

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 12, 2023**

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

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

Members absent: McSweyn.

Others present: Donna Ackerman, Donald Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Jason Ball, Mary Browne, Terry Browne, Tyler Browne, Adrian Cervini III, Scott Diffin, Jean Fowler, Mitch Jacqmain, Bryan LaFrance, Julie LaFrance, Jeanne Marcello, Luann McNally, James McPhail, Marie Roe, James Rosser, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Sue Tanney, Mike Yankee and other.

One adjustment to be made to the agenda to add Planning Commission meeting minutes to Commission and Committee Reports VII. B. March 16, 2023.

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

During public comment Jim McPhail addressed Council with information on urban chicken farming.

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

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the March 8, 2023 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to accept and file the Communications from The Review Magazine. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to accept and file the Communications from Play in the Parks. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Thiele to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$141,288.08. Motion carried.

Resolution 22-8 to amend the FY 2022-2023 Budget was presented. Each year the Village continues to receive bills for the previous fiscal year well into April. The previous amendment that was provided to the budget was a good estimate, however, there were still changes that needed to be made.

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

Jason Ball from Rowe Engineering answered questions from Council on the proposed Zoning Ordinance the Planning Commission has reviewed over the last two years. There was discussion from several council members to table the Zoning Ordinance for May 2023, although there were also several council members ready to pass the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Theile, second by Ginderske to table Zoning Ordinance for May 2023. Motion carried.

St. Charles Little League received a quote for diamond dust from Stone Quest. The Parks and Recreation Committee approved the quote in the amount of \$595 with DPW picking up the diamond dust to save on shipping and taxation.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the quote from Stone Quest in the amount of \$595. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-yes; Tithof-yes; McSweyn-absent. Motion carried.

Beautification Day is in its 48th year and will take place on Friday, May 19, 2023. President Tithof and Village Manager Hartmann Aue drafted an Official Proclamation proclaiming Friday, May 19, 2023 as Beautification Day in the Village of St. Charles.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve the Beautification Day Proclamation. Motion carried.

Chicken permitting was brought up to the Planning Commission and the recommendation made to the Village Council was to allow 4 chickens per residence if they were contained in a 6' x 10' enclosure. The cost for the permit would be \$20 and would last for three years. After much discussion on the price of a permit and the number of chickens allowed a vote was sought by Council to see if the permitting would pass.

Motion by Theile, second by Ginderske to allow chicken permitting in the Village of St. Charles. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-no; Kendall-no; Nesbit-yes; Theile-yes; Tithof-no; McSweyn-absent. Chicken Permitting resulted in a tie therefore it was defeated.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to accept and file the departmental reports from DPW, Police Department and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement.

During public comment Adrian Cervini III spoke to Council on the importance of being prepared for meetings and that the Zoning Ordinance should have been moved on this evening.

Phil Siazik requested clarification if Officer Julie Church would still be working for the St. Charles Police Department. Aue responded that yes, she is still a full-time officer with the department.

Jim McPhail questioned the sidewalk replacement process of the Village and alerted the DPW to low spots in the road on Saginaw Street and uneven sidewalks,

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk