

**MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 held at 7:00 p.m. at
830 Whitewater Avenue,
St. Charles, Minnesota**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmen:

John Schaber

Dave Braun

Orv Dahl (absent)

Wayne Getz

Mayor Bill Spitzer

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Koverman, Administrator

Kyle Karger, Public Works Supt.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Engstrom (WHKS Engineering).

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA: 7. Coalition Greater MN Cities (REMOVED). 9. Juhl Wind (REMOVED), 11. August 10th Council meeting date change.

Motion to Approve: John Schaber

Seconded by: Orv Dahl

Motion declared carried

4. Notices and Communications:

Mayor Spitzer thanked those who helped with Ronald McDonald Ride

5. Review of Financials

Clm. Schaber questioned some of the overages in the Advertising Fund for Admin. Koverman to answer.

6. Cassie Leppien-Administrative Assistant. Ms. Leppien introduced herself to the Council and thanked them for the opportunity.

7. Comprehensive Street Inventory. City Engineer Rick Engstrom presented the comprehensive street program. After reviewing the conditions of the streets he broke the conditions into the following categories: excellent 52 %, good 26%, fair 8%, poor 5%, and bad 1.7%. There are a total of 28 miles of roads in St. Charles. He expressed that since 2005 when the City completed its street project prices have increased from \$35/ton to \$60/ton. Discussion was held with regard to the cost of the poor and bad streets and how they should be given consideration over the next few years. Supt. Karger discussed an idea of a pull behind paver that could be used to patch larger sections of bad road and then applying a seal coating. This could be a cost effective solution, but more information would be needed before bringing a recommendation to the Council. He also provided a brief update on the Whitewater Avenue project and how utilizing the crew to cut the curbs after working with MNDOT for approval saved \$50,000 in new curb and made it feasible to finish the project.

8. 2011 Budget. Admin. Koverman discussed the upcoming budget season and proposed two strategies for reviewing the governmental versus the enterprise funds budgets. Either option would work, but an option that focused on the governmental funds first would provide ample time for the September 14 certification date stipulated by the County. The additional benefit would be to gain more historic data with regard to water, sewer and electric when making a determination for rates and projects. Admin. Koverman also asked

Council for direction with regard to budgets and moving forward. His recommendation was to hold steady and look for minimal increases given the uncertainty of LGA, state revenues, and the continuation of the levy cap. However, maxing the levy as the Council did last year would still seem prudent at this juncture due to levy restrictions and the State's ability to unallot. Clm. Schaber voiced his desire to stay we were at and Clm. Dahl agreed. Council also agreed to move ahead with the second budgeting option which would focus on the governmental levy first and the enterprise funds second.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

9. Regular Council meeting date change. Due to the Tuesday, August 10th primary election, the Council agreed that Wednesday, August 11 would be acceptable to hold the regular meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION-Administrator Review.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion: John Schaber

Seconded Dave Braun

Motion carried.

Motion to open closed meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion: John Schaber

Seconded: Wayne Getz

Motion carried.

Motion to close closed meeting and open regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion John Scabber

Seconded: Dave Braun

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.: Wayne Getz

Seconded by: Orv Dahl

Motion declared carried.

ATTEST

William J. Spitzer, Mayor

Nick Koverman, Administrator