

MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
For Tuesday, May 24, 2016 held at 6:00 p.m. at
830 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmen:
David Kramer
Dave Braun
Orv Dahl
Wayne Getz
Mayor John Schaber

STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Frank (Police Chief), Cris Gastner, EDA Director and Nick Koverman (City Administrator).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Bubany, Sonya Bubany, Chris Mahn, Ethan Mahn, Dan White, Paul Schmitt, Jeff Mintz, Geno Wentz, Tim Haltom, and Jill Veerkamp (St. Charles Press).

1. ESTABLISH QUOROM/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 the agenda: **David Kramer**
No discussion.
Motion carried.

4. Notices and Communications. Admin. Koverman highlighted that the St. Charles Board of Education would be holding an informational meeting on June 2 at 7 p.m. to take comment and listen to suggestions regarding the recently failed referendum. In addition, a 6-question survey will be mailed and will be available online as well. Supt. Mark Roubinek inquired as to whether or not City Hall could serve as a drop off point for surveys. Mayor Schaber expressed that he did not have an issue and the Council agreed with him. No other communications were given.

5. Review of Financials. No questions.

6. Pack 54 Certificate of Appreciation. Chris Mahn addressed the Council and thanked them for their support and relayed the support of the City and various other community groups that it would not be possible. He presented the City Council and Mayor Schaber with a certificate of appreciation.

7. Public Hearing—Business Subsidy Agreement. Mayor Schaber reviewed the process of speaking and time allotment per individual. He then called for a meeting to open the public hearing. A motion to open the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. was made.

Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Schaber then invited Cris Gastner, director of the EDA, to speak first. Mr. Gastner briefly highlighted the meeting where the subsidy was discussed as far as the city participating with the request of 4.09 acres. He highlighted the benefits of the proposed 10 jobs starting and increasing to potentially 25 as well as being a large utility customer, or even the city's largest. He then introduced Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates to discuss the business subsidy. Mr. Bubany reviewed the information with the Council regarding the proposed repayment of a portion of the subsidy through Tax Increment Finance collections. According to Mr. Bubany, the tax generated would only recoup approximately \$65,000 of the \$267,000 subsidy in the form of land. However, he added that given the number of jobs and utilities generated that could be used to repay the investment, that would this subsidy be offered, none of the jobs would be created or the utilities generated. No questions were asked by the Council. Mayor Schaber called for any other public comment. Dan White at 730 Whitewater Avenue addressed the council and expressed his excitement for the project and welcomed the group. Jeff Mintz, CEO of Envirolastech, addressed the Council and expressed that they are working with the local banks and are excited to begin the project. He stressed that meeting the 10 job requirement will not be a difficult undertaking. The mayor called for further comment once, twice, three times. Hearing no further comment, he called for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion to close the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. was made.

Motion to close: **Orv Dahl**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

8. Resolution #12-2016 Approving Business Subsidy-Envirolastech. Mayor Schaber brought forward the proposed resolution. He asked Council if there were any further questions. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

Seconded by: **David Kramer**

No further discussion.

Motion

9. LELS—Approval of Memorandum of Understanding. Police Chief Ken Frank addressed the Council and highlighted within the packet the proposed Memorandum of Understanding from Law Enforcement Labor Services. Admin. Koverman also added that because the item of salary fell within the bargaining right of the LELS, the discussion with the union steward and business agent was required. Koverman then highlighted various pieces of language for the Council as well as the proposed salary scale that remained within the City's Pay Equity compliance guideline. He illustrated that for the benefits as outlined by Chief Frank prior of the additional command structure, investigation component, and general depth it could provide, the difference between the top Patrol salary and the top end of the proposed Sergeant was just over \$3,900. Clm. Getz stated that he felt that the City would be best to not change what we have and to simply advertise for a patrolman. Clm. Braun agreed and stated that the department has run without one since he has lived in town. Clm. Kramer stated that he saw the wage difference as a relatively modest expense for the additional capability and depth it provided to the department. He moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion to approve: David Kramer

Mayor Schaber expressed that he could see the usefulness of the position, but that in approving the Memorandum it did not lock the city in. and use those funds for something else and did not agree with the position.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Dan White at 730 Whitewater Avenue welcomed the new company representatives. He talked about hoping to increase participation at senior dining and encouraged continued public transit participation as well.

Motion to adjourn at 6:40p.m.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

Motion declared carried.

John Schaber, Mayor

Attest: _____

Nick Koverman, City Administrator