

**MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL  
For Tuesday, March 25, 2014 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 (absent)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Koverman (City Administrator).

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Price, Travis Lange, and Craig Hilmer.

**1. ESTABLISH QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER**

Quorum was established with Mayor Pro-Tem John Schaber calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda: **Dave Braun**  
No discussion.  
Motion carried.

**4. Notices and Communications.** Admin. Koverman briefly reviewed the findings of the Town Meeting Initiative meeting and the projects that the group would be working on to move forward.

**5. REVIEW OF FINANCIALS.** No comments.

**6. Rugby Wind Update-Gary Price.** Gary Price, the financial analyst and energy consultant for Upper Midwest Municipal Power Agency, provided the Council with a brief update on the Rugby Wind project. He expressed that the City is now able to meet its renewable energy requirement from the state out into the foreseeable future until such time that requirements are changed. The city was able to save approximately \$11,000 with the contract as the Rugby project provides approximately 18 percent of the City's total power. He also highlighted the renegotiated contract with DPC and the effects through 2013 that were very favorable to the UMMPA members. Because the new agreement is more market driven, the utilities are more susceptible to the fluctuations and the first part of 2014 reflected that market, but has since calmed after the extreme cold weather.

**7. Ordinance #568 Whispering Greens Vacation-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** Admin. Koverman reported that he had just met with the owners who had provided the easement agreements, but had misunderstood regarding a petition for vacation. The two parties agreed that they would draft and sign the necessary document to conclude the vacation. Admin. Koverman recommended an approval of the second reading contingent upon final receipt of the petition. A motion was made to approve the second reading of the vacation contingent upon the condition of receipt of the signed petition.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**  
No discussion.  
Motion carried.

**8. Resolution #06-2014 Liquor Licenses.** Admin. Koverman discussed the two requests for liquor licenses. A background check had been completed on the new licensees of the St. Charles Golf Course. He relayed that a favorable check was complete and that there would no reason not to permit the license. The second licensee was transferring their license due to a company name change. A motion was made to approve the resolution.

Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**  
No further discussion.  
Motion carried.

**9. Resolution #07-2014 Accepting a donation from SE MN EMS.** The Council briefly reviewed the grant from the SE MN EMS that was received by the St. Charles Ambulance department in the amount of \$2,000.00 toward the purchase of equipment associated with cot extensions for bariatric patients. A motion was made to approve the resolution.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**  
No discussion.  
Motion carried.

#### **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

-None

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.  
Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**  
Motion declared carried.

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**William J. Spitzer, Mayor**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nick Koverman, City Administrator**