

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Aldr. Stellato, Chairman Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Lemke, Aldr. Vitek, Aldr. Pietryla, Aldr. Bessner, Aldr. Lewis

**Members Absent:** Aldr. Turner, Aldr. Bancroft

**Others Present:** Mayor Raymond Rogina; City Administrator Mark Koenen; Peter Suhr, Director of Public Works; Chris Adesso, Assistant Director of Public Works; Paul Hopkins, Public Works Manager - Electric Services; AJ Reineking, Public Works Manager – Public Services; Tim Wilson, Public Works Manager - Environmental Services; Ken Jay, Public Works Manager - Engineering; Jim Keegan, Police Chief; Rich Clark, Commander of Special Services; Scott Swanson, Acting Fire Chief

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call**

**K. Dobbs:**

**Stellato:** Present  
**Silkaitis:** Present  
**Payleitner:** Present  
**Lemke:** Present  
**Turner:** Absent  
**Bancroft:** Absent  
**Vitek:** Present  
**Pietryla:** Present  
**Bessner:** Present  
**Lewis:** Present

**3.a. Electric Reliability Report – Information only.**

**3.b. Natural Resources Commission Minutes – Information only.**

4. **OMNIBUS VOTE – Items with an asterisk (\*)** are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion.

**Items \*6.b, \*6.c, \*6.d**

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Lemke, seconded by Aldr. Bessner. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

- 5.a. **Recommendation to Update Title 10 “Vehicles and Traffic” of the City Ordinance, to Include Modifications to Chapter 10.11 “Rules of the Road”, Section 10.11.2100 “Intersections where stop or yield required”.**

**Commander Rich Clark presented.** A group of residents originally requested the City to study the intersection for the purposes for identify the needs for identifying safety modifications. In turn, the City requested the services of Christopher B. Burke Engineering to perform an in-depth study of the intersection to help determine if any improvements were needed.

Presentation by Rich Clark.

**Aldr. Bessner:** Thank you very much; we have been looking at this intersection for probably ten years. Once those four signs are in will the flashing reflectors stay?

**Commander Clark:** Yes.

**Aldr. Lewis:** What is the criteria that it meets?

**Commander Clark:** It had mostly to do with site-line obstruction as you are westbound on Oak, there is a large tree as well as other brush that can't just be removed. Crash data was significantly high. It was right at the threshold, out of the 13 crashes that occurred, 10 of which were angled, returning crashes with the highest percentage of injury, so that obviously played a role.

**Aldr. Payleitner:** Are we privy to the study results? I have a second ward citizens who want stop signs and are told it doesn't meet the criteria. I'm wondering what the criteria is here so I can explain why when they come asking why there is one here when it didn't meet criteria.

**Commander Clark:** I can give you exactly what they need to do. We field those questions and do studies all the time.

**Aldr. Payleitner:** I understand, but the citizens by me say they are told there haven't been enough car accidents and I feel we have to do better than that – the whole idea is to

prevent car accidents. So to have to have a bunch of car accidents to prevent car accidents doesn't make a lot of sense to me. Who made the recommendation once all the data was in?

**Commander Clark:** It originally came from the engineering firm themselves and staff discussed the pros and cons.

**Aldr. Payleitner:** Who makes the call to have the engineering firm do the assessment?

**Chief Keegan:** This was a controversial location; Aldr. Pietryla and Aldr. Vitek had a number of citizenry come out twice and then with what happened with Haines and Thompson and the School District, we decided to outsource this to get an independent, transparent recommendation. Typically, we do that in-house. For accident data and traffic counts; once again, those thresholds were not met so we decided to do the engineering study. There were still some discretionary options that allowed us to make a decision and we went with their recommendation to move forward with the four-way stop. We don't outsource unless it's like a situation like this.

**Aldr. Payleitner:** I understand; if the criteria isn't met in-house so you need to have somebody outside make that decision.

**Commander Clark:** Often times that is the response that residents want is a stop sign and many times we work through these issues, that isn't always the solution. Often times, some of the stop signs that are erected aren't done so by following the national standards.

**Aldr. Lemke:** One of the issues we continually have on our corner is that traffic goes too fast and people want to put in a row of stop signs. That would not be good criteria, is that correct?

**Commander Clark:** That is correct. A stop sign is not to be used as a speed deterrent. In doing so, you can end up with an issue where you can increase crashes; there are a number of things that go into the placement itself.

**Aldr. Payleitner:** The new configuration is a little better, but to turn left on 7<sup>th</sup>, I've had to wait at least 3 or 4 lights when school is getting out because of all the parents picking up. I'm wondering if a stop sign there is going to affect that well; will it further back things up?

**Commander Clark:** I've personally worked closely with John Baird at the school district; we will be addressing that with them.

**Aldr. Lewis:** What are the parking restrictions near that intersection? Can you park on both sides, or not at all?

**Commander Clark:** That is a good question, but I don't know.

**Aldr. Lewis:** We have the same issue at Davis, Horne & 7<sup>th</sup>; so you may want to think about no parking signs.

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Stellato, seconded by Aldr. Vitek. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

**6.a. Presentation of Curbside Composting Services.**

**Chris Adesso presented.**

No further discussion.

**\*6.b. Recommendation to approve an Update to City's Bridge Closure Policy, henceforth known as the Fox River Monitoring Policy.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

**\*6.c. Recommendation to approve the award of One 2020 Ford F550 to Sutton Ford and to Sell the Replaced Ford F550 #1956.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

**\*6.d. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Appointing Peter J. Suhr to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

**7. Executive Session**

None.

**8. Additional items from Mayor, Council, Staff or Citizens.**

None.

**9. Move to Adjourn Government Services Committee Meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

Motion by Aldr. Lemke, seconded by Aldr. Pietryla. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**