

MINUTES
ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
LORA A. VITEK, MAYOR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 E. MAIN STREET

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vitek at 7:01 pm.

2. Roll Call.

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

Absent: Ald. Silkaitis

3. Invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Presentations.

6. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus Vote.

Items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

***7. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to accept and place on file minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 5, 2024.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

***8. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve and authorize issuance of vouchers from the Expenditure Approval List for the period of 1/22/2024 – 2/4/2024 in the amount of \$3,180,597.36.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

- *9 Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve Budget Revisions for January 2024.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried

I. Old Business

- A. None.

II. New Business

- A. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Lencioni to approve recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve the appointment of Conrad Newell to the Dam Task Force.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried
- B. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Bongard to approve recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve the appointment of Brian Pohrte to the Dam Task Force.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried
- C. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Muenz to approve recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve the appointment of Ald. Ryan Bongard to the Dam Task Force.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried
- D. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Gehm to approve recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve the appointment of Ald. Paul Lencioni to the Dam Task Force.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried
- E. Motion by Ald. Lencioni second by Ald. Pietryla to approve recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve the appointment of Ald. Bryan Wirball to the Dam Task Force.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried

III. Committee Reports

A. Government Operations

1. Motion by Ald. Weber second by Ald. Wirball to approve an **Ordinance 2024-M-1** amending Title 13 “Public Utilities” Chapter 13.12 “Sewers,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard.
Motion Carried
2. Motion by Ald. Weber second by Ald. Wirball to approve an **Ordinance 2024-M-2** amending Title 13 “Public Utilities” Chapter 13.16 “Water,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Lencioni
Motion Carried
3. Motion by Ald. Weber second by Ald. Wirball to approve An **Ordinance 2024-M-3** amending Ordinance No. 2023-M-17 with regard to the Deferred Imposition of a Municipal Push Tax on Plays of Video Gaming Terminals.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Lencioni
Motion Carried
- *4. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve a **Resolution 2024-5** Creating a Task Force Regarding the Impact of the St. Charles Dam.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Lencioni
Motion Carried
- *5. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve a **Resolution 2024-6** for a Lease License Agreement with the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office for Digital Forensic Services and Use of the St. Charles Police Department’s Digital Laboratory and Associated Office Space.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Lencioni
Motion Carried
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Lencioni
Motion Carried
- *6. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to accept and place on file minutes of the February 5, 2024, Government Operations Committee meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: Ald. Lencioni
Motion Carried

B. Government Services
None

C. Planning and Development

- *1. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve a **Resolution 2024-7** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Execute a Certain Sales Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement Between the City of St. Charles and Fox Valley Buick-GMC, Inc.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried
- *2. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve an **Ordinance 2024-Z-1** Granting Approval of Easement Vacation Plat and Detention Easement Plat for 2651 E. Main St. (St. Charles Toyota)
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.
Motion Carried
3. Motion by Ald. Lencioni second by Ald. Gehm to approve a **Resolution 2024-8** Establishing the 2024 Inclusionary Housing Fee In-lieu Amount.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Nays: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Weber.
Motion Carried

9. Public Comment

- **Mayor Vitek:**
The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA), formally approved the Form of New Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement for the Period October 1, 2035, through May 31, 2055 just this past Thursday, February 15th. This means that the new agreement can officially be offered to all of the IMEA Member Agencies including St. Charles. IMEA has asked its members to consider the new contract offer over the next 14 months and to provide a decision by April 30, 2025. Staff is preparing a series of discussions on this topic starting at the beginning of April.
- **Henry Renken**
Mr. Renken read a letter he shared with the City Council. In the letter he outlines his research into IMEA's business practices. His letter also addresses what is wrong with the

IMEA contract along with the timelines the City of St. Charles is facing. Finally, Mr. Renken provides alternative actions for the City Council to consider.

- **Martha Guess**

Ms. Guess encouraged the city Council to create a task force to investigate the contracts and alternatives for St. Charles electrical services. She mentioned an information meeting to be held at North Central College on March 18. A speaker will discuss the Nextera contract.

10. Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff

Mayor Vitek:

- Wished Director Gunderson and Tara Strachan a happy birthday.
- Extended condolences to the family of John Duerr.
- Mentioned she and Ald. Wirball visited Anderson Humane.
- Congratulated two state wrestling champions from St. Charles East.

11. No Executive Session

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

12. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

Nancy Garrison, City Clerk

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