

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 – 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 Raymond Rogina at 7:01 P.M.

2. Roll Call.

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

Absent: Bancroft

3. Invocation -- Alderman Rita Payleitner

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

- Presentation of the Colors by Troop 10.

2. Presentation:

- Presentation and Swearing in of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Emily Kies.
- Proclamation honoring Veteran's Day and the Men and Women who Served our Nation.
- Proclamation honoring Matthew Jacob Kramer's Achievement of Obtaining the Rank of Eagle Scout.
- Proclamation to declare November 13, 2015 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of St. Charles.
- Proclamation to honor Donna Steele and her many years of dedicated service to the Arts and the St. Charles Community.

3. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve the Omnibus Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED

***7. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to accept and place on file minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on October 19, 2015.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

***8. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve and authorize issuance of vouchers from the Expenditure Approval List for the periods of 10/12/2015 – 10/25/2015 in the amount of \$6,149,390.69.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

I. New Business

- A. Motion by Lemke, seconded by Gaugel to approve Estimated Amount of 2015 Property Tax Levy in the Amount of \$20,783,199.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED

- Chris Minnick Finance Director
Tonight we are here to initiate the 2015 tax levy process. The 2015 tax levy will be collected during calendar year 2016. As you recall, each year, the process of levying taxes for the City, we have to approve the preliminary estimate of the amount of property taxes that will be received in the upcoming year. Please keep in mind that this action and this process does not lock us in to a tax levy of a specific dollar amount. What it does do, it sets the amount of the basis of the publication notices for the series of public hearings that we hold in December as part of the tax levy process that we hold each year. This year's tax levy estimate is \$20,783,199 and it consists of three main parts: an operating levy in the amount of \$12,055,117; a debt service levy in an amount of \$8,047,163; and Special Service Areas levy in the amount of \$680,919. As you will notice, this year's preliminary estimate is approximately \$611,000 or 2.86% below the amount of the 2014 levy that we are collecting this calendar year. The change in the levy is primarily due to a lower debt service levy in anticipation payoff of our general obligation bond Series 2005A. Additionally, you will notice in terms of changes in the levy, in the Special Service Area levy does go up significantly, and in addition to the reduction in the debt service levy for 2005A bonds, we have reclassified the debt service levy on special service area 21 bonds from the debt service line that was reflected previously into the special service area portion of the levy where they more properly belong. Also with regards to the debt service levy, Council will remember we typically abate or remove the principle and interest levies, and make those principle and interest payments from our general revenue stream. Each year in January, we anticipate doing this again this year. In January, we will bring forth a series of resolutions and ordinances that will actually remove the \$8,047,000 from the tax bills of our residents. And we will make those payments out of our general revenue stream. Additionally regarding the operating levy, the \$12,055,117 is consistent with the prior year as the slide reflects. In fact we have not changed that amount since 2009 levy, marking the seventh consecutive year that the operating levy has remained at that level. If the preliminary amount of the tax levy is approved this evening, the next step of the process will be detailed presentations of the tax levy at the public hearing first Monday in

December. Staff does recommend approval of the amount of the estimate of \$20,783,199. Any questions.

- Mayor Rogina
You have indicated that this is the seventh straight year that we have levied the same dollar amount. In light of what's going on in Springfield right now, and the uncertainty as far as revenue is there, I thank you and all the Staff members for allowing this to happen.
- Alder. Turner
What does this do to the tax rate?
- Chris Minnick
If the EAV remains the same; the tax rate remains the same. As you can see reflected on the slide, and this is the first this has occurred in quite some time, we are actually expecting an increase in our EAV for the City of about 3% for the upcoming levy. Since we are keeping the operating levy the same, if we do experience an increase in the EAV, which will actually drive the rate down by about 3%. Taking it from approximately 92.75 cents per \$100 of EAV to 90.38 cents per \$100 of EAV. So it will equate to a 3% decline in the tax rate as well.
- Mayor Rogina
I am glad you asked that question, the fact that the EAV is going up the rate will be going down. While your tax bill, only 10% goes to the City, we are proud of that.

B. Motion by Turner, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-114** Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,

Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED

- Mayor Rogina
This is a resolution that was requested by the Illinois Municipal League to submit to the State of Illinois requesting action on immediate release of non-general revenue funds that are distributed to local governments. And I will read the resolution into the record.
- Alder. Silkaitis
How much is St. Charles owed?
- Mayor Rogina
I think I am close, on the motor fuel tax we have not received approximately \$250,000 and on the 911 tax around \$27,000.
- Chief Joe Schelstreet
Actually \$225,000.
- Mayor Rogina
This does not suggest that we won't receive this money.
- Alder. Turner
Chief, will you back me up on this, but Tricom still has reserves to cover us until the money comes in, unlike other organizations.

- Chief Schelstreet
That is correct. Tricom is financially sound. However there are a number dispatch centers south of Interstate 80 that are rapidly making decisions.

II. Committee Reports

A. Government Operations

- *1. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to accept and place on file minutes of the October 19, 2015 Government Operations Committee meeting.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- *2. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve an **Ordinance 2015-M-50** Authorizing the Sale of Items of Personal Property Owned by the City of St. Charles (Miscellaneous).
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- *3. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve an **Ordinance 2015-M-51** Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford E-350 Cutaway Chassis Van, With Knapheide Service Body Modifications, to Currie Motors Frankfort, Inc., and Sell Replaced 2001 Chevrolet G2500-Van Vehicle #1981.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
- *4. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve an **Ordinance 2015-M-52** Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe to Don McCue Chevrolet and Approve Selling Replaced 2004 Ford Expedition Vehicle #1805.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)
5. Motion by Stellato, seconded by Krieger to approve an **Ordinance 2015-M-53** Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford 150 Transit 8 Passenger Van to Zimmerman Ford and Sell Replaced 2004 GMC Savana Cargo Van Vehicle #1806.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
ABSTAIN: Silkaitis
MOTION CARRIED
6. Motion by Stellato, seconded by Krieger to approve an **Ordinance 2015-M-54** Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award

of a 2016 Ford F550 Cab, With Monroe Truck Equipment ZEE Body Modifications, to Zimmerman Ford and Sell Replaced 2003 Ford F550-4X4 Vehicle #1716.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

ABSTAIN: Silkaitis

MOTION CARRIED

7. Motion by Stellato, seconded by Krieger to approve an **Ordinance 2015-M-55** Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F-350 Chassis, with Sauber Platform Modification, to Zimmerman Ford and Sauber Mfg. and Sell Replaced 2003 Ford F-350 Vehicle #1858.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

ABSTAIN: Silkaitis

MOTION CARRIED

- *8. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-115** Authorizing the Finance Director to Execute the Risk Insurance Program Renewal for the Year Beginning December 1, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

B. Government Services

- *1. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to accept and place on file the Minutes of the September 28, 2015, Government Services Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *2. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-116** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to approve a Bid with Malcor Roofing of Illinois, Inc. for Well No. 8 Booster Station and Well No. 9 Roof Replacements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *3. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-117** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to execute a Siting Agreement with IMEA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis

NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft

MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *4. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-118** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to execute an Easement with IMEA for the Solar Substation Installation within the Legacy Development.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *5. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-119** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to approve an Engineering Contract with Engineering Enterprises Inc. for a Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance Plan.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *6. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-120** Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Execute Change Order No. 2 for the North 5th Avenue Water Main Replacement Project to Martam Construction Project.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *7. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve Street and Parking Lot Closures for the 2016 Peapod Sly Fox Half Marathon.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

- *8. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to approve a **Resolution 2015-121** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to execute a School Resource Officer Agreement for School Year 2015-2016
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

C. Planning and Development

- *1. Motion by Krieger, seconded by Bessner to accept and place on file minutes of the October 12, 2015 Planning & Development Committee meeting.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner,
Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis
NAY: 0 ABSENT: Bancroft
MOTION CARRIED (Omnibus Vote)

D. No Executive Session

E. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens

• Alder. Gaugel

I wanted to bring up an issue regarding the pending decisions the school board is looking to take in regards to potential school closings in the City of St. Charles. And to ask for my Council Members support in contacting school board members to let them know that some of the effects, that I am convinced, will have a detrimental effect on the City. In

particular, there are two schools that have potential to be closed one is Lincoln School and Haines Middle School. I would like to address Lincoln School as you know I have two children in Lincoln in first and fourth grade. I have two that have graduated but I am not wearing that hat right now, I am wearing my City hat and here is the reason why. The school district has 12 elementary schools, of those 12 schools; only five are currently in the city limits of St. Charles. If we close Lincoln, we would be down to four. We are pushing our residents to the outskirts of our community. We are pushing them to Campton Hills, South Elgin and West Chicago if these schools were to close. By we, I mean the school district is pushing them. This does have an impact on our City. Moreover, if you look at our comprehensive plan under our goals and objectives, our very first goal is "Maintain the City's image and desirability as a great place to live by preserving and enhancing the diversity, quality, character, safety, affordability, and appeal of residential neighborhoods." Lincoln is a vital part of the neighborhood and is a vital part of our City. Moreover, back on October 15 there were two articles. One was Daily Herald and one was from the Kane County Chronicle. In the Herald, "most of the new students coming into the district are centered downtown." From the Chronicle, "district demographics are changing with more students coming from downtown St. Charles." There is only one school in downtown St. Charles and that is Lincoln School. It is an issue that does affect our City. Regardless of the relationship between the school board and the City Council, it is a call to action, I feel, for us as members of the City Council to be involved, and to communicate with the school board to let them know that this will have a detrimental effect on the City. One of the other points to highlight that is, the school board did come to the City and Staff did an excellent job of compiling statistics of what the potential for future growth is in the City. And many of these, while I won't give the specific numbers, if I say these, we have all had conversations here at the Council and it has all been public knowledge of the developments that are coming. Lexington Club, Corporate Reserve, St. Charles Mall Shodeen property, Pheasant Run and First Street Development. If we tally up what those potential unit figures are we are looking at anywhere from 1,204 to 1,504 additional residential units in the City of St. Charles. This does not include two developments currently underway. One being Norton Lake that is 95 single family homes on Route 64 as you enter Campton Hills. The other is Trails of Silver Glen which is 127 single family homes being built up Randall Road on Randall and Silver Glen. Those two outside of our City is another 232 units. All total we are looking at 1426-1726 between all those new developments and what is currently going on. There will be additional demand, while the enrollment is down now and we acknowledge that, at the meeting last week at Lincoln, Dr. Schlomann indicated that he feels that we have reached the bottom of the figure. So getting back to our comprehensive plan, actually on page 30 of our comprehensive plan, is a picture of Lincoln School and that wasn't on accident. We look for unique things that are reflective of our City. The consultants that we had working on the plan chose that on their own. It is an issue that is important to the City. I call on my fellow council members, as well as citizens that are here right now, to make it known that closing Lincoln School just is not an option. Thank you.

- Alder. Stellato
Where do we get t-shirts?
- Nancy Garrison
I will find out.

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- Alder. Krieger
As a second generation Lincoln student, I think it's a valuable asset to the community and it should survive after all it survived six Kriegers, not including my father.
- Alder. Lewis
I too am a Lincoln School former student. Get me a T-shirt.
- Mayor Rogina
Happy birthday Alderman Gaugel.

E. Adjournment

Motion By Turner, seconded by Bessner, to adjourn meeting

VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Nancy Garrison, City Clerk

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Nancy Garrison, City Clerk