

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Comm. Churchill, in Chair. Nagy's absence.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Lee Haggas, Jeff Mengler, Laura Miller Hill, Suzi Myers; Student Member, Deetya Solanki.

Absent: Heather Goudreau, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Meagan Provencher.

City Staff Present: Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

Visitors Present: Debi Mader.

3. Minutes Review and Approval.

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the October 12, 2023 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Miller Hill, second by Comm. Mengler to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:11 p.m.

4. Commissioner Resignation

On behalf of Chair. Nagy, Comm. Churchill read a letter of resignation submitted by Comm. Ryan Johnson. To avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, Comm. Johnson resigned from the NRC due to his professional position as Biologist with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fox River Connectivity and Habitat Study. Comm. Johnson's expertise and commitment to the NRC will be missed.

5. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach.

Comm. Myers circulated a sign-up sheet for 2024 articles for The Den newsletter, and encouraged all members to write a brief article on a NRC-related topic.

Comm. Myers reported the Bird City application remains in progress.

B. Engagement.

In Comm. Goudreau's absence, Comm. Myers reported on the success of this year's pumpkin smash: 1,273 pumpkins were collected for recycling; 225 vehicles from 10 different towns came to Public Works for the event; and 2 persons came on foot with wagons full of pumpkins.

C. Advisory.

None.

D. Ad-Hoc.

In Chair. Nagy's absence, Comm. Churchill reported there is not yet wide support among members of City Council for a single-use plastic bag ordinance.

6. Communications – Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports

Motion to approve and place on file the Public Services Division tree activity reports for October 2023. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Myers to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:32 p.m.

7. Additional Items

A. Commissioners

None.

B. City Staff

None.

C. Visitor(s)

Debi Mader introduced herself to all present. Ms. Mader was in attendance as a private citizen of St. Charles to discuss a community meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th regarding "Tri-Cities' Coal Problem and What We Can Do About It."

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Haggas to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:34 p.m.