

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 E. MAIN STREET ST. CHARLES, IL 60174

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rogina called the Public Hearing to order at **6:45 P.M.**

2. Roll Call.

Present: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner
Bancroft, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

Absent: Vitek

3. Presentation.

Public Hearing concerning passage of the Proposed Annual City Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Chris Minick, Finance Director reviewed and discussed details of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 proposed annual budget for the City of St. Charles.

The presentation of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget was given on March 19, 2018.

Mayor Rogina: Thank you Mr. Minick.

Have there been any written comments filed in the Clerks' Office?

a. Public Comment.

- No written comments received in Clerk's Office.

b. Council Comment.

Ald. Turner: Somewhere down the road if we enact the gas tax how does that affect the budget?

Chris Minick: If we were to implement the gas tax effective in 18/19 it would reduce the amount of reserves need to finance the capital programs. It would provide additional revenues and stand in for the reserves that we anticipate utilizing to fund the capital programs. It would have a positive impact.

Ald. Lewis: The \$212,000 coming from the reserves; that will go to the list of capital projects?

Chris Minick: It would fund the capital program over all. We don't necessarily identify specific revenue sources for most of the capital projects identified. In this particular case we would using in for roadway improvements.

Ald. Lewis: That's where you're short, for roadway improvements.

Chris Minick: If we were to remove the element of reserves; we would have to focus on expenditure reductions. I think it would be Council's prerogative or we would make some suggestions, it may or may not be roadway improvements, it may be some other

projects. If there were particular projects the Council had in mind to see reduced or removed that would be how we would get there.

Ald. Lewis: With this \$212,000; I don't want to see either done. I would prefer to see some sort of balance without using reserves or the gas tax. That's my opinion. But, with this \$212,000 you will be able to fully fund every one of those projects.

Chris Minick: Correct.

Mayor Rogina: In nine years there have been no new taxes on the levy, either property or sales. Yes, there have been license increases, and utility increases, but as far as the corporate budget is concerned there have been no new taxes in the last nine years.

Chris Minick: There was the alcohol tax.

Mayor Rogina: I didn't know if that was 2008 or 2009. Within the last 2 years because we levied \$12,055,000 flat, and because EAV has gone up in the last couple years the citizenry of St. Charles as far as their property tax is concerned received a tax decrease. The rate has gone down.

Also, regarding the sales tax, Mayor Burns, Mayor Scheilke and I had a meeting with Congressman Hultgren. We presented him with a letter stating that we would ask for federal assistance, and we'll ask our representative at the state level the same, to look at e-commerce as a means of a revenue source. The reason being is Amazon and the internet take over a lot of the sales tax. That sales tax issue is going to be, in my opinion, a challenging thing to expand.

4. Adjournment.

Motion by Stellato, seconded by Turner, to adjourn meeting

VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Charles Amenta, City Clerk

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