

MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
For Tuesday, September 24, 2013 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:

Ken Frank (Police Chief) and Nick Koverman (City Administrator).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Hilmer (St. Charles Press) and Adam Muschler.

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. Notices and Communications. Admin. Koverman informed the Council that the St. Charles Fire Department was awarded a \$2,500 grant for boots. City Accountant Kristine Huinker applied for the department and this was the second grant received in 2 years from the AgStar program. Fire Prevention Week will be October 6-12 and activities are planned.

5. REVIEW OF FINANCIALS. No comments.

6. Police Officer Recommendations. Chief Frank presented his recommendation for the hiring of two full-time officers as Gerald Agin and Jose Pelaez. He highlighted their qualifications and expressed that it was a very difficult decision between the 5 qualified officers. He commended the Council for their decision to move forward with the internal hiring as he projected it saved the city several thousand dollars in training, etc. Clm. Dahl also expressed that he was glad that the committee felt there were qualified internal candidates. Mayor Spitzer expressed that various areas of growth were identified with all of the officers, but that he was confident in the selection. Clm. Schaber also recognized the difficulty of the process, but commended Chief Frank and the committee and supported the selection.

A motion was made to approve the hiring of Gerald Agin and Jose Pelaez to full-time status.

Motion to approve: **John Schaber**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

7. Truth In Taxation Presentation Date. Mayor Spitzer presented the Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7 p.m. for the Truth In Taxation Presentation date for approval. A motion was made.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

8. Homecoming Bonfire Request. Adam Muschler presented a request to the Council for assistance and a waiver of the \$100 fee for the annual Homecoming bonfire. The Council thanked Mr. Muschler for his attendance and asked that he relay to the Student Council that they aid the city in making the events safe. A motion was made to approve the request as presented.

Motion to approve: **Dave Braun**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

9. Homecoming Police Patrols. Chief Frank addressed the Council expressing concerns that he has heard from the community regarding the safety of our youth and the property damage done during Homecoming. He conveyed to the Council and sought support as he stressed that officers will be enforcing curfew and traffic laws. He also plans on having extra patrols and seeking assistance from the County Sheriff's Department. The Council concurred with Chief Frank agreeing that safety was their number one priority during not only this time of year, but year round.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.: **Orv Dahl**

No further discussion.

Motion declared carried.

William J. Spitzer, Mayor

Attest: _____
Nick Koverman, City Administrator