

**MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 held at 6:00 p.m. at
830 Whitewater Avenue,
St. Charles, Minnesota**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmen:

Mayor John Schaber

Dave Braun

Orv Dahl

Wayne Getz (absent)

David Kramer (absent)

STAFF PRESENT: Fire Chief Lyle Peterson and Nick Koverman (City Administrator).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Kivi, Chris Armstrong (Wells Fargo), Ian Scheerer (Wells Fargo), Donna Kieffer, Cathy Groebner, Lee Groebner, Dan White and Jill Veerkamp (St. Charles Press).

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established with Mayor Schaber calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

4. Meeting Minutes

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Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**

No discussion

Motion carried.

5. August Payables.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

6. Notices and communications: None.

7. Reports of Boards and Committee:

Reports were given.

8. Fire Dept. Bremer Foundation Application. Fire Chief Lyle Peterson was presented a request to apply to the Otto Bremer Foundation for SCBA's that are in need of replacement by the department. He outlined the age of the current breathing units/gear/tanks and how the units exceeded 20 years. He explained that he this is a high need item for the department as it is a vital piece of gear for the members. He also expressed that he would approach AgStar Financial as well to aid in the purchase of the aircompressor that would be necessary to fill the bottles. A motion was made to authorize the fire department to apply for both the Otto Bremer Foundation as well as AgStar Financial.

Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

9. Wells Fargo Presentation. Ian Scheerer and Christine Armstrong from Wells Fargo Investments made a presentation to the Council highlighting the City's investment portfolio and the fiduciary responsibility that Wells Fargo undertakes as our investment team. The pair relayed that since the portfolio's inception into the Wells Fargo plan the City has maintained a 2.35 percent interest made overall, but our yield to date in the current cycle is 3.25 percent. The Council thanked them for their time and no questions were asked.

10. Public Hearing—Ordinance #587 Temp. Family Healthcare Dwellings. Mayor Schaber called for a motion to open the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.:

Motion to open: **Orv Dahl**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Schaber stated the purpose of the public hearing was to take comment regarding the proposed ordinance to opt out of the proposed Temporary Family Healthcare Dwelling law as afforded under state statute. He called for comment.

Cathy Groebner at 437 St. Charles Avenue stated that she believed the city should opt out because it takes too much of the public voice away with respect to this option in neighborhoods.

Dan White at 730 Whitewater Avenue stated that he felt the law circumvented the city's power and the power of the citizens.

Lee Groebner at 437 St. Charles Avenue expressed that he worked for a company that deals directly with the system and that the law was ineffective and would cause a great burden to the city as the company he works for is undermanned when it comes to working with the proposed law. He urged the city to opt out. The mayor called for additional comment once, twice, three times. Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Motion to close: **Dave Braun**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

11. Ordinance #587 Temp. Family Healthcare Dwelling. Mayor Schaber called for a motion to approve the first reading as presented.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

12. RCA Commercial Rehab Request #14. Admin. Koverman presented the request to cost share in a project by the VFW to replace a door. The total costs were \$1,175 and the share would be \$588. A motion was made to approve the request.

Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

13. Administrator Review-Closed Session.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Prior to closing the meeting for the closed session Mayor Schaber asked if anyone had any public comments for the Council. Dan White at 730 Whitewater Avenue addressed the Council and shared his support and information on various topics.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Schaber called for a motion to close the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

A motion to close the closed meeting and reopen the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.:

Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Schaber expressed that the review was held and that the review will be presented at the 1st meeting in September.

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.
Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**
Motion declared carried.

John P. Schaber, Mayor

ATTEST

Nick Koverman, City Administrator