

**St. Charles County Council Journal
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2022**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

Council Chair Schneider introduced Pastor Danny Lybarger with The Well United Methodist Church in Defiance who provided the invocation and Councilwoman Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following roll call was taken by the Clerk:

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

County Executive Staff present:

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
 Joann Leykam, Director of Administration
 John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration
 Bob Schnur, Assistant Director of Administration

County Counselor’s Office:

Rory O’Sullivan, Acting County Counselor

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC)
PRESENTATIONS)

County Executive Steve Ehlmann presented the Annual Report for 2021. Ehlmann stated it is a requirement of the County Charter for the County Executive to present an annual report to the County Council and citizens of St. Charles County. Ehlmann reviewed how COVID-19 affected St. Charles County with statistics on cases, deaths and vaccinations as they compare to St. Louis County, St. Louis City and Missouri as a whole. Also presented was information on the Opioid Crises and noted the County joined a lawsuit to recoup some of the funds spent over the years combatting Opioid related incidents and announced the County will be receiving \$19.6 million over an 18 year period. Also reported was statistics on the tornado that hit the Defiance area on 12/10/21, Public Safety and the Auto Theft Task Force, Body Cameras and 911 Dispatch. The report continued with Growth reported with the US Census and Housing. Ehlmann reported St. Charles County Parks is celebrating their 25th year with 4, 151 in total acres of park land. Also reported was an update on Pet Adoption, Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) projects and County Finances as it has done well during the Pandemic. *Editor’s Note: A copy of the annual report is available with these minutes on file with the County Registrar.*

IN THE MATTER OF)
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PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Tony Bethmann, a business owner on North Main Street shared parts of the Road Board application that St. Charles City submitted regarding the Riverpointe Development. Bethmann pointed out the millions of dollars the project is getting with taxpayer funds and how it is not transparent to the public. Bethmann requested the County Road Board organize a meeting with both County officials and City officials to explain the financing of the development.

County Executive Ehlmann replied there is no Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds being used for this development and if the development does not produce the 140 jobs that is required for the use of money as an economic tool, the City is required to pay funds back to the County.

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

There was no report presented.

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.

Hearing none, Council Member Cronin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member White and unanimously approved by the members present.

The approved items are as follows:

Approval of Journal of the previous meetings – 2-28-2022

Approval of Bids

Communications - Copier Paper, Printing Paper, and Envelopes/Midland Paper and Western States Envelopes/\$95,000.00

Finance - Vehicle Purchase for Police Department/(2 qty.) 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit/Behlman Chrysler Dodge/\$86,193.00

- Bulk Gasoline and Diesel Fuel/Kiesel Company/\$1,500,000.00

Highway - 2022 Concrete Removal and Replacement A/Amcon Municipal Concrete LLC. \$1,730,000.00

- 2022 Concrete Removal and Replacement D/Amcon Municipal Concrete LLC. \$1,250,000.00

- Asphalt Surface Treatment 2022/Innovative Roadway LLC/\$323,639.82

- Asphaltic Concrete/All bidders: Bridgefield Asphalt Plant, Simpson Materials dba Missouri Products, New Frontier Material/\$1,275,000.00

- Tires/Best Tire and Goodyear Tire/\$70,000.00
- Paint - Road and Thermoplastic Markings/Ozark Materials LLC/\$115,000.00
- Parks and Recreation – Professional Services/New Park in Foristell - Design and Development of New Park Property/Horner and Shifrin/\$454,877.00
- Prosecuting Attorney - ThomsonReuters WestLaw/Thomson Reuters/\$57,415.44

Nominations and Appointments

Industrial Development Authority

- Kenneth R. Gumper, Jr. – St. Peters – reappointment – term expires 12-15-27
- Julie Bartch – St. Charles – reappointment – term expires 12-15-27
- Tom Kuhn – O’Fallon – replacing Linda Luera-Sanchez – term expires 12-15-27

Miscellaneous

- Facilities - Change Order #2/Justice Center and Admin. Bldg. roof replacement/\$64,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF)
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BILLS FOR INRODUCTION)

Bill No. 5049 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

Bill No. 5050 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET OF THE ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (OSCCMO), APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-096 FOR THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, BY REMOVING ONE GOVERNMENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE II POSITION AND ADDING ONE GOVERNMENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE III POSITION

St. Charles County Collector Michelle McBride explained due to the retirement of a long-standing employee, the Collector’s budget would allow for the position to be upgraded to a Gov’t. Services Representative III and would be a better fit as other positions within similar departments doing similar duties.

Bill No. 5051 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NONBINDING PROJECTED TAX RATES OF THE COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND AND FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL FUNDS OF AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2022 IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE NOTICE OF PROJECTED TAX LIABILITY TO ACCOMPANY THE ASSESSOR’S NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUE, ALL AS MANDATED BY SENATE BILL 711(2008), SUCH TAX RATES BEING PROJECTED WITHOUT INCREASE FROM 2021

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)

Council Member Cronin announced St. Charles City will be holding their first St. Patrick’s Parade on Thursday, March 17, 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Foundry Arts Center and shared he and his grandchildren will be in attendance.

There being no further announcements Council Member White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hammond and unanimously approved by those present. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Examined and Approved

Nancy Schneider, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri

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