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St. Charles City Council Meeting

March 9, 2026

The St. Charles City Council met in regular session on March 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall. Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the following Council present: Allison, Blomme, Gyles, and Kozak. Also present: Tourism Board Chair Mary Seibert, Fire Chief Rick Schaffer, Assistant Chief Travis Egli, and four guests.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Allison, second by Blomme, to approve agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Council meeting minutes for 2-9-2026
 - b. Treasurer's Report for February 2026
 - c. Claims and Receipts Report for March 2026**Motion by Allison, seconded by Kozak, to approve consent agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.**
3. SHERIFF/EM REPORTS
There were 45.18 patrol hours, 16 traffic stops, and 7 calls during February. The Emergency Management Report was submitted.
4. SIGN REPLACEMENT ST. CHARLES PARISH
Steve Bobst was present to answer questions the Council had. **Motion by Allison, seconded by Blomme, to approve the replacement of the information sign with a new LED sign at the Parish. Roll: Ayes-unanimous. Motion passes**
5. PUBLIC FORUM
No one wished to speak.
6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Sewer – February report was submitted.
- b. Maintenance – Caulking has been applied around the window. Four work orders were discussed by the council.
- c. Fire/Rescue – The City of St. Charles will not be receiving South Township funds to support the Fire Department during the 2026 Fiscal Year. Due to a clerical error during the budget process, South Township residents were not taxed for Fire/Rescue services. Therefore, no funding is available for the Fire/Rescue Department in St. Charles during the 2026 fiscal year. Funding will resume in 2027. The Fire/Rescue Departments will be short approximately \$40,000 in their budget. Please see the statement from the Auditor's office at the end of the minutes.
- d. Library –February minutes were submitted.
- e. Gateway – Mayor Fitch and Councilman Allison will attend a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on March 24th at the Gateway. The Welcome Center area of the Gateway will plan to open in May using volunteers.
- f. Parks – **Motion by Allison, seconded by Kozak, to approve Stacy Schultz as a member of the Park Board. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.** The Park Board would like to remove the posts from the old teeter totters, remove the fire pit, and add a GaGa Pit. **Motion by Allison, second by Blomme, to approve the changes to the city park, providing the fire pit is allowed to be removed. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes**
- g. Mayor – Mayor Fitch made the Council aware of issues with the road on N. Cross Street. Mayor Fitch will work with maintenance on ideas and help with the issues on the road.
- h. Clerk – City Hall will be closed April 2nd.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Road Bids for FY27: Item was tabled until the March 26th Council meeting.
- b. Reminder of the Tax Levy meeting on March 26th at 6:30 pm.
8. NEW BUSINESS
A letter will be sent to a resident using the City's trash bin at Imes Bridge Park as their personal trash bin.
9. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION
a. Budget work session for the fiscal year 27- No action taken.
10. ADJOURN
Being there was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.
Motion by Allison, second by Kozak, to adjourn. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Brian Fitch, Mayor

Attest:

Tracy Kozak, Clerk

Statement Concerning South Township Fire Service Levy Funds:

The Auditor's Office discovered that South Township's FY26 budget was mistakenly certified without a fire service levy. This error occurred after South Township submitted the budget. Normally, the township charges rural residents a levy to pay the City of St. Charles for fire and EMS services under a shared services agreement. Because the levy was omitted during budget certification, taxpayers were never billed, and the township did not collect the funds, leaving it unable to fulfill the approximate \$40,000 that would have been paid. **No money is missing; the taxes were simply never charged.** Since the levy cannot be applied retroactively, the township cannot recover the funds for FY26. The township has been working with the current Auditor to verify that the FY27 budget is correct and a fire service levy will once again be applied to South Township. 30

IPERS-Payroll	\$545.32	Bound Tree-Rescue	\$444.65	US Cellular-Rescue	\$136.18	TOTAL	\$46,533.94
State of Iowa-Payroll	\$114.32	Electric Pump-Sewer	\$520.00	TOTAL	\$17,871.10	EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2026	
EFTPS-Payroll	\$944.38	IMFOA-clerk dues	\$50.00	REVENUE FEBRUARY 2026		General	\$14,086.00
Mid American Energy-Various City Locations including FD	\$2,402.38	Martin Marietta-Rock	\$384.43	General	\$15,162.63	Road Use	\$0.00
Warren Water-water	\$145.00	Pat Mongan-library	\$12.00	Road Use	\$5,812.84	Employee Benefits	\$0.00
Waste Management-Monthly Billing/Recycle	\$7,963.99	Rick Schaffer-Fire Dept.	\$23.97	Employee Benefits	\$0.00	Local Option	\$0.00
Omnitel Communications-Phone and Internet	\$278.27	Susan Aller-Rescue	\$92.00	Local Option	\$5,885.58	Capital Streets	\$0.00
Farmers Electric-Sewer	\$46.67	Madisonian-Publishing	\$116.33	Capital Streets	\$0.00	Water	
Tracy Kozak-Laptop	\$1,069.99	POM-Sewer Mngmt	\$1,292.00	Water Total	\$155.56	Sewer	\$6,491.96
Bomgaars-Streets	\$93.48	Casey's-fuel/misc supplies, library	\$1,085.81	Sewer Total	\$14,907.33	Sewer Sinking Fund	\$0.00
		Greatamerica Financial-Copy Machine	\$109.93	Sewer Sinking Fund	\$4,610.00	TOTAL	\$20,577.96

Winterset Community Schools

Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes 03/09/2026 – 5:00 PM

The Board of Education of the Winterset Community School District met in regular session in the Administration Board Room, 303 Wambold Drive, Winterset, IA at 5:00 p.m. The public was invited to attend in person or view the board meeting virtually using a link provided on the agenda. Present at the meeting were President Jared McDonald, Vice President Gina Robinson, Directors Tim Mohs, Jeremy Frease, and Ross Rethmeier.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
President McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Reading of Mission Statement and a Strategic Direction**
Director Frease read the Mission Statement and the Strategic Priority #1.
4. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**
None.
5. **Approve Agenda**
Motion made by: Tim Mohs
Motion seconded by: Ross Rethmeier
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
6. **Greet Visitors and Communication from the Public**
7. **Information Only**
 - a. **Construction Project Update**
Representatives from Bray Architects and ESTES provided the board with an update on the construction project.
 - b. **Piper Sandler Construction Project Financial Update**
Travis Squires from Piper-Sandler provided the board with an update/overview on the financing of the upcoming construction project and the potential impact of any changes to SAVE.
 - c. **Building Level Reports**
The building principals provided the board with an update of their plans/progress around the district's strategic priorities for the 25-26 school year.
 - d. **Strategic Plan Monitoring Report**
High School Principal, Cam Smith updated the board on the work at the high school around our strategic priorities.
8. **Consent Agenda**
Motion made by: Gina Robinson
Motion seconded by: Jeremy Frease
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
 - a. **Minutes**
Minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular board meeting and February 25, 2026 special session.
 - b. **Paid Bills and Invoices**
Bills totaling \$647,215.83
 - c. **Personnel Report**
Replacement Positions: Agreements or Contracts
Other: Emily Urban, Letter of Intent, Spanish, HS, FY27. **Other Contract Revisions due to Reassignment/Contract Hours:** Zachary

- Sweeney, Early Bird MOC, HS, Remuneration for FY24 & FY25.
- Resignations**
Classified Staff: Callie Drake, Teacher's Associate, MS, Effective End of FY26, Robert Trivette, Teacher's Associate, JH, Effective 02-11-2026, Amanda McCallon, Teacher's Associate, HS, Effective 03-04-2026. **Certified Staff:** Elizabeth Wilson, 6th Grade Teacher, MS, Effective End of FY26, Bryan McDougall, 0.5 FTE Social Studies, HS/JH, End of FY26. Brian McDougall, 0.5 FTE Permanent Substitute, District Wide, End of FY26. **Athletics/Activities:** Cole Williams, Golf Citizen Coach, JH, FY26. Michelle Davenport Macumber, Elem Wellness Coordinator 50%, Elem, End of FY26.
Internal Transfers: Certified Staff: Michelle Davenport Macumber, Moving from K-12 Literacy Coach to 6th Grade SPED Teacher, MS, Effective FY27.
- d. **Open Enrollment**
Approved seven Open Enrolled "Out" applications, twelve Open Enrolled "In" applications that have met requirements.
 - e. **Financial Report**
February statement of position - all funds.
February Year-to-date Revenues and Expenditures - general fund.
 - f. **Contracts and Agreements**
 - i. Farm Lease
 - ii. Iowa LGRP Participation
 - iii. Relay Agreement
 - iv. SWICC Automotive and Carpentry FY27
 - v. Turf Tank Agreement
9. **Old Business**
- a. **2nd Reading of Review of Board Policy 300 Series and Proposed Changes**
Motion by Rethmeier, second by Robinson to approve the second reading of the 300 policy series. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
10. **New Business**
- a. **Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, Dated July 24, 2018, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, Dated July 24, 2018**
Motion by Mohs, second by Robinson to adopt resolution authorizing the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, dated July 24, 2018, and levying a tax for fiscal year 2027 for the redemption of general obligation school bonds, Series 2018, dated July 24, 2018. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - b. **Public Hearing regarding approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost for the Winterset Community School District High School Additions and Renovations Project.**
At 6:37 p.m., President McDonald announced that now was the time for the public hearing regarding the approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost for the Winterset CSD High School additions and renovations project. No comments were submitted in writing and no members of the public wished to address the Board. This public hearing is required per Iowa Code Chapter 21. The hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

- c. **Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Winterset Community School District High School Additions and Renovations Project.**
Motion by Robinson, second by Frease to approve resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost for the Winterset CSD High School additions and renovations project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - d. **Approve Bus Bids and Award Contract**
Motion by Rethmeier, second by Mohs to approve bids received and opened on Friday, February 20, 2026, and awarded the contract to School Bus Sales for a 2027 Blue Bird bus at \$191,720. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - e. **Approval of Additional Fundraisers**
Motion by Frease, second by Robinson to approve of track and softball fundraisers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
11. **Board Member Reports**
Student Representative Brooks Nedved provided an update on upcoming activities, including Teacher Appreciation, Mother-Son dance is scheduled for April 27. The Bondurant Exchange visit has been postponed due to bus availability and will be rescheduled. The Husky Help Day is scheduled for May 12, with a rain date of May 15.
Board members shared positive feedback from the Authentic Learning Showcase, noting the strong student speeches and presentations and highlighting the many opportunities available to students because of the work of district teachers. Board members were reminded that the IASB website provides updates on legislative activity and a list of bills to monitor during the session. The weekly "Under the Golden Dome" update was also recommended as a helpful summary of legislative developments. The Winterset Community Educational Foundation trivia fundraiser was well attended and raised approximately \$5,000.
12. **Superintendent Report**
The superintendent discussed a proposed Research Practice Partnership with Iowa State University that would allow teachers to voluntarily participate in funded collaboration and provide students opportunities to earn credentials in AI. The district is also exploring a service agreement with Waldinger for HVAC maintenance with potential costs shifted from the general fund to PPEL and SAVE. Additional updates included work on threat assessment communication for staff and families, consideration of a Front-line enrollment and staffing analytics tool, and clarification of the potential financial impact of the community field house project. The superintendent also reviewed upcoming bid approvals, enrollment considerations related to early graduation, legislative concerns, and upcoming meetings and travel.
13. **Future Meetings: March 30, 2026 Special Session and Public Hearing "A" and April 13, 2026, Public Hearing "B" and Regular Session**
A special session will be held on March 30, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., followed by Public Hearing "A" at 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing "B" and the regular board meeting will be held on April 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
14. **Adjournment**
President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.
15. **Exempt Session Union Negotiations**
Attest: Jill Gavin, Board Secretary

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLAIMS March 9, 2026	DCG CSD-FEE	230.00	INTER GREENHOUSE CONTR-SUPPLIES	778.74	SANORBIX-SERVICE	1,925.00
ADEL FAMILY FUN CENTER-SUPPLIES	DAS-FEE	50.00	ICCA-SERVICE	45.00	SAVERAID, SAMUEL-OFFICIAL	265.00
AGRILAND FS-FUEL	DES MOINES AIRPORT-TRAVEL	96.00	IDHS-MEDICAID	26,726.42	SCHOOL SPECIALTY-SUPPLIES	188.48
AGRIVISION-PARTS	DES MOINES CSD-TUITION	716.90	IA DEPT OF INSPEC-SERVICE	150.00	SCIENCE CENTER OF IA-SERVICE	176.00
AHLERS & COONEY-LEGAL	DES MOINES STEEL-SERVICE	31,000.00	IHSAA-SUPPLIES	25.00	SHOPPER, THE-ADVERTISING	918.40
AMAZON-SUPPLIES	DONOVAN-SERVICE	2,500.00	IOWA ONE CALL-SERVICE	1.80	SICKLES, TYSON-OFFICIAL	105.00
AL LEONARD-SERVICE	DOORS-SERVICE	2,239.00	ISFIS-REGISTRATION	460.00	SIMON WELDING-SUPPLIES	438.91
ALL AMERICAN SPORTS-SUPPLIES	DYVIG, JOSHUA-OFFICIAL	165.00	IOWA SIGN CO-SERVICE	2,280.52	SKILLS USA-REGISTRATION	177.00
ALMOST FRIDAY SPORTING-TRAVEL	EARLHAM CSD-TUITION	6,750.00	IOWA THEATER-SERVICE	325.00	SKYLIGHTER-SUPPLIES	69.39
AMAZON-SUPPLIES	EASEL SOFTWARE-SOFTWARE	216.00	IXL.COM-CURRICULUM	1,049.25	SMASH PARK-SERVICE	676.83
AMPLIFY EDUCATION-CURRICULUM	EAST UNION CSD-TUITION	20,173.75	J.W. PEPPER-SUPPLIES	643.71	STORM LAKE CSD-TUITION	10,819.98
AMPLYUS-SUPPLIES	ELECTRICAL ENG-SUPPLIES	348.70	JACOBS, BRYAN-LUNCH REFUND	52.65	SUBSCRIP SRVS OF AMERICA-SUPPLIES	156.97
ANDERSON'S-SUPPLIES	EPIC SPORTS-SUPPLIES	80.20	JAEGER SPORTS-SUPPLIES	458.95	SUMMIT TECHNOLOGIES-SERVICE	473.65
APPLICATION SOFTWARE-SERVICE	EVERGREEN AND LILY-SUPPLIES	205.00	JOHNSTON CSD-TUITION	4,267.63	TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOC-REGISTRATION	502.00
ART CRAFT STUDIO-EQUIPMENT	EVERTSEN, RUDY-OFFICIAL	165.00	JOSTENS-SUPPLIES	854.45	TERMINIX-SERVICE	592.62
A-TEC RECYCLING-SERVICE	EVERWAY-SUPPLIES	4,934.92	LAKEVIEW COUNTRY CLUB-MEMBERSHIP	4,250.00	THINGLINK-SERVICE	825.00
AUDITOR OF THE STATE-FEES	FAREWAY STORES-SUPPLIES	1,836.00	LEARNING COUTURE-SERVICES	2,050.00	THOMPSON, CLINTON-OFFICIAL	165.00
BASE-SERVICE	FARMERS ELECTRIC-UTILITIES	5,318.00	MAINE, JAMES-OFFICIAL	105.00	TRUGOLF-SERVICE	321.00
BECK INSTITUTE-SERVICE	FIELDS, DANIEL-OFFICIAL	165.00	MARTIN'S BBQ-TRAVEL	54.50	TYLER TECH-SOFTWARE	175.00
BILLINGTON TRUCKING-SERVICE	FLEMING, TERESA-TRAVEL	864.00	METOCCHOI GROUP-SUPPLIES	750.00	UBER-TRAVEL	56.50
BLICK ART MATERIALS-SUPPLIES	FLINN SCIENTIFIC-SUPPLIES	342.09	MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS-SERVICE	1,040.00	USPS-SUPPLIES	78.00
BLUM, DENNIS-OFFICIAL	FOLLETT-SUPPLIES	1,507.88	MOTOROLA-SUPPLIES	7,452.36	USIC HOLDINGS-SERVICE	275.90
BOMGAARS-SUPPLIES	FOR SURE ROOFING-SERVICE	694.55	MTI DISTRIBUTING-SUPPLIES	899.59	VALLEY CSD-REGISTRATION	425.00
BONDURANT- FARRAR CSD-FEES	FORESTRY SUPPLIERS-SUPPLIES	520.37	MUELLER, JEREMY-OFFICIAL	165.00	VAN MAANEN-SERVICE	1,360.00
BRAY ASSOCIATES-SERVICES	FRYE, DENNIS-OFFICIAL	165.00	MUSICIAN'S FRIEND-SUPPLIES	57.78	VAN METER CSD-TUITION	18,571.02
BRITAINS STANDARD-PARTS	GERLEMAN, CORY-OFFICIAL	210.00	NATIONAL FFA-SUPPLIES	1,124.00	VEON, KEVIN-OFFICIAL	110.00
BROTHERS ACE 4-SUPPLIES	GOLF TEAM PRODUCTS-SUPPLIES	937.00	NORWALK CSD-TUITION	418.57	VERIZON-PHONES	151.49
BSN SPORTS-SUPPLIES	GRAINGER PARTS-PARTS	1,848.22	OFFICE DEPOT-SUPPLIES	245.83	VOCATIONAL DEV-SERVICE	1,910.08
CAM CSD-TUITION	GRANITE TELE-SERVICE	3,132.98	OLSON, ANGELA-SUPPLIES	32.94	WASTE MANAGEMENT-SERVICE	3,491.55
CAPITAL SANITARY-SUPPLIES	GREEN RESOURCES-SERVICE	210.00	OMAHA TRUCK CTR-SERVICE	2,264.05	WATER LINK-SERVICE	456.25
CASEY'S-SUPPLIES	GROSS, JUSTIN-TRAVEL	61.96	ORIENTAL TRADING-SUPPLIES	102.35	WAUKEE CSD-FEES	125.00
CENTRAL IOWA DIST-SUPPLIES	GUITAR CENTER-SUPPLIES	39.95	PARK PLANET-PLAYGROUND	9,286.00	WEBER, CHRIS-OFFICIAL	210.00
CHARTWELLS-SERVICES	HAMPTON INN-TRAVEL	1,352.92	PEPSI-CO-SUPPLIES	2,303.42	WEDEMEYER, DAX-OFFICIAL	165.00
CHOICE SOLUTIONS-SERVICE	HARDING, TERRY-OFFICIAL	55.00	PERRY CSD-TUITION	4,246.32	WEST DES MOINES CSD-TUITION	78,276.60
CINTAS-SUPPLIES	HATCHITT, CHRISTOPHER-SERVICE	450.00	PLUMB SUPPLY-PARTS	98.84	WEST MUSIC-SUPPLIES	695.04
CLAYTON RIDGE CSD-TUITION	HEARTLAND AEA-SUPPLIES	60,636.08	POMP'S TIRE-SERVICE	1,540.02	WETZEL, TIFFANIE-POSTAGE	73.20
CLOSEOUT BATS-SUPPLIES	HERMITAGE ART-SUPPLIES	82.14	PRICE, MARI-DOT PHYSICAL	100.00	WILLIAM V MACGILL & CO-SUPPLIES	70.84
COBBLESTONE INN-SERVICE	HILTON-TRAVEL	1,456.32	QUICKLUTION-SERVICE	49.00	WINT MADISONIAN-ADVERTISING	317.54
COLLEGE CSD-TUITION	HINK, ERIC-OFFICIAL	165.00	RADON DEFENSE-SERVICE	860.83	WINT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES-UTILITIES	28,029.42
COMPROSYS-SUPPLIES	HKG INS-SERVICE	896.00	REINDL., CHRIS-OFFICIAL	165.00	WOODCOCK, SETH-OFFICIAL	110.00
CONCORD THEATRICALS-FEE	HOTSY CLEANING-SUPPLIES	649.48	REINDL, TYLER-OFFICIAL	165.00	WORLDS OF FUN-SUPPLIES	250.00
CONFERENCE TECH-SERVICES	HUDNUT, RICHARD-OFFICIAL	525.00	RELAYHUB-SERVICES	5,230.43	WUESTEWALD, ADAM-OFFICIAL	165.00
CORE-MARK-SUPPLIES	HY-VEE-SUPPLIES	217.05	RILEYMAN MUSIC-REPAIRS	220.99	YOSSI, BROCK-OFFICIAL	165.00
CRYSTAL CLEAN-SERVICE	ICN-SERVICE	2,384.66	RIO GRANDE-SUPPLIES	61.85		
CURRICULUM ASSOC-CURRICULUM	IA DCI-SERVICE	1,500.00				