planning Commission minutes from August 20, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by Dennis to accept and file the Downtown Development Authority minutes from September 4, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis, second by L. Theile to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$80,065.86. Motion carried.

Ken Berthiaume from Berthiaume & Company, CPAs called into the meeting and spoke with the Council about the Village of St. Charles' Audit for FY 2019-2020. There were some areas that saw some deficiencies due to excess operating costs that came up during the year, but overall, the Village is in a good spot financially.

A proposal from Thurston Logging was presented in the amount of \$500 to cut and grind the stump at 120 Pine Street that is more than half in the Village right-of-way. Three companies were solicited, but of the three only one company had the time to prepare an estimate to perform the work since most companies are too busy.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the stump cut and grind proposal from Thurston Logging in the amount of \$500. Motion carried.

Aue presented the lot line adjustment that was approved by the Planning Commission at their last meeting. This adjustment would split the Haunted House from the old water tower and combine the old water tower with the lot next to it which is also owned by the village. Aue has spoken with Spicer about preparing a new description for the split and it was estimated between \$300-\$500.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to approve the lot line adjustment for 400 East Water Street which is not to exceed \$400. Motion carried.

Aue presented the STC Hometown Days Event that was approved by the Downtown Development Authority. The event is being organized by two local businesses who are trying to bring business to the village. The event will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 and the organizers are asking for permission to hold the event in the boulevard downtown and the empty parking lot owned by the Village behind the Marathon Gas Station. Most of the local businesses in town are in support and plan to participate in the event if permission is granted.

Motion by Neumann, second by Kutz to approve the closure of the 100 block of South Saginaw Street for the STC Hometown Day event on October 3, 2020. Motion carried.

An estimate from Dan Hauman was presented to repair and repaint the two signs at the Village Office as well as the sign at Waterfowl Park. The estimate for the two signs at the Village Office was \$280 and the estimate for the sign at Waterfowl Park was \$390 bringing the total to \$670.

Motion by McPhail, second by Neumann to approve the estimate from Dan Hauman to repaint the Village Office and Waterfowl Park signs in the amount of \$670. Motion carried.

Departmental reports from DPW, Police, Code Enforcement and Building Inspector were accepted and filed.

Motion by Kutz, second by McPhail to exit open session at 8:06 PM to discuss Village Manager Evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to open closed session at 8:13 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Kutz to exit closed session at 8:51 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to reopen open session at 8:52 PM. Motion carried.

Renegotiated employment contract for Village Manager Aue to take effect September 30, 2020 through April 1, 2024.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis for an immediate wage increase for Village Manager Aue to \$60,000 a year and beginning April 2022 a 2% increase each year through April 2024. Contract to be signed at October 2020 Council meeting. Role call vote: L. Thiele- yes; Kutz- yes; Neumann-yes; Hoerner- yes; Dennis- yes; McPhail- yes; S. Theile- yes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Neumann to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk