

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was convened by Chair. Turner at 7:37 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair. Turner, Ald. Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Bancroft, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, and Lewis

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mark Koenen, Chief Lamkin, Chris Minick, Rita Tungare, Chief Schelstreet

**3. Omnibus Vote**

None.

**4. Police Department**

- a. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Agreement with School District 303 for School Resource Officer Services for School Year 2013-2014.**

**Chief Lamkin:** Each year at this time when the school year starts, we continue to have school resource officers at each of our high schools. As we go into it, we have an agreement for the services that we provide for that and we also identify the costs associated with it. To give you an idea of how those costs are computed, we take the costs with benefits for salary and benefits for master patrol officer, which is a patrol officer at their top rate of salary. We compute those benefits backwards based on the number of days in the school year times two officers, that's where we came up with the figure that we have in the contract. It is \$3,400 more than it was last year. The services are otherwise the same as what we've had in the past. And as you know we don't actually exchange money at this point because we have a separate agreement, financial arrangement, when we obtain some property up by the eastside of the Red Gate Bridge. So with that I'll entertain any questions, otherwise we recommend approval.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None; Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

- b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 9 "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare," Chapter 9.60 Weapons," Sections 9.60.010 and 9.60.040 of the St. Charles Municipal Code.**

**Chief Lamkin:** When the State of Illinois approved the Conceal Carry Law, there was a provision in there, a pre-emption in there, that any local laws that were in conflict with the Conceal Carry Law would no longer be valid. With the help of our city attorney, there is some fairly minor language that's been in there. Basically what that language says is if you do not have a conceal carry permit, the law remains as is, but if you are a person that has obtained a conceal carry permit then those provisions are allowed separately. What that language does by this minor modification is it allows for those people that may have conceal carry to allow them to not have these sections apply to them.

**Chair Turner:** So in other words we are bringing our Code into alignment with the State law?

**Chief Lamkin:** Yes, we are just bringing our ordinances in line with what the State law required. It does not negate the ability of someone who had their own piece of property if they want to add other restrictions as a private property owner; they can still do that.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 9 "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare," Chapter 9.60 Weapons," Sections 9.60.010 and 9.60.040 of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None; Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

## **5. Fire Department**

### **a. Recommendation to approve Automatic Aid Agreements with Geneva, Batavia, Elburn, South Elgin and West Chicago.**

**Chief Schelstreet:** The fire department has long been involved in cooperative efforts with our neighbors. No community can afford to provide resources for every single contingency that they confront and cooperative agreements regarding automatic and mutual aid have been very effective. We take all proposals seriously and we do have a vetting process before we recommend them. We want to make sure that they are mutually beneficial; one community does not give nor receive more than the others. The agreements before you have all been through this vetting process and are working well. During our accreditation site review, our team recommended that all these agreements be sent to the City Administrator for his review and acceptance of it ultimately to you. This is done in the vein of transparency. Previously, City Administrator Townsend did indeed review these and gave his approval. This evening if you have no questions, I would request a motion to approve the agreements as submitted.

**Ald. Lemke:** Are these essentially similar to mutual aid agreements you've had in the past?

**Chief Schelstreet:** That is correct.

**Ald. Lemke:** Okay, that wouldn't rule out working with other communities additionally in the future?

**Chief Schelstreet:** No, not at all. What we do every year is go through these, review the response data, and see which agreements are working and which are not. Sometimes as in the case of the East Main Street construction, we entered into a special agreement with West Chicago. Quite frankly, they could get to some of our area more rapidly than we could and we could get to some of their area. We were able to sign an agreement in one day.

**Ald. Lemke:** Great illustration. Thank you.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to recommend approval of Automatic Aid Agreements with Geneva, Batavia, Elburn, South Elgin and West Chicago.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None; Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

## **6. Public Works**

- a. Recommendation to approve Professional Services and Change Order No. 1 for Exterior Lighting Project related to the Municipal Building Construction Project at a cost not to exceed \$157,291.**

**Peter Suhr:** About a month ago on a July evening, some of you joined the Historic Commission and Public Works staff just outside of this building to look at some sample lights that we had on display on the tower and also under the canopy. We were testing a few different exterior lighting options to consider for replacement of the existing lighting system. The current system includes a series of metal halide floodlights that are mounted around the building. These lights shine back towards the building to provide a flood type of effect on the surfaces of the building. The existing lighting system is currently disabled as a result of the current construction project. Before reinstalling the system, staff felt it was appropriate to investigate a new lighting solution that would perhaps be more energy efficient, more maintenance friendly, and more reliable. As we studied alternative solutions, staff discovered that the current floodlight solution is not consistent with the history of the structure. I've got a photo here that represents how the lights were originally projected on the "Zook" Municipal Building in 1940. This includes a departure of the floodlight concept and replacement with a combination of linear lights, directional floods, linear grazing lights, and landscape lights all to accentuate the architectural details of the building. In addition, the proposed lighting solution includes new L.E.D. technology which increases energy efficiencies from the existing metal halides. Because of those efficiencies, staff is also seeking and has also received verbal approval of a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) to help fund the total cost of the project which is about \$157,000. Therefore after the grant is realized, the total project cost to the City will be about \$57,000, which will be funded from the Municipal Building construction project currently underway. This project was significantly bid under our original budget, so there are some dollars that are left from that project. You will also find in your packet a unanimous approval from the Historic Commission who all favored the project. If there are no questions, staff recommends approval of Professional Services in Change Order No. 1 for the exterior lighting project. This is all contingent on getting full approval of that grant.

**Ald. Payleitner:** I was at that sample. The new lighting was stunning.

**Chair Turner:** So with approval of the grant our part would be \$57,000 plus and we do have money available for that in the original budget?

**Peter:** Yes, at this point.

**Ald. Lemke:** The bottom line in this is it not to reduce annual lighting costs, especially with the use of the L.E.D.'s?

**Peter Suhr:** That is correct. We are going through the process right now to receive that grant. The latest study that's out from our consultant suggested I think in the neighborhood of about a \$3,500 savings annually for lighting energy.

**Ald. Lemke:** So without the, well I'm not sure how long but there will be savings over time, we would recover our share of this?

**Peter:** Absolutely.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to recommend approval of Professional Services and Change Order No. 1 for Exterior Lighting Project related to the Municipal Building Construction Project at a cost not to exceed \$157,291.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None; Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

## 7. Executive Session

- Personnel
- Pending Litigation
- Probable or Imminent Litigation
- Property Acquisition
- Collective Bargaining
- Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to enter into Executive Session to discuss Probable or Imminent Litigation at 7:49 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Bancroft, Krieger, Bessner, and Lewis; Nays: None; Chair. Turner did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Ald. Krieger second by Stellato to return from Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

**Voice vote:** unanimous; Nays: None; Chair. Turner did not vote as Chair. Motion carried.

**8. Additional Items**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald, Krieger, second by Silkaitis to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Turner did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried.**