

**MINUTES**  
**ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**LORA A. VITEK, MAYOR**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2 E. MAIN STREET**

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vitek at 7:01 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber

Absent: Ald. Bongard

**3. Invocation**

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Presentations**

- Juneteenth Proclamation

**6. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus Vote.**

Items with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

**\*7. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to accept and place on file minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on June 3, 2024.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

**\*8. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve and authorize issuance of vouchers from the Expenditure Approval List for the period of 5/27/2024 – 6/9/2024 in the amount of \$4,222,678.70.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

## I. Old Business

- A. None

## II. New Business

- A. Motion to approve a **Resolution 2024-96** Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of St. Charles and the St. Charles Professional Firefighter’s Association I.A.F.F. Local 3322.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried

## III. Committee Reports

A. Government Operations

- \*1. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve City Parking Lot “T” Closure and Amplification for the 2024 Plein Air Art Sale.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
- \*2. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve Amplification and Use of a Portion of First Street Plaza for the 2024 Jazz Weekend.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
- \*3. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to accept and place on file minutes of the June 3, 2024, Government Operations Committee meeting.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
- \*4. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to accept and place on file minutes of the May 20, 2024, Government Operations Committee Meeting Executive Session.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
- \*5. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to accept and place on file minutes of the June 3, 2024, Government

Operations Committee Meeting Executive Session.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

**B. Government Services**

- \*1. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve and place on file the Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Government Services Committee Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

**C. Planning and Development**

- \*1. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve a **Resolution 2024-97** Authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Execute a Façade Improvement Agreement between the City of St. Charles and Millington Square LLC (619 W Main St.)

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

- \*2. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve a **Resolution 2024-98** Authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Execute a Façade Improvement Agreement between the City of St. Charles and H & C Hospitality LLC (201 E Main St.)

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

- \*3. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve a **Resolution 2024-97** Authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Execute a Façade Improvement Agreement between the City of St. Charles and Paul Jasper (405 W Main St.).

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

- \*4. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve an **Ordinance 2024-Z-12** Granting Approval of a Plat of Vacation for 407 S 5th St.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

- 5 Motion by Ald. Lencioni second by Ald. Wirball to approve an **Ordinance 2024-M-11** Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Contract between the City of St. Charles and Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley Regarding the Conveyance of 1417 Dean Street & Vacated City Right-of-Way.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None; Recuse: Ald. Pietryla  
Motion Carried

- \*6. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve and Execute an Acceptance Resolution for Public Utility for Prairie Centre – 2060 Lincoln Hwy.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
- \*7. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to approve and Execute an Acceptance Resolution for Public Utility for 7 S. 2nd Ave.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
- \*8. Motion by Ald. Bessner second by Ald. Wirball to waive the formal bid procedure and approve a Resolution 2024-100 to Authorize Professional Services Agreement with TPI Building and Code Consultants Inc. for Inspection and Plan Review Services.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried
9. Motion by Ald. Lencioni second by Ald. Gehm to approve a **Resolution 2024-101** Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Parking Agreement with St. Charles Public Library.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.  
Motion Carried

## 9. Public Comment

### Martha Gass

Over the past several weeks, St. Charles residents and businesses have asked you, our City Council members, to say “no” to the early renewal of the IMEA energy contract. Through our conversations with you, there are 3 clear take-aways:

1. There are many good reasons to say “no” to IMEA’s request to renew the energy contract through the year 2055.
2. There is frustration with IMEA’s arbitrary and unreasonable April 2025 deadline, especially since St. Charles has a current contract that doesn’t require notice until 2030 at the earliest and 2035 at the latest.
3. There is deep unease over what path St. Charles could or should follow after saying “no” to the IMEA renewal contract.

It is this third take-away that I would like to address tonight.

IMEA uses a 3-legged stool as a metaphor for the value it brings to IMEA members. I hope you all have had an opportunity to sit on a 3-legged stool. If you have, you know that the slightest shift in balance can send that stool scooting out from under you! IMEA's stool needs a 4th leg! That 4th leg is data. City Council is struggling with what a path forward might look like because it has no data. St. Charles has no data about:

- what St. Charles is currently getting from IMEA and how IMEA compares to other energy providers,
- what IMEA's sustainability plan will actually do,
- what the real cost of carbon capture at Prairie State will be,
- what capital projects will require the issuance of new bonds, and
- when and how renewable energy sources will be incorporated into IMEA's portfolio.

Any utility serious about reliability and grid stability regularly conducts an integrated resource plan. The last time IMEA did an integrated resource plan was about 20 years ago. Just think for a minute how much has changed in these past 20 years. Now consider the fact that IMEA is asking you to commit until 2055 without the data and recommendations of a new integrated resource plan. Most states that require an integrated resource plan also require it to be updated on a regular and frequent basis, like every three years. Before any further consideration of the IMEA proposal, we encourage you to demand an updated integrated resource plan from IMEA.

A fact sheet on integrated resource planning was emailed to you this afternoon. During the coming weeks, I and my fellow advocates will be providing you with more detailed information about integrated resources planning—and a path forward after saying “no” to the IMEA renewal contract in its current form. We also encourage you to join Naperville in not letting IMEA dictate the timeline for the contract decision, and for the council to take control of the most financially consequential decision that this council will ever make.

Thank you.  
Martha Gass

#### **Kimberly Basich**

Ms. Basich discussed St. Charles' current pool safety laws. She explained that the City no longer requires a 42 inch barrier around an in ground pool. Ms. Basich explained how a three-year-old drowned in her neighborhood last year. She requested the City Council review the current laws and revise to keep children safe.

#### **10. Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff**

- Mayor Vitek asked the City Administrator to investigate the pool safety laws.

#### **11. No Executive Session**

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber; Nays: None.

Motion Carried

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