

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 7, 2021**

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

Members present: Dennis, Hoerner, Neumann, Nesbit, L. Theile.

Members absent: Harris and S. Theile.

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

Motion by Neumann, second by L. Theile to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Olson updated Council on Spicer projects in the Village. They are currently locating water services for residences that were randomly selected for site sampling. Spicer is hoping to have the hydro-excavating bided out in January.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to approve the November 10, 2021 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Dennis to accept and file the commission and committee reports from the December 3, 2021, Downtown Development and November 18, 2021 Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Communications from The Review Magazine was accepted and filed.

Motion by Dennis, second by Neumann to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$114,418.46. Motion carried.

Aue presented Ordinance 21-1 Medical Marihuana Primary Caregiver Operations Zoning Ordinance Amendment. A public hearing was held during the November 18, 2021 Planning Commission meeting and two Village residents came and spoke in favor of it. The Planning Commission voted in favor of the ordinance. This ordinance gives a little backbone to enforce. The State of Michigan never gave the option to opt in or opt out, and this gives the Village the ability to control where it can and cannot happen in the Village, such as near schools, etc. If there is no ordinance in place for the Village, the State of Michigan would have to enforce it and they do not have the time nor the employees to do so.

Motion by Neumann, second by Nesbit to approve Ordinance 21-1 Medical Marihuana Primary Caregiver Operations Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Roll call vote: Dennis-yes; Hoerner- yes; Neumann-yes; Nesbit-yes; L. Theile-yes; Harris- absent; S. Theile-absent. Motion carried.

Aue would like to potentially hire an individual to come in weekly or bi-weekly to clean the DPW barn bathrooms and the office. Currently, the DPW crew cleans the entire barn, but occasionally there are professional visitors that visit the barn and having it cleaned on a regular basis during business hours would not be a bad idea.

Motion by L. Theile, second by Dennis to approve hiring an individual to clean the DPW barn bathrooms and breakroom bi-weekly on a 6-month trial not exceeding \$1,300 year. Motion carried.

Aue informed Council that through donations totaling over \$1,600 from the community 27 bikes, 5 scooters, 2 helmets, 2 toy dogs, 2 snow tubes, 5 bowling passes and a hair care set will be raffled off for the Old-Fashioned Christmas in addition to goodies that will be part of the children's scavenger hunt in the park starting at 5 PM with the Christmas tree lighting. There are 17 entries in the parade in addition to Santa making this year's 5th Annual Old-Fashioned Christmas the largest one yet.

With the upcoming water projects that are planned for 2022-2023 it is important to review the water and sewer rates each year as a part of the budgeting process. Aue included the calculations that were projected as a part of the SAW Grant by Municipal Analytics. In January, he will bring a resolution for the Council to review and discuss.

Aue would like to see the Village's website streamlined for ease of use and believes that the content can be updated to reflect this. Peak Performance PC Services updated the website a couple of years ago and hopes with their help the Village's site could resemble more of the State of Tennessee which has been the gold standard of government sites for many years.

Motion by Dennis, second by Nesbit to approve hiring Peak Performance PC Services to update the Village's website to streamline ease of use in the amount of no more than \$1,800. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk