

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
CHAIRPERSON ED BESSNER  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Silkaitis, Balla, Payleitner, Bongard, Pietryla, Wirball, Bessner, Weber

**Absent:** Bancroft, Lencioni

**3. 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.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes; Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**4. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**A. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to award Additional Budgeted Funds to Hooper Corporation for Electric Distribution Reinforcement and Upgrade Replacement Services.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve item 4.A.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**B. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance to approve Replacing Existing City Code 13.08.320 titled “Renewable Generation Energy Purchase Policy” with a new “Customer Self-Generation Net Metering Policy” in Accordance with the Newly Enacted State of Illinois “Climate and Equitable Jobs Act”.**

Aldr. Payleitner asked if this has always been our practice and Mr. Hopkins replied yes.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Bongard to approve item 4.B.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**C. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance to Approve Replacing Existing City Code 13.08.315 titled “Interconnection Services for On-Site Generation Facilities” with a new “Customer-Owned Generating Facilities Interconnection Agreement” in Accordance with the Newly Enacted State of Illinois “Climate and Equitable Jobs Act”.**

Aldr. Silkaitis asked if a resident wanted to put a solar panel on their roof without going through the City, would they still have to follow this permitting process? Mr. Hopkins replied if it’s not going to be connected to the City utility and not connected to your panel; otherwise it must go through the permitting process. Aldr. Silkaitis stated the permitting process is long; Mr. Hopkins replied that Green Energy is a positive thing, but from a Utility perspective, there is more to it than meets the eye. Aldr. Silkaitis asked if we have any customers that are on this program and Mr. Hopkins stated we have 20 solar installations total; 17 residential, 1 small commercial, 1 large industrial and 1 pending.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked if anyone is in the process of doing one and Mr. Hopkins stated when this was enacted and Municipalities and Co-Ops had 180 days to get this done, we put a moratorium on new applications, so there have not been any new ones in several months.

Aldr. Wirball asked what the process was to apply for this and Mr. Hopkins replied that the process starts in Building & Code Enforcement and then it will be distributed to other departments who are involved.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if the State is offering incentives for solar installations and if we anticipate an uptick in applications; Mr. Hopkins replied that the Federal Government offers an incentive, but he doesn’t know about the State.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve item 4.C.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**D. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to award the Bid for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals.**

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve item 4.D.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**E. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to approve Well #7 and #13 Interconnect Construction Project.**

Aldr. Wirball if this project this will address capacity issues and Mr. Wilson responded that it will start to address the capacity issues; there are several steps, and this is the first step.

Aldr. Bongard asked what the potential impacts are going to be to residents and Mr. Wilson stated there are two businesses adjacent to the project. We have already been in contact with them because we will have to use one of their parking lots, but residents will not be affected. Aldr. Pietryla asked if traffic on Randall Road will be affected and Mr. Wilson stated we will shut down one turn lane for a short period of time.

Aldr. Weber asked that once everything is removed, will the land be developable again, and Mr. Wilson stated no, we still need access when we need to maintain that well.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve item 4.E.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**F. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the City of St. Charles to borrow funds from the IEPA Water Pollution Control Loan Program for Riverside Lift Station.**

Aldr. Payleitner asked if the new public bathrooms will be open all the time or only for an event and Mr. Wilson stated they will be open all the time; it will be on our key scan system, so they will be open during certain times.

Aldr. Wirball asked what the time frame is for the additional parking lot; Mr. Wilson responded there is no time frame as this project is going to take two years and we haven't put the additional parking into any long term planning, but it will be, depending on the City's goals and budget priorities.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if the Camp Kane Foundation asked us to develop the parking and Mr. Wilson said no, they have not asked us to build it or fund it. They only asked us to lay it out so they could see that what we are proposing was in line with their master plan.

Aldr. Balla asked if we are replacing the number of parking spots in kind and Mr. Wilson said it's close. Aldr. Balla stated the proposed parking lot gets steep and Mr. Wilson said we haven't delved into that, there has been no engineering or long term studies.

Aldr. Silkaitis said this could all tie in to where they are going to build the mansion.

Aldr. Bongard asked if there was any pushback about relocating the monument and Mr. Wilson stated no, they have been great to work with.

Chairperson Bessner asked if the generator is relatively quiet and Mr. Wilson stated yes, it's relatively quiet and enclosed behind a fence.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Weber to approve item 4.F.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**G. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to approve Riverside Lift Station Construction Project.**

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Bongard to approve item 4.G.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**H. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute an Agreement for Lawn Mowing Services with Milieu Landscaping.**

Aldr. Pietryla asked if it is common to have a 5-year contract and Mr. Reineking stated in cases like this, from a staff perspective it is advantageous to develop a relationship with a contractor who gets to know the City. This first year is anticipated to be tough, but as they build familiarity, it starts to go smoothly.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if the rate will go up or if we are locked in; Mr. Reineking stated we are locked in, and if we add any parcels, we have per acre and per hour prices and we can cancel at any time if they are not meeting the contract.

Aldr. Balla asked how much our previous contract was and Mr. Reineking responded we were with Cornerstone Partners at \$136,000/year and right now we are at \$143,900/year. During the past year, we added 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Creek parcels and some easements that were not in the previous scope. We also increased the frequency on some parcels; previously we had them at monthly and found that monthly wasn't working well so we moved those parcels up to bi-weekly. These changes are reflected in the price.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve item 4.H.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**I. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a 5-Year Contract for Janitorial Services.**

Aldr. Silkaitis asked who our current contractor is; Mr. Reineking stated it is Dukane Contractors and they did not bid this.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve item 4.I.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**\*J. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to award the Contract Extension for Water Treatment Salt.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**\*K. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to award the Bid for Fire Hydrant Painting.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**\*L. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to Waive the Formal Bid Procedure and award Proposal for Eastside Lift Station Pump Replacement.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

**\*M. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to authorizing Application to Kane County Riverboat Grant Program.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

- \*N. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Items of Personal Property owned by the City of St. Charles via an online auction to the highest bidder.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

- O. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Limited License Agreement with Zayo Group LLC for Fiber Installation within St. Charles Rights-of-Way.**

\*\* Aldr. Pietryla recused himself from item 4.O.

Chairperson Bessner asked if they will use poles in place, and Mr. Hopkins stated it is all underground.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Payleitner to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, STAFF OR CITIZENS**

None.

## **7. MOTION TO ADJOURN GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Bongard to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried.**

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