

St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 14, 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 and Dennis.

Members absent: S. Theile.

Others present: Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Jeanne Marcello, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Mike Sodini, Ethan Thompson, Jan Thompson and Kelsey Thompson at staggered times.

Village Manager Hartmann Aue had one adjustment to the agenda to move item D. Swearing in of new Police Officer under X. New Business was moved up under Public Comment.

Motion by Kutz, second by Neumann to accept the adjustment to the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Part-time Police Officer Ethan Thompson was sworn in by Village Clerk Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit and was introduced to the Council. He graduated from the Police Academy in 2019 after obtaining an associate's degree from Delta College in Criminal Justice in 2017.

John Olson from Spicer updated Council on the Fulton and Hosmer water main replacement project. It is well underway and all of the water mains are in and the water samples have been good. They will be transferring service from the old to the new main in the next few weeks. In about two weeks the project should be completed. There have been two changes to the contract as they did have to include an additional 65 feet of pipe across Saginaw Street where the multiple water breaks happened earlier in the year and they did have to replace multiple galvanized services from the main all the way into the house.

Motion by Kutz, second by McPhail to approve the September 9, 2020 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kutz, second by McPhail to accept and file the Committee and Commission reports from the Downtown Development Authority, October 2, 2020, Parks & Recreation Committee, September 16, 2020, and Planning Commission, September 17, 2020. Motion carried.

The Review Magazine was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by McPhail to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$714,435.88. Motion carried.

Commission and Committee members up for reappointment this year:

Park Committee: Bonnie Hemgesberg
Planning Commission: Diana Kutz, Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals: George Murphy

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the three reappointments to the consecutive committees each for a three-year term retroactive to April 1, 2020. Motion carried with Kutz abstaining from the vote.

The Consumers Energy Franchise for the Village of St. Charles expires on March 21, 2021 and this franchise allows Consumers to service gas to the residents and businesses of St. Charles.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the Consumers Energy franchise renewal 20-1. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Dennis to suggest Trick-Or-Treat hours for Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum(s) from MERS. There are three in total as our full-time employees fall into three categories depending on date of hire. All full-time employees hired after 9/1/14, General and Police/Fire. The only changes made to these addendums are found on page 5 of 6 under Mandatory Contributions it was selected yes as there is where the MERS Health Care Savings Program employee contributions fall as well as Defined Benefit employee contributions which was selected to cover the Village going forward if any changes were made.

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to approve the three MERS Benefit Adoption Addendum(s) for Divisions 73080110- All FT ee's hired aft 9/1/14, 73080101- Gnrl and 73080102- Pol/Fire. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the DPW Laborer job description. The starting wage is consistent with pay grades in the Personnel Manual. This person would be a potential replacement to fill a retirement and/or fill in for a short-term disability claim.

Motion by McPhail, second by Neumann to approve the DPW Laborer job description as presented. Motion carried.

Aue's employee contract verbally approved at the September 9, 2020 Council Meeting was presented to Council to sign. There were no changes made and the contract was signed at the end of the meeting.

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

During public comment Aue informed Council that the tentative date for the Old-Fashioned Christmas will be December 12, 2020. The Lions Club is going to help, and 36 trees have been generously donated again by Charboneau's Christmas Tree Farm. More details will follow as they become available.

Motion by Dennis, second by Kutz to adjourn at 8:01 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk