

MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
For Tuesday, June 24, 2014 held at 5:00 p.m. at
830 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmen:

John Schaber (absent)

Dave Braun

Orv Dahl

Wayne Getz

Mayor Bill Spitzer

STAFF PRESENT:

Janell Dahl (Deputy Clerk).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Hilmer (Press), Sammy Pietrzak (STAND); Sydney Loechler (STAND), Jeremy Hildman (STAND), Cathy Groebner, John Weiss (Post Bulletin), Senator Matt Schmit.

1. ESTABLISH QUOROM/CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established with Mayor Spitzer calling the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda: **Dave Braun**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

4. MEETING MINUTES:

-May 13, 2014

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

Motion carried.

-May 27, 2014

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

5. Notices and Communications. None

6. Review of Financials. None

7. Senator Matt Schmit

Senator Schmit gave the Council a brief update on legislative actions. He gave handouts to members explaining where the \$1.2 billion budget surplus went. Councilman Getz asked about monies for small communities to update their aging infrastructure, specifically water and sewer lines. Senator Schmit said that this is one topic that needs to be addressed in the future.

8. STAND Presentation

Jeremy Hildman from the Whitewater Coalition and two youth representatives, Sydney Loechler and Sammy Pietrzak gave a presentation on the work they have been doing towards the prevention of youth involvement with alcohol and drugs. They made several requests of the council to help them achieve these goals. They had posters of several signs around town which state things pertaining to the playground being closed after certain hours and no

alcohol during school events or on school property along with farms where parties are held and the local quarry which serves as a meet up place.

They explained to the Council that adults were observed with alcohol in coolers during line up for the Gladiolus Day Parade on school grounds. Another big concern is alcohol being consumed at the City Park during youth activities. They asked what the Council would recommend to stop some of these activities. Mayor Spitzer said that a pamphlet is handed out to each entrant of the parade that includes no alcohol on the school grounds or on the parade route. Councilman Braun said that they can also ask the police who patrol during the parade to watch for this. Mayor Spitzer referred them to the next Park Board meeting to do the presentation for them and make their requests. He also cautioned them that it might be a little harder to get "No alcohol" for the park because it is a public place. They asked about "alcohol free zones" at city parks and for there to be no alcohol during youth activities and near the playground equipment. Mayor Spitzer said we need to see if the property owner of the quarry would consider putting up some fencing or something to prevent entrance. Deputy Clerk Dahl said that she would ask Park/Rec. Director to include "STAND" on the agenda for their next meeting.

9. Public Transit Program

Councilman Getz asked if the ridership in Dover increases would we ask them to increase their share in the cost. Mayor Spitzer stated that the City of Dover will provide numbers for riders in their community and that an increase will be discussed at that time. Councilman Dahl expressed his support of this program and Mayor Spitzer said that Administrator Koverman said that the monies will be found and not impact the budget. Council asked Deputy Clerk Dahl to find out where the monies will be coming from within the budget and get back to them. Councilman Braun asked if there will be designated locations where riders will be picked up from and expressed his support that this is a good idea especially for the elderly. He also asked about advertising and Mayor Spitzer told them that there will be and that there is money in the advertising budget for this.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

10. Resolution #23-2014 Off-Site Gambling Permit-Hugh Watson Post 190

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

-None

Motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

Motion declared carried.

William J. Spitzer, Mayor

Attest: _____
Janell S. Dahl, Deputy Clerk