

**MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. STEVE WEBER, CHAIR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni,
Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner

Absent: Ald. Gehm

3. Administrative

a. Video Gaming Reports – September 2023 – no comments

4. Omnibus Vote

There was no Omnibus vote.

5. Police Department

a. Recommendation to approve an **Ordinance** Amending Title 9 “Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare,” Chapter 9.09 “Fighting,” Section 9.09.010 “Fighting Prohibited” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Chief Keegan clarified that this item is an amendment, not a repeal, of the Ordinance. It is used to combat unruly behavior, including when the police cannot discern which of the two fighting parties is the aggressor. This amendment was recommended by a hearing officer in a recent case and it allows the police to issue citations in situations where a battered party is unwilling to file a complaint.

A change in the maximum fine contained in the Ordinance, from \$500 to \$750 was discussed.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 9 “Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare,” Chapter 9.09 “Fighting,” Section 9.09.010 “Fighting Prohibited” of the St. Charles Municipal Code, including a change in the fine level for first offense to \$750.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Gehm. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. Fire Department

- a. Recommendation to approve A **Resolution** Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and Adoption of the 2022 MABAS Master Agreement.

Chief Swanson recommends the City continue to participate in the MABAS and approve the master agreement for the box alarm system, which is used throughout Kane County. It has been approximately 12 years since this agreement was updated. It allows communities to summon assistance in cases of significant emergency.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to recommend approval of A **Resolution** Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and Adoption of the 2022 MABAS Master Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Gehm. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

7. Finance Department

- a. Recommendation to approve a **Resolution** Authorizing Approval of a Three-Year Agreement for Professional Auditing Services from Sikich, LLP.

Bill Hannah explained that this year's audit was the last in the 5-year series. He recommends Sikich continue as the City's audit firm because of the quality of services, knowledge of the industry, experience, and ability to meet deadlines. The fee increase for the new 3-year service agreement is 1.9%. The finance team expects some personnel transitions over the next several years, and this will allow for stability in audit services.

Motion by Ald. Bongard, second by Ald. Lencioni to recommend approval of a Three-Year Agreement for Professional Auditing Services from Sikich, LLP.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Gehm. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

8. Public Comment - None

9. Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff – None

10. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Gehm. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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