

**MINUTES of the ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL
for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 held at 6:00 p.m. at
830 Whitewater Avenue,
St. Charles, Minnesota**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmen:
Mayor John Schaber
Dave Braun
Orv Dahl
Wayne Getz
David Kramer

STAFF PRESENT:

Janell Dahl, Deputy Clerk
Kyle Karger, Public Works Supt.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Hilmer (St. Charles Press), Mahlon Geib, Cathy Groebner, Tom Meilander (Southfork Addn), Joseph Wheeler (Southfork Addn)

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established with Mayor Schaber calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with addition of parking exemption: **Orv Dahl**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

4. Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2015

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No discussion.

Motion declared carried.

December 22, 2015

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

5. January Payables.

Motion to approve: **David Kramer**

No discussion.

Motion declared carried.

6. Notices and communications: None

7. Reports of Boards and Committee:

Police Chief Ken Frank reported that Office Jerry Agin had tendered his resignation effective January 24, 2016 and Office Jose Pelaez will be returning to work by the end of February 2016.

Clm. Kramer reported on the proposed building projects coming up for both the high school and elementary school.

8. Public Hearing – Social Host Ordinance:

Motion to close regular meeting at 6:10pm:

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

No questions were asked at this time

Motion to re-open the regular meeting at 6:11pm.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl.**

9. Ordinance #586 Social Host Ordinance (1st reading).

Motion to approve: **David Kramer**

No discussion.

Motion carried

10. Ordinance #584 Allowing for Chickens (1st reading)

Motion to approve: **David Kramer**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

11. Ordinance #585 Renaming Brubaker Dr. to Geib Blvd (1st reading)

Mr. Geib was present to discuss an issue concerning the renaming of Brubaker Drive to Geib Blvd. Originally Brubaker Drive was platted showing that it would wrap around and continue to the north. Mr. Geib came to the planning and zoning meeting and expressed his frustration with the outcome of that meeting. In 1998 Mr. Geib named the street Geib Blvd and had a street sign put in. Mr. Geib states that no one can find Geib Blvd to a lot of people end up out at his farm so he had a discussion with Mr. Bob Bambenek at Winona County and was informed that the City would have to pass a resolution to correct the street name. Clm. Kramer stated that the addressing going east from Hwy. 74 should have increased but these five lots are backwards. Mr. Geib explained that it would cost a good amount of money to make any corrections at this time because the lots that are built on already have the address in stone on the homes. Mayor Schaber asked what legal documents would have to be corrected and expressed his understanding on the importance of keeping the numbering consistent but this only affects five lots. Clm. Kramer wanted Mr. Geib to understand that GPS maps cannot be corrected in a relative timely matter, it could take years. The Council at this time decided to change the address to Geib Blvd.

Motion to approve: **Orv Dahl**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

12. Resolution #01-2016 Replat of a Portion of Southfork Subdivision.

Mr. Joe Wheeler and Mr. Tom Meilander were present to discuss a decision from the planning and zoning committee concerning the installation of sidewalks in this subdivision. The City at this time does not have an ordinance stating that new subdivisions require the installation of sidewalks and that in this area it would have low usage and it is in close proximity to the sidewalks on the two streets to the east. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Meilander expressed that adding more cost is not feasible. When originally planned, there were going to be alleys and now it is a front entrance. Mr. Karger reminded the council members that there is a sidewalk provision in the developer guidelines.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

13. Resolution #02-2016 Approving Cigarette License

Motion to approve: **David Braun**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

14. Request to Allow Link to St. Charles Area Community Foundation

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

15. Winona County RFP for Recycling

At this time, the City of St. Charles respectfully declines to participate.

Motion to approve: **David Kramer**

No further discussion.

Motion carried.

16. Parking Exemption Request

Motion to approve: **David Braun**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Ms. Cathy Groebner addressed the Council concerning a sidewalk that has not been cleared this winter.

Mayor Schaber told her that the City will be in contact with the owner.

Motion to adjourn at 6:41p.m.

Motion to approve: **Wayne Getz**

Motion declared carried.

John P. Schaber, Mayor

ATTEST

Janell S. Dahl, Deputy Clerk