

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 E. MAIN STREET ST. CHARLES, IL 60174**

- 1. Call To Order By Mayor Don DeWitte At 7:00 P.M.**
- 2. Roll Call.**
Present: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

Absent: None
- 3. Invocation Alder. Payleitner.**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Presentation: Life Saving Award presented to Officer Steve Heike**
- 6. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve the Omnibus Vote as presented.**
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED
- *7. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to accept and place on files minutes of the the regular City Council meeting held on May 16, 2011.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- *8. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve and authorize issuance of vouchers from the Expenditure Approval List as of June 2, 2011 in the amount of \$2,863,757.03 and the Hand-Issued List of June 2, 2011 in the amount of \$87,129.28.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

I. New Business

- *A. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a proclamation commemorating Association for Individual Development on their 50-Year Anniversary.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- *B. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a proclamation declaring Dennis and Maureen McGushin as Honorary Ambassadors for the St. Charles High School Boys Lacrosse Club.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- C. Motion by Rogina, seconded by Bessner to recommend approval of a Class D3 liquor license for Pottawatomie Golf Course located at 845 North 2nd Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174.

Mayor DeWitte: This is a Class D liquor license and because the golf season is up and running, we have moved this to the Council agenda for consideration by the Council. The application has been submitted and the Police Department has signed off.

Ald. Payleitner: I have an understanding that there is a no alcohol policy in place for park district facilities. Is that correct?

Mr. Skubisz, 3805 King James Court, St. Charles: The Park Board has changed the policy specifically for Pottawatomie Golf Club. They had to do that before we could submit the application to the City.

Ald. Payleitner: So this just applies to the golf course?

Mr. Skubisz: It applies to Pottawatomie Golf Club only.

Mayor DeWitte: If they wanted to serve alcohol through other facilities, they would have to submit an alternative application for that specific location.

Ald. Stellato: What exactly is Class D? What can they serve under a Class D liquor license?

Mayor DeWitte: The request is for beer only at this point. So the license will be issued to sell beer only.

Ald. Stellato: So has there been any discussion about the safety? The pool is right there next to the golf course.

Mr. Skubisz: It is, no doubt, one of the primary concerns we have because one of the major concerns is that Pottawatomie's entire park is a family place and the golf course is part of that. And, again the proximity of the pool was an important concern. But one of the steps we have taken is that there's an outdoor area where you can sit and have food and beverage there, but it will be separated by a tennis fence by a covering so you won't be able to see the pool. There is no direct entrance from the pool to the golf course without going around and in. We are not going to promote with any beer signs. There will be no sales or promotions or happy hours and there will not be any variety. It will strictly be a bottle. There will be no kegs. This is a very low key wish. My belief is that Disney is also a very family oriented place but they seem to be able to maintain that balance. We're aware of it. Junior program is a gigantic issue at the golf course and we just have to be on our toes and be aware of it so that the two have to co-exist peacefully.

Ald. Martin: There will be no beer carts and will the golfers be allowed to take their beer on the course with them or are they restricted to drinking it within the enclosed area?

Mr. Skubisz: There will be no beer carts. The belief is if the license allows it, that is what we are wishing for, that after it has been purchased in the Club House it can be taken out to the course but we will have to follow not to become a packaged alcohol seller, that we would allow one per person. You cannot come in and buy eight bottles. It would be one per person only to be taken out to the course.

Mayor DeWitte: If the license is issued to the Pro Shop, does the golf course associated with that Pro Shop become the premises of the licensed address, where someone buys a bottle from the Pro Shop and throws it in their bag and takes it out on the course.

Atty. Good: The way it is written it does not limit that.

Ald. Lewis: What was your thinking in doing this? Why did you decide you wanted to do this?

Mr. Skubisz: One, Pottawatomie is like a private course to a lot of people. Something that people have a very deep feeling for. If I were to bring a guest/friend to come and play the course and the service was good and the golfing was great, it's a park like setting, the service was great; and the person says thanks, now let's go in and go over our scores. That's great as long as we get in our cars and drive down the street. This creates a certain disconnect in the service we had and secondly, the golf industry is a very difficult industry right now and I don't think we can just close our eyes at the possible revenue source that would be occurring anyways. When we empty out our garbage cans there are beer cans that we didn't catch that are in our garbage cans. The thought was there is no beer at Pottawatomie before, the beer was kind of snuck on anyways. The goal is if the beer was purchased there, it would be very distinctive ones that we are going

to sell. So that was our purpose to try and create our service for a longer level than we had before without that disconnect.

Ald. Lewis: So it is open to anyone? You don't have to be a golfer to buy a beer there?

Mr. Skubisz: You can't take it onto the property and just start walking. You can sit at the table outside or inside if you'd like.

Ald. Martin: Are the servers required to be BASSET trained?

Mr. Skubisz: Yes, our entire staff will be getting trained on Wednesday.

Ald. Carrignan: I just think this is a chink in the armour for the whole Park District thing and am not really comfortable moving, at least from my eyes right now. On Sunday afternoons I see a lot of kids and families – I'm not ready to vote yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: NAY: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Martin, Krieger, Lewis
AYE: Rogina, Bessner ABSENT: 0

Motion fails to approve a Class D3 liquor license for Pottawatomie Golf Course located at 845 North 2nd Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174.

Mr. Skubicz: There is a strong depth of feeling that this is going to lead to having a bar and I understand this. We don't have a bar and will not have a bar. This will be similar to having a refrigerator in your home and we would have only two varieties at most under very strict guidance. The reasons for this are what I previously expressed. The Park District Board had these same questions when they authorized me to be here.

Mayor DeWitte: Unless anyone is willing to make a reconsideration motion, this issue dies due to lack of approval. You are welcome to come back and reapply if there is something on how you intend to implement this into your program would change, but at this point the motion fails.

D. Motion by Carrignan, seconded by Turner to approve an **Ordinance 2011-M-23** Establishing a Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

Rita Tungare: I am proposing that this task force be established to guide the Comprehensive Plan rewrite process. This task force will be charged specifically for overseeing the project, providing guidance, and particularly updating community input through open houses and community wide events. Upon production of the final document, this task force, which is advisory in nature, will be disbanded. So this task force will prepare recommendations over a period of a year to 15 months to the Plan Commission as is required by state law. Then those plans from the Plan Commission will then be forwarded to the City Council who will then hold a Public Hearing of the comprehensive plan and will then adopt the comprehensive plan. This task force will consist of seven members. Mayor DeWitte will be appointing these members who are

from the Plan Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, City Council members and community members at large. I respectfully request that the Council approve the ordinance creating this task force.

Mayor DeWitte: One of the key components of this program is that as each section of the community is looked at, the intention is to hold meetings at various sections of town so that people in each area have an opportunity in their neighborhoods to submit input with regards to their thoughts on how their particular chapter of the comprehensive plan may be changed or may stay the same for that manner.

Rita: The community wide events and open houses, we hope to hold one on the east side of town, west side of town, and one for the downtown area. The regular Task Force meetings will be held at City Hall and we'll highly publicize all the events and they will be on the City's website. We will be creating a new website for this project as well. These are all public meetings.

Ald. Martin: Does the Council have an opportunity to review it as they progress through this so that we don't get it all at the end in one big book?

Ald. Carrigan: Rita and I talked last week and I have asked for monthly updates from staff to keep us appraised on a monthly basis at P&D meetings so we know what is going on as it progresses.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrigan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

E. Motion by Carrigan, seconded by Stellato to approve the appointments of members to the St. Charles Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

Mayor DeWitte: For the record the list of people being appointed to the Comprehensive Task Force are: Mark Armstrong – former Chairman of the St. Charles Plan Commission, Ald. Ed Bessner – current City Council Representative, Dr. Steven Smunt – Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, Mr. John Rabchuk – at large member, former Chairman of the 1st Street Design Committee and member of the Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, former alderman Betsy Penny – at large member and founder of the St. Charles Housing Commission, Steve Gaugel – member at large, and Brian Doyle – Plan Commission representative.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrigan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

F. Motion by Carrigan, seconded by Monken to recommend City Council approve the sale/consumption of alcoholic beverages for Brix Wine and Cheese on the public

property within First Street Plaza subject to the establishment obtaining a Sidewalk Café permit pursuant to Section 12.04.102 of City Code and strict compliance with the site drawing.

Ald. Krieger: Is this on the actual plaza itself and the plaza itself remains open?

Mayor DeWitte: No, it's on the upper sidewalk adjacent to Neo and yes the plaza remains open. The staff has approved this layout?

Rita: Yes we have.

Ald. Krieger: Is there a minimum width of sidewalk that has to remain available.

Rita: Yes, five feet.

Ald. Martin: With all due respect, I have had a problem right from the beginning when we designed the plaza and approved all these liquor licenses for restaurants adjacent they would be infringing on our public property and at this time I object to the use of that plaza for serving of alcohol by private interest.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: Martin ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

- G. Motion by Carrignan, seconded by Monken to recommend City Council approve the sale/consumption of alcoholic beverages for Prasino's on the public property within First Street Plaza subject to the establishment obtaining a Sidewalk Café permit pursuant to Section 12.04.102 of City Code and strict compliance with the site drawing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: Martin ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

II. Committee Reports

A. Government Operations

- *1. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve to accept and place on file minutes of the May 16, 2011 Government Operations Committee meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

2. Motion by Stellato, seconded by Turner to approve a Class B1 Liquor License for Santonio's Restaurant to be located at 1910 Lincoln Highway, St. Charles (former Brown's Chicken site).
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: Martin, Krieger ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED
 - *3. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve street closures for the Annual Farmers' Market on Fridays from 5:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June through October 2011.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
 - *4. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-56** Authorizing the Extension of the contract with Bricor Consulting for FY11/12.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
 - *5. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve the proposal from Laurus Strategies for benefits consulting/ management services for FY11/12.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
 - *6. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
 - *7. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve the St. Charles Convention and Visitor's Bureau funding request for FY11/12.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- B. Government Services**
- *1. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to accept and place on file the minutes of the April 25, 2011 Government Services Committee meeting.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

*2. Motion to waive the bid procedure for Items 3, 5, 8.

*3. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-57** Approving the Execution of a Contract from Hardin Paving Services to Complete the Public Streets and Replace the Sidewalk on Lot 6 in the Remington Glen Subdivision in the amount of \$129,730.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

*4. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-58** Approving the Execution of a Non-Exclusive Lease Agreement with the St. Charles Downtown Partnership for Placing Murals in Parking Garage Located at 100 Illinois Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

*5. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-59** Approving the Execution of a Contract from Marc Kresmery Construction LLC for the Park Shore Siphon Rehabilitation in the amount of \$169,083.08.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

*6. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-60** Approving the Execution of a Contract for Water Hydrant Painting to Giant Maintenance in the amount of \$50,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

*7. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-61** Approving the Execution of a Contract from Alliance Sweeping for Parking Lot Sweeping Maintenance in the amount of \$30,554.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

*8. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-62** Approving the Execution of a Contract from Raise Rite for Sidewalk Maintenance in the amount of \$30,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *9. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve a **Resolution 2011-63** Approving the Execution of a Contract from Safe Step for Sidewalk Maintenance in the amount of \$22.75 per inch/foot.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *10. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to approve an **Ordinance 2011-M-24** Amending Title 13, "Public Utilities", Chapter 13.08, "Electricity" of the St. Charles Municipal Code (Power Factor Correction).

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

11. Motion by Stellato, second by Turner to approve a Class B2 Liquor License for White Stag Tavern located at 1307 East Main Street, St. Charles, IL (formerly Sugo's Restaurant).

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: Martin, Krieger ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

C. Planning and Development

- *1. Motion by Martin, seconded by Krieger to accept and place on file minutes of the May 9, 2011 Planning & Development Committee meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

D. Executive Session

Motion by Carrignan, seconded by Turner to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining at 7:40 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Carrignan, seconded by Stellato to return from Executive Session at 7:54 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner, Turner,
Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

E. No Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens

Vanessa Bell-LaSota, 1610 Howard Street, St. Charles – I would like to present the following into the minutes of this Council meeting sponsored by the Sensible Spending Coalition. We have over 100 signatures on our petition and would like permission to read it into the minutes.

We, the residents and business owners of St. Charles, petition the City to assume a more conservative view of our budgetary resources and suspend the Red Gate Bridge project based upon these facts:

1. The mayor stated to us that the incremental portion of new state tax revenues for St. Charles will fund \$900,000 in critical services: police, fire, roads, infrastructure and snow removal; he appealed to us that it might be cut. He now claims victory, but Quinn hasn't yet signed the state budget into law and has suggested he may still make changes to the budget lawmakers sent him. We have no guarantees from the state but we do have \$6,955,056.08 in the bridge fund and those funds can be reassigned to fund more pressing needs.
2. The Red Gate Bridge website cites the cost at 30 million. That's about 23 million short, with 12 million in promised grants available "at this time." The bridge is not fully funded; is being approved in "phases" as funding becomes available. A bond issue will pay for the balance which we residents will repay over approximately 20 years. If the bridge goes over budget, that money will come from more property taxes. The City will pay for maintenance as well, which is not budgeted.
3. In the April 2002 Fox River Bridge Advisory Committee Record of Decision (a panel initiated in 1990 by Congressman Dennis Hastert), they voted Red Gate Bridge as a "no build" because it "aided one community at the expense of another" and had no destination at its end point. They favored Stearns Road for a river crossing.
4. Safety risks will increase as traffic congestion grows along Red Gate past North High School and subdivision. In addition; the Magellan fuel pipeline runs within 300 feet of the road, along the North high school football field and crosses Red Gate at Rte. 31. The ISGS suggests potential soil contamination, but no impact studies have been made on this or on road vibration impact from the projected 4,000 – 5,000 cars per day. They only addressed bridge construction impact.
5. The main original reasons for the bridge have been resolved: emergency fire response time: new fire station near Rte. 25 and Stearns, Campton Hills, plus South Elgin. Traffic delays: at less than 38,000 cars per day on Main Street, we are below the benchmark "4,000" reduction; and traffic continues to be transferred to Stearns Bridge. Stearns takes trucks – Red gate would not take truck traffic. Rte. 64 improvements (left-hand turn lanes) promise to remove backups at signals in downtown St. Charles. Rte. 47 improvements will expedite transit on I90 and I88 and reduce traffic from towns west of St. Charles. Community-wide connections: Stearns Road Bridge serves northern St. Charles, links east and west St. Charles.

We are submitting 103 signatures today. There are 21 days between now and July 5. We know you will vote on the contract and we expect to get 2900 more signatures since they only took one day.

Mark Prieve, 3810 Greenwood Lane, St. Charles. What are the next steps, what is happening July 5?

Mark Koenen: The Government Services Committee authorize staff to proceed in getting bids for the first phase of construction and that is in process as we speak. On July 5 the staff will be coming back with recommendation of approval for recommendation of award to contract the first phase of construction.

Mark Prieve: This phase is exactly what?

Mark Koenen: This phase is a work order contract. It does stormwater issues, tree removal, and also builds the pedestrian bridge over the Fox River.

Mark Prieve: And Phase II is slated for when?

Mark Koenen: Phase II construction is marked to go to bid in December/January so it can start immediately in the spring.

Mark Prieve: What exactly is the shortfall that we are sitting at right now – monetary.

Mark Koenen: From the Government Services Committee all this information is on our web page, but what was recorded falls in the range of \$5M - \$7M.

Mark Prieve: And that would be picked up through a bond or some sort of issuing of a bond?

Mark Koenen: We would get finances involved to cover that shortfall.

Ald. Carrigan: Point of order please – didn't we discuss this at the last Government Services Committee meeting? This is all public knowledge that was discussed last week.

Mark Prieve: I thought I read in the Herald that there was 45% that was funded.

Chris Minick: 45% of the construction was funded. More specifically 45% of the total price tag is financed and funded through the Grants program. Mark spoke correctly when he stated that \$5M - \$7M would be the shortfall that would need to be financed via local bonds.

Mark Prieve: Some of that 45% is that state funding, federal or both?

Chris: It's a combination of both.

Mark Prieve: With the news today of IDOT and the potential 33,000 workers losing their jobs that Quinn is not going to pass, is that going to impact us at all with what we are expecting?

Chris: These funds are typically set aside for capital projects. They are typically not allowed to be utilized for operations. State could not turn these revenues into other sources that have been earmarked for these particular projects and have been awarded and approved for approximately \$12M. There is another approximate \$2M in a grant application.

Ald. Carrigan: Point of order, we covered this two weeks ago in depth. If you would like to meet the staff off-line, we could do that, but we covered this multiple times; so I would recommend that you meet with staff off-line.

Mark Prieve: I appreciate that and we will, but I have one last question for Ray, if I may. Ray you had mentioned at a Town Hall meeting during your campaign that your belief was that 70% of the constituents were for the construction of the bridge.

Ald. Rogina: I am going to ask the Chair if I am able to get into a dialogue with you on this matter?

Mayor DeWitte: Certainly, the numbers speak for themselves.

Ald. Rogina: I said my knocking on doors in the campaign, which probably approximated 500; when I got to 350 and 80% of the individuals responded to my question of "Do you support the Red Gate Bridge?" and when 80% said yes, I stopped counting. I use that mark as a basis for a Gallop poll, because I wasn't going to survey every individual in the ward.

Mark Prieve: Ray, and I think you also said that if you felt in the 3rd Ward that if there was a shift of evidence that perhaps you would change your thought that it's not 80% but in fact, it may be a lot less than that is favoring the spending of the bridge, that you would be open to putting it for a vote.

Mayor DeWitte: I'll take this. We don't have any intentions of putting this to a vote. Frankly, I think the election results from your ward during the last election, should have been convincing enough that the significant percentage of residents of the 3rd Ward, let alone the entire community support this bridge. This will not be going to a referendum.

Mark Prieve: The point from the citizens of the 93 people I talked to yesterday, 50 households representing the Timbers, Traditions, and Red Gate area; 91 signed the petition against spending the money. Only two for it. One because it got him to work quicker and the other because he thought it made financial sense. That's less than 2% of the 100 I talked to. So I think that there may be some change of heart from some of the folks you talked to, Ray. 91 residents said, don't spend the money – let the people decide.

Ald. Turner: I don't see why everyone is so upset about us going out for a bond issue for \$5M to \$7M over a period of 20 years. Why should this generation pay for this bridge in its entirety when the next generation, people will be moving in here in the next 15 years, get it for free. They have just as much of an obligation to pay for that bridge as the residents who live here now. That's the whole idea about bonding a public project because it is going to be used well into the future. They have to pay that cost too.

Mark Prieve: How long does it take to get from STC North parking lot to the STC East parking lot using the Stearns Bridge and doing the speed limit? Eleven minutes and 20 seconds. Are we in that much of an instant society that we are going to spend \$30M on a bridge vs. building a great downtown, putting all the things into this city that we want to do. We're a river city and we have nothing to show for it except tonight everyone is saying let's have more liquor licenses. That's all I heard. Let's build a great city, not a great bridge. Eleven minutes and 20 seconds – are we in an instant society that we have to shave 5 minutes off that for \$30M. Mr. Turner I put this question to you?

Ald. Turner: And I'll say it the way I read this, that if I went up to people today in my parts of the ward, which is the majority, I would lose the election if I voted against the bridge.

Mayor DeWitte: Let's stop this right here. I know you have looked at the numbers and you know how many cars are going to be crossing the bridge, how many cars are projected to be crossing that bridge on a daily basis in the design year of 2030.

Mark Prieve: I do.

Mayor DeWitte: You can use the numbers to make an argument today and then try to use the same numbers to try and make a different argument on another aspect of the project. Not every person using that bridge is going to be wanting to go from North to East high school. Our fire and emergency are going to need to get across the river.

Mark Prieve: 44,000 cars through downtown in 2009, part of the issue was to get 4,000 cars out of there and we are at 38,000 now. I don't buy the issue of people carpooling. We are already 6,000 cars down.

Mayor DeWitte: What matters about the numbers is that we submitted them to other government agencies who all endorsed the projections that have been done. IDOT says the numbers are accurate, the Federal Highway Transportation says the numbers are accurate. It's moot to stand here and argue on what the flow is going to be.

Ald. Turner: May I ask the City Administrator a question? Do we have an agreement with the new fire district to protect our city on the northwest/northeast side.

Brian Townsend: No.

Marisa Phelan, 704 Chesapeak Road – I'm here tonight about the Red Gate Bridge project, not in the sense of the money, but in the sense of safety. I have a new driver who is 16 years old and I live in Redgate and my kids walk up and down Redgate just to get to school, we don't have a bus. My concern is that you are going to add that much more traffic, you got new drivers, kids who drive to school, parents getting kids to school and last time I knew aren't all of you supposed to be speaking for the people. So if you are speaking for us, like Mark said, but if you live in the Traditions, Red Gate or Rivers Edge, if you polled all of us you would find at least 90% of the people would not want this bridge. Again, to me, it's not about the money but about the safety. As a mother with two children who go to that school, I hope you would think about that and think about your own children.

Gordon Marshall, 3109 King Alfred Court, St. Charles. I live on the east side and I would just like to thank the Mayor and all the Council members for weighing all these factors. I know it is a difficult decision and obviously the residents are on both sides, so I just say thank you to you.

Larry Norgaard, 1214 S 6th Street, St. Charles. I'll abbreviate everything that has been said. I believe the City Council needs to take another view of the past, current, and future economic conditions that confront us. I know you have by putting the electric approvals on the back burners for a while which we thank you for. That is \$12M that has been pushed back. The Illinois State Treasurer, Dan Rutherford, stated that our state debt is \$20 Billion in problem area right now. \$42K for each resident of the state. You know what is going on in Chicago with the cutbacks of events there, what is going on in Cook County with cutbacks in the hospital case, basically saying we don't have the money, we are not going to spend it. My position is that housing costs is horrendous and it is getting worse. The Chicago Tribune and Daily Herald on June 1 indicated that the real estate values are going through major loses still. Last two weeks we have had considerable information about the US economy and I question seriously if you are going to get the funding that you want for this bridge from the state and that would be my guess. The one thing I bring up is the Fire Department District. I know there has been some conversation with the northern situation. With the new district a lot of the residential support is no longer there. I think we could cut back on some firemen and trucks and probably save \$500K for the City. One of the things that concern me are the unknowns and that is the overruns on the bridge if the funding doesn't come through, who is going to get stuck with it. My suggestion is rather than to increase fees for our aging sewers that need to be repaired we could postpone the Red Gate Bridge for a period of time and put those funds towards sewer repairs so we don't increase costs in this environmental situation. That is going to worsen this year and next year from a real estate standpoint – probably five years real estate wise. So these are my suggestions I would like to be considered and would like the bridge postponed.

Ald. Rogina: Two items: I returned from vacation this week to find that one of our icons – Salernos had a serious fire which is in my 3rd ward. I paid a visit to Salernos on Sunday and want to say that both the Salernos were in awe of the work done by the City of St. Charles Fire Department and are most gracious and everything is going to be restored pretty quickly. I would like to tip my hat to the St. Charles Fire Department for a job well done.

Second item Ald. Lewis and I had a chance to attend a seminar at the library recently on Literacy Matters, a non-profit organization that helps people speak the language, write and interpret the language all on a volunteer basis. I suggest all the aldermen get a chance to attend this 1-hour seminar. We talk about all the things we do in this community in a variety of non-profit services to help improve our community culturally and so forth and I think it is something down the line we want to look at here with respect to help this organization whether it be space we can make available to them or something. I was very impressed with your program.

Ald. Bessner: I would like to thank Chief Mullen and Chief Lamkin for opening their doors for a period of time for the four 3rd grade classes from Davis School for their annual field trip for a day of the history in St. Charles.

F. Adjournment

Motion by Carrigan, seconded by Turner, to adjourn meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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