

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 8, 2023**

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

A moment of silence was held for Diane Dennis.

Members present: Ginderske, Harris, Kendall, McSweyn, Nesbit, Theile, and Tithof.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Don Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Caleb Browne, Mary Browne, Terry Browne, Tyler Browne, Chuck Bussinger, Julie Church, Ernie Delemeester, Tiffany Erskine, Valarie Franzel, Jean Fowler, Denny Harris, Steve Harris, Mitch Jacqmain, Laura Keveen, Ken Kutz, Bryan LaFrance, Julie LaFrance, Jeanne Marcello, Sam Mayer, Luanne McNally, James McPhail, Marylynn McPhail, Gwen Pelletier, Laurie Remainder, James Rosser, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Marie Roe, Phil Siazik, Brandon Theile, Rick Theile, Sarah Theile, Zach Theile, Mike Yankee, et.al.

There was one adjustment to the agenda to replace X. E. Old Vehicles- Public Auction with Chief Church Resignation.

Motion by Nesbit, second by McSweyn to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

During public comment James McPhail presented Council with information he distributed to the Planning Commission on urban chicken farming.

New County Commission Denny Harris introduced himself to the Council and spoke on updates with the county.

Mitch Jacqmain from Spicer updated Council on the projects Spicer is working on for the Village.

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to approve the February 8, 2023 and February 22, 2023 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Downtown Development Authority March 3, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by McSweyn to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Parks & Recreation Committee February 15, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Planning Commission February 16, 2023. Motion carried.

A letter from Doug Holem regarding Beautification Day was read by Laura Keeven and filed and accepted by Council.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$134,802.98. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:46 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to open the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation FY 2023/2024 Budget at 7:47 PM. Motion carried.

No questions were asked during the public hearing.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to close the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation FY 2023/2024 Budget at 7:48 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to resume the regular meeting at 7:48 PM. Motion carried.

Village Manager Hartmann Aue presented the FY 2023/2024 Budget to Council. Included in the budget is the recommended budget amendments for FY 2022/2023 as well the full FY 2023/2024 budget.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to amend the FY 2022/2023 Budget. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Theile, second by Harris to adopt the FY 2023/2024 Budget. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-abstain; Theile-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Aue presented Council with the updated FY 2019/2020 to 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Plan updates that were reviewed by the Planning Commission at the February 16, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adopt the FY 2019/2020 to 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Plan updates as presented. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-yes; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Chief Julie Church presented her resignation and thanked the Council and Village for their support of her.

The recommended revised Zoning Ordinance was passed out to the Council for review for the upcoming months. The Code of Ordinances and Enforcement will be the next item for the Planning Commission to begin review on.

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

During public comment Ken Kutz inquired about updates to the Safe Routes to Schools grant and the possibility of adding a sidewalk down Walnut Street for the students to walk safely to school He also inquired about FEMA and if anything can be done to speak with them personally about the flood plain adjustments that keep occurring in the Village.

Chuck Bussinger inquired about the dog kennels in town.

Sam Mayer asked if the Village was part of the MMWA Co-Op for trash and recycling.

Bryan LaFrance asked if we will have to pay for the new carts.

James McPhail stated the need for police officers in the schools.

Paul Ginderske inquired on the new hires.

Tiffany Erskine thanked Chief Church for her service.

Laurie Remainder also thanked Chief Church for her service.

Motion by Harris, second by Ginderske to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk