

MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
For Tuesday, January 10, 2012 held at 7:00 p.m. at
830 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmen:

John Schaber

Dave Braun

Orv Dahl

Wayne Getz

Mayor Bill Spitzer

STAFF PRESENT:

Janell Dahl, Deputy Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Gilman, Cheyenne Gibbs, Cara Fernandez

1. ESTABLISH QUOROM/CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established with Mayor Spitzer calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda: Wayne Getz

No discussion.

Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL of the JANUARY PAYABLES

Motion to approve payables: John Schaber

5. Notices and Communications. Mayor Spitzer told council members and the audience that he was establishing a sit down forum called "Coffee with the Mayor" at Cabin Coffee to give people a chance to visit with himself and answer questions that local residents may have. He hopes to do this forum once a month and asked that anyone who would like to join him is more than welcome. He stated that if these forums went well, he would possibly move it to other restaurants within the City.

6. Reports of Boards and Committees: Various reports were given by Council.

7. Winona County Planner – Jason Gilman

Mr. Gilman, Winona County Planner made his first appearance before the City Council with his main task being to provide an overview of the Winona County Board with respect to frac sand mining. He told that council that a three month moratorium was approved by the County Commissioners pertaining to frac sand mining. At this time three applications have been submitted with an expected five more pending until after approval of the moratorium. He explained the following details concerning the operation: Operations will produce 70 loaded trucks per day, each containing 24 tons; daily round trips will be 140 trucks per mine on the road; each mining operation is expected to last up to 10 months with ten hour

days (each requiring six trucks and drivers); most plots will be around 20 acres, having 3-4 acres mined at any given time.

Mr. Gilman also gave an overview of sand types being mined and the process of which they can be washed and/or dried. The County has 29 conditions that are to be met for each conditional use permit that is issued. At this time concerns are being investigated for the impact on roads that the trucks will be hauling on and the impact on water quality.

8. Proclamation – Congenital Heart Defect Week-Feb. 7-14. Ms. Cheyenne Gibbs was in attendance to tell the Council about her daughter's congenital heart defect and the many surgeries she has undergone in her short life. Ms. Gibbs expressed her sincere appreciation the attention that will be given with the approval this proclamation will bring to health problems.

Motion to approve: John Schaber

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

9. Sewer Lining Update. Deputy Clerk Dahl gave an update on the sewer lining that has been completed on four blocks of St. Charles Avenue from 8th Street to 12th Street including 8 manholes for I & I in 2011. A demonstration was shown to the Council on the process from beginning to the end product.

10. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Agreement

Motion to approve: Dave Braun

Discussion included that the program only costs the City if it is used by City employees.

Motion carried.

11. 7-12 Boys Park and Rec. Soccer. Councilman Dahl explained that Cara Fernandez and Mike Buringa had approached the Park Board to ask if the park/rec department would consider offering this program locally. Since this program is not currently offered, those that participate in surrounding communities incur quite an expense. A survey was sent out at the high school to gauge interest in a soccer program and there was interest expressed by approximately 40 students. A group of parents would like to see the City help get the program going and they are willing to hold fundraisers to sponsor and pay for the program. Discussion has been held with Scott McCready, High School Athletic Director at the high school in regards to using facilities at the high school for this program.

Three stipulations were placed for approval of this program being sponsored by the City which are as follows:

1. The program will be for a one year trial basis.
2. The soccer club and the park board meet and must have a written agreement pertaining to responsibilities and expectations of both; and
3. The program must be self-supporting by the user fees and fundraising.

Motion to approve: Orv Dahl

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Motion to approve: Dave Braun

Motion declared carried.

William J. Spitzer, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell S. Dahl, Deputy Clerk