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**MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ST. CHARLES CITY  
COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 – 6:55 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2 E. MAIN STREET ST. CHARLES, IL 60174**

1. **Call To Order By Mayor Donald DeWitte At 6:58 P.M.**
  
2. **Roll Call.**  
**Present:** Stellato, Monken, Carrignan, Payleitner,  
Turner, Rogina, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, Lewis  
**Absent:** None
  
3. **Public Hearing Concerning passage of the Proposed Annual City Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.**
  - Chris Minnick, Finance Director, presented the following information:
    - The Goals for FY 12-13....
      - Hold the line on taxes and fees
      - Restore programs and services suspended during downturn
      - Complete long-anticipated capital projects
        - Red Gate Bridge
        - East Main Street Improvements
    - The results
      - The General Fund budget is balanced
        - No new taxes proposed - No tax increases
          - Small refuse fee increases as contracted
        - Programs reinstated
          - Spring Clean-up FY 12-13
          - Façade Improvement Program
        - TIF subsidies
        - Strong Reserves- in excess of 25% policy
    - The General Fund by the Numbers
    - Conclusions
      - Hold the line on taxes and fees
      - Restoration of programs and services suspended during downturn
      - Completion of long-anticipated capital projects
        - Red Gate Bridge
        - East Main Street Improvements
    - The Next Steps
      - Presentation of Utility Funds – April 9
      - Consideration of Budget Approval – April 16
      - City’s Fiscal Year Begins – May 1

- Alder. Carrignan stated that he would like to commend Mr. Minnick, Mr. Townsend and City Staff for putting the City in a strong financial position. Mr. Carrignan also said that he would challenge the economic development department to push the TIF to go positive.
- Alder. Turner said that he echoes what Alder. Carrignan stated.
- Mr. Minnick said that it has been a group effort and the City employees have banded together.
- Mayor DeWitte said that the Moline TIF is an older TIF in the City. The Mayor asked if a similar approach to refinance can be taken with other TIFs.
- Mr. Minnick responded that the challenge if the First Street TIF since it is very complicated. We have not been able to refinance yet.
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No public comment.

No comments submitted to Clerks Office.

**4. Adjournment**

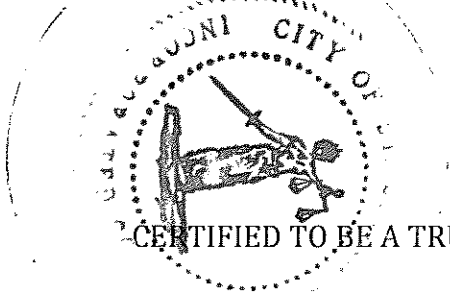
Motion By Carrignan, Seconded By Stellato, To Adjourn Meeting

VOICE-VOTE

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MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.



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