

**St. Charles County Council Journal  
Regular Meeting – January 10, 2022**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

Ray Hair with Amazing Grace Baptist Church provided the invocation and Councilman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following roll call was taken by the Clerk:

Councilman Joe Cronin	present
Councilman Joe Brazil	present
Councilman Mike Elam	present
Councilman Dave Hammond	present
Councilman Terry Hollander	present
Councilwoman Nancy Schneider	present
Councilman John White	present

County Executive Staff present:

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
Joann Leykam, Director of Administration

Jennifer George, Assistant Director of Administration

County Counselor’s Office:

Rory O’Sullivan, Acting County Counselor

Council Chair Elam announced that Bill No. 5030 was withdrawn, will not be on the agenda for consideration and will not be voted on in April.

**IN THE MATTER OR )  
ELECTION OF )  
COUNCIL CHAIR )**

Councilman Hollander nominated Councilwoman Nancy Schneider for Chair, seconded by Dave Hammond with all in favor. With no other nominations presented, Nancy Schneider was elected Council Chair by acclamation and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OR )  
ELECTION OF )  
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR )**

Councilman Elam nominated Councilman Cronin for Vice-Chair, seconded by Councilman Hollander with all in favor. With no other nominations presented, Councilman Cronin was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Council Chair Schneider announced she was honored to be chosen for Chair. Schneider shared that her goals for the position are to welcome all who attend council meetings, inviting them to observe, comment on, and participate in the process of county government: to listen to citizen’s opinions and goals along with those of county staff and officials; to foster respect and courtesy during meetings; and encourage interaction without threats and personal attacks. Schneider stated that it should be remembered that we are all working for the benefit of county.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** )

Arnie Dienoff, O’Fallon resident, suggested the Council put people over politics in the new year, suggested the County Executive open the process of choosing appointments county residents, stated there were conflicts of interests with some current appointments and suggested an open house for citizens to meet the John Lyons, appointee for the Director of the Highway Department.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
**ORAL REPORT** )  
**FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE** )

County Executive Ehlmann reported that much of the past month had been spent addressing the COVID-19 virus. COVID cases in the County are increasing yet lower than the cases in St. Louis County. Ehlmann noted the hospitalizations and deaths are down from a year ago.

Council Chair Schneider requested the status of a Sheriff’s deputy that was recently injured on duty. Sheriff, Scott Lewis, stated the deputy suffered significant injuries involving the pelvis, ankle and internal bleeding with recovery expected to take over a year. Council Chair Schneider asked the Sheriff to convey the Council’s prayers and good wishes for a speedy recovery to the deputy and his family. Remarks were made concerning the incident not being captured on body camera.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**CONSENT AGENDA** )

Council Chair Schneider asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Elam made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented seconded by Councilman Hammond and unanimously approved.

The approved items are as follows:

- Approval of Journal of the previous meetings** – 12-20-2021  
- 12-06-2021 amended minutes

**Approval of Bids**

- Parks and Recreation – Three (3) Poligon Shelters for new park site in Wentzville/Hutchinson Recreation and

- Design/\$318,615.00
- Four (4) composting restroom systems for new park site in Wentzville/  
Advanced Composting Systems/\$684,825.44

**Nominations and Appointments**

- County Engineer and Director of the Highway Department – John Lyons/effective January 11, 2022
- Flood Plain Vision Board – Daniel Kluesner/unincorporated St. Charles/reappointment – term expires 10-31-24
- Dennis Wappelhorst/unincorporated St. Charles/reappointment – term expires 10-31-24
- Janet Neustadt/city of West Alton/reappointment – term expires 10-31-22

**Miscellaneous**

- Community Development – FOF, COL/CUP21-18, Substitute Bill No. 5016
- FOF, COL/CUP21-17, Bill No. 5015
- Community Assistance Board Funding Recommendations for 2022
- Homeless and Indigent Funds** – Preferred Family Healthcare **\$20,000**, Connections to Success **\$19,000**, Crisis Nursery- **\$30,000**, Habitat for Humanity- **\$34,000**, LINC- **\$50,000**, NECAC- **\$34,000**, Our Lady’s Inn- **\$25,000**, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service- **\$101,000**, The Salvation Army- **\$40,000**, Tri-County Probation and Parole- **\$12,000**, Turning Point Domestic Violence- **\$12,000**, Volunteers in Medicine- **\$18,000**, Youth in Need- **\$45,000**/Total \$440,000
- Project Care Funds = \$5,000, CDBG Funds \$25,000** to Sts. Joachim and Ann/Total \$30,000
- Highway - Change Order No. 3/Morrissey Construction Co./Airport Bldg. and Hangars Reconstruction/\$7,852.12

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**BILLS FOR FINAL PASSAGE** )

**Bill No. 5029** – Sponsored by Mike Elam – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 160.090, ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (“OSCCMo”) REGARDING COURT COSTS

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Cronin – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – yes, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – yes, Councilwoman Schneider – yes, Councilman White – yes. Bill No. 5029 was unanimously approved.

**Bill No. 5031** – Sponsored by Mike Elam – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX TO BE PLACED ON THE APRIL 5, 2022 BALLOT FOR A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

Councilman Brazil stated he had no problem with this proposed ballot issue but stated it would be more cost effective to place on the August or November ballots. Councilman Cronin responded this tax was vital to his District and by placing on the April ballot, it could be placed on a later ballot should it fail in April. Councilman Elam noted this ordinance was voter approved by 77% when last on the ballot and pays for itself with cost share projects that would not have been completed without it.



DOCUMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,228 FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE ELECTION AUTHORITY FOR AN ELECTION EFFICIENCY GRANT TO ASSIST WITH ELECTION ACTIVITIES, SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, MAINTAINING VOTER LISTS, AND POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY AND FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-096 BY PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ELECTION AUTHORITY FUND BUDGET

Council Chair Schneider called upon Kurt Bahr, Director of Elections, to explain this bill. Bahr explained this is an annual grant based on the County’s population. Bahr stated the Elections grant has been around \$55,000 for the past few years. Bahr stated most of the dollars are spent on postage to clean up the voter registration list.

**Bill No. 5037** - Sponsored by: Mike Elam - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL AS FISCAL AGENT AND MOHSEN PASHA AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

**Bill No. 5038** - Sponsored by: Mike Elam - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL AS FISCAL AGENT AND NINO PRZULJ AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

**Bill No. 5039** - Sponsored by: Mike Elam - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL AS FISCAL AGENT AND SAMANTHA REITZ AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

**Bill No. 5040** - Sponsored by: Mike Elam - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Council Chair Schneider announced the bills for introduction would be voted on at the County Council meeting of January 31, 2022.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**TABLED BILLS** )

There were no bills removed from the table.

**IN THE MATTER OF )  
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND )  
MISCELLANEOUS )**

Kurt Frisz, Chief of Police, gave an update regarding a plane crash in Defiance on Saturday. Two Ohio residents were killed when a medical supply charter plane made a steep entry from 8,000 ft and disintegrated upon contact. Frisz acknowledged the search crews who helped locate the wreckage and stated more info was posted to social media than calls to 911. Police secured the site where there was not much debris and the NTSB will give a press conference tomorrow from the police department.

Councilman White questioned Chief Frisz if there was a cause identified in the West Alton harbor fires? Frisz had no updates.

Councilman Cronin stated that in Wentzville, he sees many young residents out and about like there is no COVID, but noted there were no COVID related deaths in our County in the under 30 age group.

Councilman Brazil stated that there were 38 million cases of the flu in 2019 and people are getting COVID due to the COVID vaccine.

Councilman Elam welcomed and congratulated the new Director of the Highway Department, John Lyons, and wished him luck this winter season.

There being no further discussions, Councilman Elam made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hollander and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Examined and Approved

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Nancy Schneider, Council Chair  
St. Charles County, Missouri

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