

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 6, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
Deputy City Clerk: Kathy L. Smith
Youth Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Greg Nelson
Patrick Herblet
Kurt Giles
Cody Woodcock
Diann Woodcock
Joan Mulder
AJ Knowlin

Morning Sun
Police Chief
Utilities Director
10989 N. Jerome Road
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317 W. Washington
Gratiot County Herald

Council Member Shrum led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Member Allen asked that changes be made to the fourth paragraph on page 319 of the December 16, 2008 minutes to state Council Member Allen asked if the ordinance allows for changes to the language once it is approved.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 16, 2008 subject to the changes to the fourth paragraph on page 319 to state Council Member Allen asked if the ordinance allows for changes to the language once it is approved. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$680,436.49. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to receive and place on file the December 2008 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Rowe Presentation and Proposals.

Rowe Senior Project Manager Craig Schripsema presented the City Council with design projects and proposals to improve the city's wastewater system totaling approximately \$12 million in upgrades. Discussion was made in regards to how the projects would be funded and if the entire project should be done at one time or broken up in smaller projects. Project Manager Craig Schripsema suggested the first step to getting started would be to have a rate study done.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve a rate study of the wastewater system by Rowe Incorporated in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve a rate study of the wastewater system by Rowe Incorporated in the amount of \$5,000. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Design and Construction Engineering Services for Corinth Street and Prospect Street Reconstruction from Olive Street to Main Street including the Topographic Survey, Soil Borings, and Preparation of Preliminary Plans totaling \$25,350.00, to approve the Design and Construction Engineering Services for Main Street Reconstruction from the Pine River to north city limits including the Topographic survey, Soil Borings and Preparation of Preliminary Plans totaling \$25,650.00, and to approve the Design and Construction Engineering Services for Woodside Drive Rehabilitation from Michigan Avenue to Main Street including the Soil Borings and Preparation of Preliminary Plans totaling \$11,150.00 to Rowe Incorporated being a grand total of \$62,100.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the Design and Construction Engineering Services for Corinth Street and Prospect Street Reconstruction from Olive Street to Main Street including the Topographic Survey, Soil Borings, and Preparation of Preliminary Plans totaling \$25,350.00, to approve the Design and Construction Engineering Services for Main Street Reconstruction from the Pine River to north city limits including the Topographic survey, Soil Borings and Preparation of Preliminary Plans totaling \$25,650.00, and to approve the Design and Construction Engineering Services for Woodside Drive Rehabilitation from Michigan Avenue to Main Street including the Soil Borings and Preparation of Preliminary Plans totaling \$11,150.00 to Rowe Incorporated being a grand total of \$62,100.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications received from MERS Group Life & Disability Program and the P-CBSA Summary.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Appointment of Delegates for City Boards and Commissions.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the appointment of Delegates for City Boards and Commissions.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Appointment of the Delegates for City Boards and Commissions. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of City Official Newspapers.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2009.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of Official Depositories for City Funds.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to designate St. Louis Chemical Bank & Trust, St. Louis Commercial Bank, St. Louis First Bank, US Bank of Detroit, First of America Bank of Detroit and Isabella Bank & Trust of Breckenridge as Official Depositories of City Funds for the Year 2009.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve to Designate St. Louis Chemical Bank & Trust, St. Louis Commercial Bank, St. Louis First Bank, US Bank of Detroit, First of America Bank of Detroit and Isabella Bank & Trust of Breckenridge as Official Depositories of City Funds for the Year 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Ordinance B-206 Cemetery Rules & Regulations.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council adopt Ordinance B-206 to provide for efficient management and operation of the Oak Grove Cemetery and burials in the City of St. Louis to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to adopt Ordinance B-206 to provide for efficient management and operation of the Oak Grove Cemetery and burials in the City of St. Louis to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-01.

City Manager McConkie requested the City Council approve the Performance Resolution 2009-01.

**PERFORMANCE
RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES
2009-01**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Church, and supported by Member Shrum.

This Performance Resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a municipal utility an "Individual Permit for Use of State Trunkline Right of Way" (form 2205), or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within State Trunkline Right of Way" (form 2205B).

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis hereinafter referred to as the "GOVERNMENTAL BODY," periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT," for permits, referred to as "PERMIT," to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under state trunkline right of way at various locations within and adjacent to its corporate limits;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT, the GOVERNMENTAL BODY agrees that:

Each party to this Agreement shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or omissions during the performance of this Agreement, as provided by law.

This Agreement is not intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims.

This Agreement is not intended nor shall it be interpreted, as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

1. Any work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL BODY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the GOVERNMENTAL BODY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without its specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT.
2. The GOVERNMENTAL BODY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same

occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.

3. It will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State trunkline right of way resulting from the installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY'S facilities according to a PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.
4. With respect to any activities authorized by PERMIT, when the GOVERNMENTAL BODY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.
5. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this resolution as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
6. This resolution shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the GOVERNMENTAL BODY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the GOVERNMENTAL BODY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the necessary permit to work within state trunkline right of way on behalf of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

Name:
Robert McConkie
Kurt Giles

Title:
City Manager
Utilities Director

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Church, Shrum, Mayor Kubin, Allen, Kelly
Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted

Introduce Ordinance B-207 and set Public Hearing Date.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council introduce Ordinance B-207 an Ordinance to amend the Saint Louis City Code of Ordinances (Appendix A).

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve to introduce Ordinance B-207 an Ordinance to amend the Saint Louis City Code of Ordinances (Appendix A) and to set Public Hearing Date on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Bid Award to DVT for FERC Articles 405/406 Compliance Project

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the bid award to DVT Electric for FERC Articles 405/406 Compliance Project in the amount of \$44,490.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the bid award to DVT Electric for FERC Articles 405/406 Compliance Project in the amount of \$44,900.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Authorization to enter into Consulting Agreement for Renewable Portfolio Standard and Energy Efficiency Plan Filing.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City council approve authorization to enter into Consulting Agreement for Renewable Portfolio Standard and Energy Efficiency Plan Filing.

Utilities Director Kurt Giles recommended the city join the Energy Optimization Service Committee Group after attaining information regarding the plan from the MPPA. There will be more information given at a later date.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization to enter into Consulting Agreement for Renewable Portfolio Standard and Energy Efficiency Plan Filing. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-02

City Manager McConkie requested the City Council approve Resolution 2009-02.

RESOLUTION 2009-02
CITY OF ST. LOUIS
Street Dedication

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Church, and supported by Member Shrum.

WHEREAS, The City has maintained a roadway over private property known as Hidden Oaks Drive for several years; and

WHEREAS, On December 31, 2008, the City acquired property from Richard and Joanne Green which included property on which Hidden Oaks Drive is located; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of St. Louis that Hidden Oaks Drive remain a roadway open to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council hereby designates Hidden Oaks Drive as described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto, as a public street and hereby directs that it become part of the official City street system.

AYES: Church, Shrum, Mayor Kubin, Allen, Kelly

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated the closings for 111 N. Mill, 316 North Street, and the Green Property are all finalized.

City Manager McConkie requested the City Council approve the amortization schedule for the DDA Payment to be \$80,000 at 5% interest with a payment of \$700.00 per month until the loan is paid in full.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church to approve the amortization schedule for the DDA Payment to be \$80,000 at 5% interest with a payment of \$700.00 per month until the loan is paid in full.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

Deputy City Clerk Smith stated that City Clerk Roehrs appointed her temporary Deputy City Clerk in her absence while off during her sick leave.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that there has been a change in deputizing St. Louis officers by Gratiot County for assisting other departments. He is working on a mutual aid agreement with Alma at this time and hopes to have others join soon.

Student Delegate Report.

Student Delegate Mikek stated that he will be attending the BPA Competition at Central.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Shrum inquired about the motor home parked in the Lutheran Church parking lot for quite some time.

Chief Herblet stated they have checked on it and are keeping an eye on things.

Council Member Allen stated she was thankful the city had no loss of electric power during the previous week's weather condition.

Council Member Allen inquired if all the docks were removed.

Chief Herblet stated he knew Leppien Park has been removed but wasn't sure on the others.

City Manager McConkie stated the city has hired two full time DPW workers so they would be able to get caught up on things.

Council Member Church inquired about setting up a meeting with the school board to meet the new Superintendent.

City Manager McConkie stated he would get a meeting set up.

Council Member Church stated he thought the City Council was going to be offered a tour through the Cambridge Woods Apartments and has not heard if they are or not.

City Manager McConkie said he will contact the owner and set up a tour.

Council Members all commented on what great job the workers have done on the snow removal this year.

Mayor Kubin inquired if the city is registered for the next spring MML conference.

City Manager McConkie stated that registration has been completed.

Mayor Kubin received a complaint from Lucille Chovanec that the Discount Tire does not shovel their sidewalk. Katherine Goettling, City Code Enforcement, has sent them a letter.

City Manager McConkie stated he would stop by Discount Tire and talk to Mr. Hubler.

Council Member Allen asked if it was possible to close the block when they are loading the large piles of snow.

City Manager McConkie stated he would mention it to Mark Abbott.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Kathy L. Smith
Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 20, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, January, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek (excused)

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Kurt Giles
Katherine Goettling
Phil Hansen
A.J. Knowlin

Police Chief
Utilities Director
City Assessor
DDA Director
Gratiot County Herald

Council Member Allen led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2009, subject to the correction of Resolution 2009-02 the 1st paragraph should be deleted. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$441,945.53. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the December 2008 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to receive and place on file the December 2008 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Ordinance B-207.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing on Ordinance B-207 to amend the Saint Louis City Code of Ordinances (Appendix A) Section 10-5 and Section 10-9 at 7:54 a.m.

City Manager McConkie stated that Ordinance B-207 amends the ordinance adopted last summer dealing with land division. Under Section 10-5 it stated that the land divisions would be effective after 90 days and the City Council wanted it to be 180 days. Also, Section 10-9 the appeal process was not explained and this ordinance replaces the current appeal section.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:56 a.m.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications regarding information on the MML Conference in Lansing, Annual Gratiot County Chamber Dinner, DART Service Report, correspondence from Garan Lucow Miller P.C. and minutes of the Gratiot County Master Plan.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Ordinance B-207.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Ordinance B-207 to amend the Saint Louis City Code of Ordinances (Appendix A).

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve Ordinance B-207 to amend the Saint Louis City Code of Ordinances (Appendix A) Section 10-5 and Section 10-9. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to MMEA for 2009 Membership Dues.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Michigan Municipal Electric Association for 2009 Membership dues in the amount of \$6,017.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to Michigan Municipal Electric Association for 2009 Membership dues in the amount of \$6,017.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Council Meeting for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. needs to be changed to Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. since the Council Members will be attending the Michigan Municipal League Conference in Lansing March 3rd and 4th.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to change the City Council Meeting for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager McConkie stated that on January 12, 2009, he attended the Lion's Club meeting and on the 14th of January he attended the Gratiot County Master Plan meeting. Data acquired from the Master Plan meetings will be organized for strategic planning and implementation for Gratiot County.

City Manager McConkie reviewed the City of Saint Louis Infrastructure Project List with the City Council.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she has been busy catching up on her work while she was off.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that some of the business owners do not give the police department current contact information. He encouraged the council members about talking to the business if they get a chance to let them know that they should make sure the police department has the correct information on file for their business.

Student Delegate Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church wanted to know if a librarian has been hired yet.

Council Member Shrum answered yes, Jessica Little was hired for the position.

Council Member Church asked if a date was set for the council to review the Cambridge Apartments.

City Manager McConkie stated that a date has been set January 28th but do not know what time yet.

Council Member Church wanted to know if a joint meeting with the school board has been set.

City Manager McConkie stated that he proposed some dates to the superintendent and the matter is to be discussed at their school board meeting. The City Council will be notified of the date and time of the meeting when it has been confirmed.

Council Member Church was wondering about residents getting their electric shut off for non payment in the sub zero cold weather.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she held off turning electric customers off for non payment and worked with the customers to get their bills paid.

Council Member Church stated that there is snow piled around the stop sign across from the Smith's Funeral Home and it is hard to see around the corner.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would have Police Chief Herblet and DPW Supt. Abbott take care of the matter.

Council Member Kelly commended the city employees on the excellent job they are doing plowing and removing the snow.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 3, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Jerry Church (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek (excused)

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Kurt Giles
Greg Nelson
A.J. Knowlin
9 High School Students
Bill & Mary Leonard
Jose Dominguez
Lindsey Luckey

Police Chief
Utilities Director
Morning Sun
Gratiot County Herald

698 Cheesman Road
Spicer Group
Rehmann Robson

Mayor Kubin led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 20, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Reports.

City Council reviewed the Financial Statements for December 2008.

City Manager McConkie stated that the December Financial Statements indicate that the revenues and expenses are close to the budget amounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the Financial Statements for December 2008. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$257,919.48. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the January 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to receive and place on file the January 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Audit Presentation – Rehmann Robson.

Lindsey Luckey of Rehmann Robson reviewed Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008 Financial Audit Report with the City Council.

Lindsey stated that the City of Saint Louis received a clean audit opinion which is the highest opinion that can be given. The total governmental fund balances were \$1,448,476.00 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. All funds were within the budget amounts. There were no reportable findings or conditions for the city.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know if the city's pension fund was adequately funded.

Lindsey stated that the city's pension fund is in good shape.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city's pension fund is 84% funded.

The City Council thanked Lindsey Luckey for coming to the meeting.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve and place on file the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments.

Mary and Bill Leonard at 698 Cheesman Road stated that they purchased their home in 1975 and at that time they were promised city sewer and water. In 1978 the city told them that the water and sewer were going to be installed soon but they lived in Pine River Township and they would have to annex to the city to receive the utilities. Annexed to city in 1990 requested sewer again and was told it would be easy to expand the sewer line from Nesen's Trailer Park but the city did not expand the sewer line. About a month ago the health department came to them and said that they had to replace their sewer system because it was discharging to the river. The sewer has to be replaced by March 13th or their house would be condemned. Have requested city sewer 10 to 12 times and would like the city to reconsider having the sewer extended. Last week they were told that the formal complaint against them came from the City of St. Louis. We were told that it would cost the city about \$158,000 to extend the sewer line and the city does not have the money. They were told it will cost them between \$8,000 and \$12,000 to replace the septic tank system.

City Manager McConkie stated that he is not sure that the complaint was initiated from the city but was aware of a complaint made by a resident.

City Manager McConkie stated that he knew that the health department sent a letter to Leonard's and one to a home owner outside the city about their sewage discharging into the river and that is why the health department filed action on the matter.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city did pay the cost to extend water service to the Leonard's a few years ago. The cost to extend the sewer is \$158,000 which does not include engineering which would make the total cost about \$180,000 to \$190,000. Do not feel the cost is economical for the city or the Leonard's and the best solution is for the Leonard' to replace their septic system. If a new sewer is installed the home owners would be assessed for their portion of cost and they would be assessed up to \$20,000 each plus interest.

Mayor Kubin asked the Leonard's if they would still be interested in the city's sewer if they are assessed \$20,000 with interest.

Mary Leonard answered yes, because it would be spread over 15 years instead of up front cost of \$8,000 to \$12,000.

City Manager McConkie stated that if the city did proceed with installing the sewer line the engineering would not be done until summer.

Mary Leonard stated that they were told that the sewer had to be done by March 13th.

City Manager McConkie stated that an extension could be requested especially if they knew that they were working with the city.

Mary Leonard stated that they feel betrayed because someone at the city turned them into the health department.

Mayor Kubin stated that they should at least review the matter further.

Council Member Allen stated that the city should investigate the interlocal agreement with the township further and have some answers on the matter by the next meeting.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would get some firm costs on extending the sewer line from an engineering firm.

Council Member Kelly recommended that the city have information on the sewer line extension before the next meeting.

Council Member Allen recommended that the city send a letter to the county health department to request more time for the city to investigate the matter.

Mary Leonard commended Utility Director Giles on how nice he treated her when she was so upset.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communication to the MDEQ regarding the four test wells authorized in Sections 4 and 5 of Arcada Township. He received 122 copied letters from different residents of the same letter that were all sent to the MDEQ and he has them on file in his office.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Introduce Ordinance B-208 & Set Public Hearing Date.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council introduce Ordinance B-208 to provide Regulation Regarding Sales of Retail Customer Demand Response in Wholesale Electricity Markets and set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 a.m.

The City Council discussed that the ordinance did not have any penalty language if there was a violation of the ordinance.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to introduce Ordinance B-208 to provide Regulation Regarding Sales of Retail Customer Demand Response in Wholesale Electricity Markets with language amendment for violation of the ordinance and set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-02 to Support Stimulus Funding.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-02 in Support of Stimulus Funding to Local Governments.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Kelly, and supported by Member Allen.

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress are currently considering the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” a several hundred billion dollar economic stimulus package; and

WHEREAS, the effort is to put millions of people to work on “ready to go” infrastructure projects that will benefit local governments around the country; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that these funds are sent to local communities directly to allow selection of the most beneficial projects in terms of infrastructure investment and jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis has identified several projects of the highest importance,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Saint Louis, Michigan, urges congressional support for the overall infrastructure stimulus program as well as a direct sub-allocation, as contained in current law, allowing local governments to select projects that would provide the most benefits to the community in terms of infrastructure investment and jobs, and;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator, Debbie Stabenow, Congressman Dave Camp, Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Senator Roger Kahn, State Representative Paul Opsommer and the Michigan Municipal League.

AYES: Kelly, Allen, Shrum, Kubin

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Approve Stantec Proposal for FERC Article 405/406 Project.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Construction Phase Service Proposal from Stantec Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the FERC Article 405/406 Project.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the Construction Phase Service Proposal from Stantec Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the FERC Article 405/406 Project. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Spicer for Franklin Street Design Phase Services.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Franklin Street Improvements in the amount of \$8,501.90.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Franklin Street Improvements in the amount of \$8,501.90. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Spicer for Maple Street Design Phase Services.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Maple Street Improvements in the amount of \$5,516.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Maple Street Improvements in the amount of \$5,516.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Energy Efficiency Service Commitment Agreement.

Utility Director Giles stated that the Energy Efficiency Service Commitment Agreement is through the MPPA to have the Lansing Board of Water & Light be a liaison between the 26 MMEA members and 5 members from South Central and Summit Blue/WECC. Lansing Board of Water & Light will develop a 2 or 4 year program design plan and conduct benefit cost analysis so the municipals meet the guidelines for the MPSC Case U-158000 Temporary Order. The 75% of the cost will be split between the participants and the remainder will be based on portioned shares with Saint Louis share being about \$2,300.

City Manager McConkie stated that it is to the city's advantage to work with other municipals and jointly share one consultant to keep cost down. The city council needs to authorize the City Manager or the Utility Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Energy Efficiency Service Commitment Agreement and authorize the City Manager or Utility Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Repair Cost for Electric Department Trencher.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Gregware Equipment Company for labor and repair cost for the Case 560 Electric Department Trencher in the amount of \$6,085.56.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve payment to Gregware Equipment Company for labor and repair cost for the Case 560 Electric Department Trencher in the amount of \$6,085.56. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city staff is reviewing our shut off utility policy to see if there needs to be any revisions since the unfortunate death of a man that had his electric shut off in Bay City. The city staff will continue to monitor the MPSC for recommendations on electric utility shut off policies.

City Manager McConkie stated that he was leaving tonight after the City Council Meeting to go to the City Manager's Conference.

City Manager McConkie stated that he received draft copy of the city's water master plan and is currently reviewing it.

City Manager McConkie stated that he met with an architect on the recommendations of the Safety Committee to make city hall complex more secure. Made some recommendations back to the architect and once the revisions are made he will be meeting with the committee to review the plan.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs commended her employees on their excellent work once again for not having any reported conditions in the City's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet encouraged the City Council again to be a voice for the police department to have residents contact him or the city manager before reacting to something that they might have heard that happened in the city or was reported in the newspaper.

Police Chief Herblet stated that his department is currently investigating a death reported today of a 33 year old person and waiting for the report and have no reason to suspect foul play.

Student Delegate Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Allen enjoyed the Chamber Dinner Saturday night and Phil Hansen did a good job as Master of Ceremonies.

Council Member Allen wanted to know what was going on M-46 with the orange barrels.

City Manager McConkie stated that there was a water main break.

Council Member Kelly stated that yesterday he was watching TV on channel 26 and it listed December's meeting time and dates and we are now in February.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know about setting up some meetings with our State Senator and Representative.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek (excused)

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Kurt Giles
Greg Nelson
Phyllis McCrossin
Phil Hansen
Casey Colligs
Paul Opsommer
Jan Bunting

Rowe

Police Chief
Utilities Director
Morning Sun
Gratiot County Herald
DDA Director
State Representative
County Commissioner

Council Member Kelly led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 3, 2009, subject to the following corrections on page 338 paragraph 10 line 1 should read “that the City Council should review the matter further” and on page 342 paragraph 8 line 7 should read “setting up a meeting with the State Senator and Representative during the MML Conference”. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$222,607.32. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the January 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Ordinance B-208.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing for Ordinance B-208 to Provide Regulation with Respect to the Aggregation of Demand Response on Behalf of Retail Customers in the City of Saint Louis Electric System at 7:44 a.m.

City Manager McConkie stated that the ordinance is needed so the city has authorization to bid demand response on behalf of the city's retail customers.

Utility Director Giles stated that FERC Order No. 719 allows a qualified aggregator of retail customers to bid demand response in organized markets. The ordinance will prohibit customers from entering into dispatching on-site generation without the municipal's knowledge. A penalty provision has been added to the ordinance.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if the city attorney reviewed the ordinance.

City Manager McConkie answered yes.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:50 a.m.

Public Comments.

State Representative Paul Opsommer discussed Legislative Bill No. 776 regarding electric net metering. Representative Opsommer stated that he and Governor Granholm support Bill No. 776.

Representative Opsommer gave a summary of the appropriations of current state budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 to the City Council. He reviewed the total revenues and department expenses with the City Council.

Representative Opsommer stated that he is serving on the Transportation, Commerce and Energy Committees.

Representative Opsommer stated that the Governor is using 500 million dollars of the stimulus money to balance the budget and he was not in favor of using the stimulus money to balance the current budget.

Representative Opsommer stated that the Representatives in the State are working on the Urban Cooperation Act. The Governor supports an increase in the Homestead Property Tax.

Council Member Church wanted to know if any of the stimulus money will be used to finish US 127.

Representative Opsommer stated that US 127 does not qualify for funding because to be eligible a project has to be ready in 90 days.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Urban Cooperation Act is being used more now than ever between Gratiot County local governments. At this meeting the City Council will consider approving an Interlocal Agreement with Alma for Law Enforcement.

The City Council thanked Representative Opsommer for coming to the meeting.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications regarding the pCBSA Summary and the Cost Summary on Cheesman Road Sanitary Sewer. The Cheesman Road cost summary was just received and have not been able to review it with staff yet. At the next council meeting he will have a recommendation on the Cheesman sewer line for the City Council.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know how the home owner's time frame set by the health department would be affected by waiting until the next meeting to discuss options on the sewer line.

Utility Director Giles stated that the city sent a letter to the Department of Health letting them know that the city was working with the Leonard's and to request additional time to determine what options are available but have not heard anything back yet.

City Council requested that the Cheesman Road sewer line be place on the next meeting's agenda.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communications. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Ordinance B-208.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Ordinance B-208 to provide Regulation Regarding Sales of Retail Customer Demand Response in Wholesale Electricity Markets.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve Ordinance B-208 to provide Regulation Regarding Sales of Retail Customer Demand Response in Wholesale Electricity Markets. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Proposal for Bio-Solids Land Application.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the proposal from Synagro for approximately 800,000 gallons of Bio-Solid Land Application for three years in the amount of \$0.31 cents per gallon.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the proposal from Synagro for approximately 800,000 gallons of Bio-Solid Land Application for three years in the amount of \$0.31 cents per gallon. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Bid Award for Hydro #6 Rebuild.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to award the Bid from United Kiser Services, LLC for the Electric Department Hydro Unit #6 Rebuild in the amount of \$114,194.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve to award the Bid from United Kiser Services, LLC for the Electric Department Hydro Unit #6 Rebuild in the amount of \$114,194.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Proposal for Excavation & Sewer Lead – 111 N. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the proposal for the DDA Building Renovation Project at 111 N. Mill Street from D & E Excavating, Inc. for Excavation & Sewer Lead in the amount of \$8,500.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the proposal for the DDA Building Renovation Project at 111 N. Mill Street from D & E Excavating, Inc. for Excavation & Sewer Lead in the amount of \$8,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Proposal for Structural Improvements – 111 N. Mill Street

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the proposal from Freed Construction Company for Structural Improvements for DDA Building Renovation Project at 111 N. Mill Street in the amount of \$10,695.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the proposal from Freed Construction Company for Structural Improvements for DDA Building Renovation Project at 111 N. Mill Street in the amount of \$10,695.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Authorization for Mutual and Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement between the City of Alma and the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement between the City of Alma and the City of Saint Louis and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report. None

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that today was the last day to collect 2008 Winter Property Tax Statements without penalty.

Police Chief's Report. None

Student Delegate Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Kelly stated that he worked as a police officer for the City of Alma and for the City of Saint Louis and knows how well the two departments work together. The Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement that the City Council approved will be a good tool for the police departments.

Council Member Kelly stated that the United States Flag is supposed to be taller than the other flags in the council chambers and requested that the other flags be lowered.

Council Member Allen stated that the language contents in the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement are very good.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City of Saint Louis will be receiving the same percentage of funds from the Ivah & Howard Hoffmeyer Trust this year but the dollar amount is less due decreased revenues from investments.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 19, 2009

The Special Joint Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council and the Saint Louis School Board was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Thursday, February 19 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
8 High School Students
Joann Spry
Tracy Ross
Kathy Wiles
Jeff Baxter

Police Chief

School Superintendent
School Board Member
School Board Member
School Board Member

Mayor Kubin welcomed everybody to the meeting.

County Wide Master Planning.

City Manager McConkie presented the school board with a copy of the County Wide Planning meeting results. A number of meetings were held around the county to receive comments on planning the future for Gratiot County. The summary of the study had a lot to do with education. The administrators for each school district within the county are suppose to meet to discuss the Master Plan. He encouraged the school board members to participate in the planning process as it moves forward.

Tracy Ross stated that he and Jeff Baxter participated at the meeting in Alma. Also, there is a lot of dairy agriculture in Gratiot County and the milk is being shipped out of the State. The milk should be processed in Michigan instead of jobs being lost locally.

Council Member Church stated that a junior college for Gratiot County should be included in the Master Plan.

Technology – Fiber Optic.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city has a need to connect city hall with other city facilities through fiber optic. He was wondering if the school has any room on their fiber optic that the city could utilize.

Tracy Ross stated that the intention was that the city could share some of the fiber optic when the school installed fiber cable but do not know what the status of availability is now.

Shared Services – Library, Maintenance and etc.

Mayor Kubin stated that the city and school should have services and equipment that could be shared to save cost.

City Manager McConkie stated that one thing the city is providing to the school is salt for snow removal. By the city buying salt at a bulk rate and then selling it to the school at the city's cost is saving the school money. Another area he thought the city and school could save money is by merging the libraries and have one librarian for both places. The past city librarian did not think merging the libraries would work because some of the literature required in public libraries are not allowed in school libraries.

Tracy Ross stated that one thing the libraries could do is coordinate what books they are supplying so they don't have duplicates stored on their shelves.

Tracy Ross suggested that the city and school look into purchasing fuel jointly. With the amount of fuel the city and school used there could be a big benefit in cost savings by bidding the fuel cost together.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city purchases their fuel from Blodgett Oil and the trucks fill up at the Pacific Pride Pumps. The city does not have storage gas tanks to buy fuel at a bulk rate.

Mayor Kubin stated that he thought there were other services that could be shared and recommended that City Manager McConkie and Superintendent Spry meet to discuss options.

Involvement in Community Events.

Council Member Church stated that at the city's sesquicentennial celebration a few years ago, the city had fantastic parade but could not get the high school band to participate in the event. The city was told that the band would not be participating in the parade because it was summer and the school cannot make the students march in the parade. It was very disappointing for the community that the school wasn't in the parade especially when the community is asked to support the schools.

The consensus of the school board was that the past administration might have been the reason why the band did not participate in the parade. They are in favor of the band participating in the community events.

Tracy Ross stated that the city's 4th of July celebration is the best in the county.

Kathy Wiles commended the Christmas light parade.

City Manager McConkie stated that if the students and teachers participated in the events they could be even more successful.

Communication between the Boards.

Tracy Ross suggested that a board member from the school attend the city council meetings and one council member attend the school board meetings to enhance communication between the two entities.

Mayor Kubin requested that the City Manager and Superintendent set scheduled meetings between the City Council and School Board.

Maintenance of Playground Equipment at Westgate School.

City Manager McConkie stated that he spoke with Superintendent Spry about the poor condition of the playground equipment at the Westgate School. During the little league, soccer and pee wee football games the equipment is used a lot and the equipment is not being maintained.

Tracy Ross stated that the school does not have funds to upgrade the equipment and they have discussed removing the equipment. Maybe some of the service clubs could be encouraged to contribute money to put the equipment back in good condition.

City Manager McConkie will talk with DDA Director Hansen about possible funds available to improve the equipment.

Other.

Mayor Kubin recommended that the schools get involved in the CAG Meetings regarding the Superfund Site.

Tracy Ross wanted to know if the city could put some gravel down at the area by the Carrie Knause School where the crossing guard parks.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would look at the area to see if gravel is needed for parking the crossing guard's vehicle.

Mayor Kubin stated that Clinton Mikek is the City's Student Delegate and he is a good inspiration for the City Council. He gives good information to the council on school activities.

Mayor Kubin thanked the Saint Louis School Board for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 3, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Kurt Giles
Phil Hansen
Katherine Goettling
Jeff Baxter

Police Chief
Utilities Director
DDA Director
City Assessor
School Board Member

Council Member Church led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 17, 2009, subject to the correction on page 345 paragraph 6 line 1 should read "sewer line be placed". All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on February 19, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$463,110.10. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the February 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to receive and place on file the February 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications received from S. Jean Nevins regarding the Spirit of St. Louis Award and Charter Communication Correspondence.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Appointment of Joint Water Authority Committee.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City of Alma and City of Saint Louis need to have their own committee members to negotiate terms for the Joint Water Authority Agreement. City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council appoint committee members for the City of Saint Louis.

Council Members Jerry Church and William Shrum volunteered to be on the committee with City Manager McConkie and Utility Director Giles.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to appoint Council Member Church, Council Member Shrum, City Manager McConkie and Utility Director Giles as the City of Saint Louis Committee to negotiate terms for the Joint Water Authority Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Appointment of Airport Authority Board Member.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council appoint a City of Saint Louis Representative as a Board Member to the Airport Authority.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to appoint City Manager McConkie as a Board Member on the Airport Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Request for Easter Sunrise Service at Cemetery.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the request from the First Church of God to hold Sunrise Service at the Oak Grove Cemetery on Sunday, April 12, 2009.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve the request from the First Church of God to hold Sunrise Service at the Oak Grove Cemetery on Sunday, April 12, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment for Road Salt per Current Agreement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment to North American Salt for 141.91 Tons of Road Salt in the amount of \$6,106.38.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the payment to North American Salt for 141.91 Tons of Road Salt in the amount of \$6,106.38. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-04 Granger Landfill Project.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-04 to authorize the Granger Renewable Energy Agreement and Participation in the MPPA Granger Renewable Energy Project.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Shrum, and supported by Member Kelly.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis (the "City") is a member municipality of the Michigan Public Power Agency ("MPPA"), a joint agency organized and existent pursuant to Act No. 448 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, MPPA has negotiated and entered into an agreement with Granger III and Associates ("Granger") for Granger to develop facilities to generate electricity from Renewable Energy sources and for MPPA to purchase such Renewable Energy and associated Renewable Energy Credits for resale to MPPA's members; and

WHEREAS, MPPA and Granger also plan to jointly develop any electrical interconnection facilities required to deliver the renewable electric energy from the Granger facilities to the electric power grid, so that MPPA can have that energy delivered to its participating members; and

WHEREAS, MPPA has created the Granger Renewable Energy Project to allow the City and other participating MPPA members to purchase Renewable Energy to meet their customer's needs and to offset part or all of any Renewable Portfolio Standards that apply; and

WHEREAS, the City believes it is in the best interest of the City and its customers for the City to purchase Renewable Energy from MPPA's Granger Renewable Energy Project so that city can supply Renewable Energy to its customers in an economical and socially-responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, the City and other member municipalities of MPPA desire to join the Granger Renewable Energy Project; and

WHEREAS, the City and other member municipalities of MPPA desire to enter into contracts with MPPA to provide for MPPA to resell to the City power and Renewable Energy purchased by MPPA from Granger; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet its obligations under the agreement with Granger, it is necessary that MPPA have substantially similar binding contracts with this municipality and each other municipality electing to participate in Granger Renewable Energy Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has on file a copy of the proposed Granger Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement (bearing a draft date of April 25, 2008), to be entered into by MPPA and each municipality participating in the Granger Renewable Energy Project.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City as follows:

1. The form of the Granger Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement (the "Granger Project Agreement") presented to the City on this date as hereby approved and the Mayor and City Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form as presented on this date with such insertions, deletions and minor modifications as the Mayor and City Clerk deem necessary.

2. The City agrees to join the Granger Renewable Energy Project and to take an amount of capacity of up to 300 kilowatts from that project, along with the associated Renewable Energy and Renewable Energy Credits.

3. The City hereby agrees to make such payments as are required under the Granger Project Agreement.

4. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

AYES: Shrum, Kelly, Allen, Church, Kubin

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Approve Granger Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Granger Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve the Granger Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Cheesman Road Sewer Line Discussion.

Utility Director Giles stated that he thought that Bill Leonard was going to attend the meeting to discuss options to replace his sewer system. He and City Manager McConkie talked with Pine River Township Supervisor Beeson last Friday about the city extending the sewer line on Cheesman Road and the potential of assessing township property owners for the cost. The conclusion of the discussion was that if the sewer line was extended that the township home owner's property would be assessed for their portion of the cost.

Council Member Allen stated that Bill Leonard contacted her last night to say that they wanted to be at the meeting today but he was off work last week due to illness and could not take work off today. He wanted her to inform the city council that they were not interested in paying \$25,000 plus interest over a period of years for the cost of the sewer line. Their neighbors do not want to incur that cost either. The Leonard's are working with the county to get the requirements needed to install a new septic tank sewer system. They did comment that there is a house on Union Road that is releasing sewer waste into the river and that they should be made to do something with their system. The Leonard's did receive an extension of time from the county and their neighbor is working with the county to replace his sewer system.

Council Member Shrum stated that he would like the city to receive correspondence from the Leonard's regarding their decision to install a new sewer system.

Council Member Kelly agreed with Council Member Shrum that the city should receive written notification from the Leonard's on their intentions to install a new sewer system.

City Manager's Report. None

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roars stated that yesterday was the last day to collect real property tax statements and will start the tax settlement with the County Treasurer.

Police Chief's Report. None

Student Delegate Report.

Student Delegate Mikek stated that the new trimester started yesterday at the High School.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church stated that he has seen a digester for farm waste and wondered if the city could request funds from the stimulus money to construct a system to eliminate the farm waste from being spread on the fields from the farm north of the city.

City Manager McConkie stated there is a possibility and he has talked Murray Burrell about setting up a meeting with the dairy operation north of the city.

Mayor Kubin stated that the Council Members need to decide who would be attending the next school board meetings. Their meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 a.m. and the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kubin stated that he would attend meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 a.m. and Council Member Kelly will attend the meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Church will attend the meeting on April 13, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. and Council Member Shrum will attend the meeting on April 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 3, 2009

The Saint Louis City Council held a Work Session on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 3:15 p.m., in the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles
Phil Hansen

Utilities Director
DDA Director

The City Council discussed the following items:

- BS&A Property Tax and Assessing Software information available on the internet. City Manager McConkie will discuss the matter with other City Managers in the County.
- Share cost of computer technology consultant with other municipalities. City Manager McConkie is looking at a subscription service at a set fee.
- Investigate the cost for the City Council to have laptop computers to eliminate paper copies for council meetings and other correspondence.
- Cost sharing expenses for the fire hall maintenance and rental.
- Ambulance service.

Mayor Kubin stated that he is pleased that the city employees are doing such a good job of handling matters in the city.

Work Session ended at 4:45 p.m.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly

Council Members Absent: William E. Shrum (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet

Kurt Giles

Greg Nelson

Phil Hansen

Katherine Goettling

Tracy Ross

Don Schurr

Chelsey Foster

Phyllis McCrossin

Felicia Maxon

Jose Dominguez

Police Chief

Utilities Director

Morning Sun

DDA Director

City Assessor

School Board Member

Greater Gratiot

Greater Gratiot

Gratiot County Herald

School Board Member

Spicer Group

Council Member Allen led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 3, 2009, subject to the correction on page 355 paragraph 5 line 2 should read "the farm waste from". All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 3, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$467,914.73. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the February 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to receive and place on file the February 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Greater Gratiot Presentation – Don Schurr & Chelsey Foster.

Don Schurr and Chelsey Foster gave the City Council a presentation on Greater Gratiot Development's impact on Gratiot County's economic development. They reviewed the history and current economic developments that have created jobs and retention of jobs since Greater Gratiot Development was started 30 years ago.

Mayor Kubin thanked Don Schurr and Chelsey Foster for coming to the meeting and giving their presentation.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications regarding invitation to the Mayor of Greensburg, Kansas presentation at Alma College and correspondence from Dept. of Corrections.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Public Hearing Date for Renewable Energy Plan & Energy Optimization Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to set a Public Comment Date of Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. for the Proposed Renewable Energy Plan and Proposed Energy Optimization Plan.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to approve to set the Public Comment Date of Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. for the Proposed Renewable Energy Plan and Proposed Energy Optimization Plan. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve the Letter of Agreement between the City of St. Louis & Constellation Energy.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the amendment of the Requirements Power Supply Agreement between Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and the City of Saint Louis and authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the amendment of the Requirements Power Supply Agreement between Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and the City of Saint Louis and authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Discussion on Boards & Commissions.

City Manager McConkie stated that he needs to clarify information on the City of Saint Louis Boards and Commission and requested that the City Council table action on the matter until the next meeting.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to table the City of Saint Louis Boards and Commissions until the next meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to MPPA for Annual Membership.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Michigan Public Power Agency for 2009 Membership Dues in the amount of \$13,590.54.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the payment to Michigan Public Power Agency for 2009 Membership Dues in the amount of \$13,590.54. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Rowe for Woodside Drive Rehab Project.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for the Woodside Drive Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$8,375.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for the Woodside Drive Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$8,375.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Proposal for Off Site Computer Management Services.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Proposal from Trivalent Group for Off Site Computer Management Services for a 36 month term in the amount of \$563.00 per month for a total of \$20,268.00 plus Equipment Purchase in the amount of \$774.10.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Proposal from Trivalent Group for Off Site Computer Management Services for a 36 month term in the amount of \$563.00 per month for a total of \$20,268.00 plus Equipment Purchase in the amount of \$774.10. All ayes carried the motion.

DDA Building Bid Award.

DDA Director Hansen stated that the DDA Building Bid Award has not been finalized for the City Council to approve and would have the information prepared for the next City Council Meeting.

Electric Update.

City Manager McConkie stated that there is proposed legislation to have all of the municipal electric utilities follow the same regulations as the private utilities for winter protection plan to eliminate utilities from disconnecting electric service during the months of November 1st to April 1st each year. The Michigan Municipal Electric Association recommended that all municipal electric utilities participate in the Gatekeeper Program to enroll low income customers including senior citizens 60 years and older for the "Winter Protection Plan". Had a meeting with Region VII Area Agency on Aging regarding a Working Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and the Agency to coordinate information on the disabled and elderly to ensure that the objectives and goals of the Gatekeeper Program are met.

City Manager McConkie recommended that the City of Saint Louis voluntarily participate in the Gatekeeper Program and have the Region VII Area Agency on Aging oversee the implementation of the program.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve to participate in the Working Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and Region VII Area Agency on Aging and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that it is anticipated that the City will be making application to the State Revolving Fund to borrow funds to make improvements to the sewer system. A meeting with the city's consultant and Rural Water Development was held last week to discuss financial assistance available for the wastewater improvements through their program and to determine what financial tools are most feasible for the city.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council hold a public comment discussion at the City Council's first meeting in April to discuss the wastewater treatment improvements and financial funding for the project.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to have a public comment discussion on April 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. All ayes carried the motion.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs gave the City Council a cost proposal from BS&A to access property tax, assessing and building department information on the city's web site at a cost of \$3,000.00 for the upcoming year. Also, received a proposal from CMI regarding the cost to have the city's utility bills accessible and make payments on the city's web site. The start up fee of \$4,250.00 is a one time charge and the annual subscription is \$3,600.00. Made contact with Official Payments that is used by BS&A and CMI for online payments or call in payments and there is no cost to the city for the service but a convenience fee of \$3.95 is charged to the customer every time they make a payment with a debit or credit card. In order to accept payments at the city hall office a dedicated computer with internet access is needed.

The best time to train employees and implement a new system is now before the fiscal year ends and the summer property tax statements are sent.

The City Council requested that the matter be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Police Chief's Report. None

Student Delegate Report.

Student Delegate Mikek stated that there is an In Service Day this week and the seniors are preparing for their college entry tests.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Kelly thanked Don Schurr and Chelsey Foster for their enlightening presentation on Greater Gratiot.

Council Member Kelly wanted to know if the Police Department has a Fire Arms trainer.

Police Chief Herblet answered yes, that Sergeant Ramereiz and Rugenstein are both certified to train fire arms.

Council Member Kelly stated that after the Lansing Conference he was asked to speak at a 3rd Grade Class about local government. He was very impressed with the questions asked by the class and received a thank you card from them for coming to the class.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if the city received a letter from the Leonard's about their intentions to replace their sewer system.

Utility Director Giles stated that the city has not received a letter yet but he did speak with Mr. Leonard about the matter.

Council Member Allen stated that she received a request wanting information on the city's water well testing results. She was going to refer the person to the city's web site for the information but when she reviewed the information available it was not current information.

Council Member Church discussed security issues at city hall.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the Security Plan for the city hall complex would take care of the issues.

Mayor Kubin stated that he was informed that Consumers Energy has a special electric rate for customers on oxygen and would like the city to investigate the rates that Consumers Energy charges for those customers.

Mayor Kubin stated that the developer that owns the vacant lots on the new part of Westgate Subdivision stated that if he could get the Home Tax Relief Voucher for constructing new homes, he would build two new homes.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the tax credit is given only at 50% on the city's summer millage rate which is usually about \$300.00 to \$400.00 for three years.

City Manager McConkie stated that the ordinance would have to be reviewed.

Mayor Kubin stated that he can no longer attend the Gratiot County Brownfield Meetings because they are held in the afternoon and asked Don Schurr if any city official can be designated as the city's representative.

Don Schurr stated that the Mayor is appointed from the other cities as the designated representative for the Gratiot County Brownfield and if Mayor Kubin cannot attend that the City Council should appoint another elected official.

Mayor Kubin announced that his term as Mayor ends December 31, 2009 and he would not be running for reelection.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. All eyes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 7, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles		Utilities Director
Greg Nelson		Morning Sun
Tracy Ross		School Board Member
Don Long		Bethany Twp Supervisor
Rich Ramereiz		Police Sergeant
7 Saint Louis High School Students		
Kehl Root	123	S. Franklin Street
Casey Collings & Jim Redding		Rowe Engineering
Kevin Palmer		Parks & Recreation Chair

Mayor Kubin led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 17, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$284,118.45. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the March 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to receive and place on file the March 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comment on Discussion for WWTP Improvements & Financial Funding Available.

City Manager McConkie stated that Jim Redding & Casey Collings from Rowe Engineering came to the meeting to discuss funding alternatives for the WWTP Improvements with the City Council.

Jim Redding stated that they have been evaluating the city's wastewater treatment plant and sewer system and there are some conditions that need to be addressed. The Rotating Biological Cylinders (RBC's) at the treatment plant need to be replaced, the city has a problem meeting the ammonia treatment limit at the plant and the plant capacity.

The sewer system has infiltration inflow, the Michigan Avenue Pump Station is at capacity, the sewer lines between Michigan Avenue Pump Station and Union St. Pump Station are at capacity and the Union Street Pump Station is at capacity.

The cost for the WWTP modifications is \$4.5 million, the Pump Stations and Sewer Upgrades cost is \$1.6 million, Flow Equalization \$5.2 million, with a total cost of \$11.3 million and the city will continue to work on reducing the Infiltration Inflow problem.

Jim Redding stated that the city can do the improvements in stages or as one project. If the work is going to be completed by stages his recommendation was to do the wastewater treatment plant first because of the DEQ's concern about the city meeting the ammonia treatment. Work on reducing the Infiltration Inflow. Then upgrade Pine Street Interceptor/Michigan Avenue Pumping Station and finally construct flow equalization.

Jim Redding stated that they explored financing options for the projects and the city would not qualify for Rural Development Grant because the city's rates are too low but could borrow funds from the agency at 3.75% for over 40 years. The State Revolving Loan Fund Program offers 2.5 % rate for over 20 years and could submit for Stimulus Funds through the SFR Program. Applications with a Project Plan are due by July 1st and the project would have to be ready for construction late 2009. It appears that the SRF funding is the best option for the city and to submit for Stimulus money since it is funneled through the State Revolving Fund Program.

City Manager McConkie stated that a Project Work Plan needs to be started as soon as possible by Rowe Engineering in order to meet the July 1st deadline. He will meet with Utility Director Giles and City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs to discuss the size and scope of the project for the work plan and financing for the project.

Mayor Kubin inquired at the cost for Rowe Engineering to prepare the Project Plan.

Jim Redding stated that the cost is estimated in the \$20,000 range.

City Manager McConkie requested authorization for Rowe Engineering to prepare the Project Plan and to

authorize the City Manager to plan with Rowe Engineering the financing of the Wastewater Plant and Sewer Upgrades Project.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve authorization for Rowe Engineering to prepare the Project Plan at estimated cost of \$20,000.00 and to authorize the City Manager to plan with Rowe Engineering the financing of the Wastewater Plant and Sewer Upgrades Project. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments.

Kevin Palmer stated that for the last three years he hosted a 5k run race during the 4th of July celebration and the city has supported the event in the past. He is organizing the event again this year in July and requested the city's support for blocking off the streets and for traffic control. The run course will be the same as last year.

Sergeant Ramereiz stated that he did not see a problem with the race if the same course was used as last year.

The City Council thanked Kevin for doing such a great job of organizing the event.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve and support the 5k run race event on July 4, 2009.

Ayes: Church, Kelly, Allen, Kubin

Nays: None

Absent: Shrum

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communication regarding the Compliance with Electric Utility Public Act 295 Filing Packet.

Utility Director Giles stated that the Energy Optimization Plan and the Renewable Energy Plan are to be approved at the April 21st meeting.

Mayor Kubin stated that the intent of the plans is to raise our electric rates to educate the customers on how they can conserve energy.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the Energy Optimization and Renewable Energy Plans. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Designation of Hoffmeyer Funds.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission to designate the donation from the Hoffmeyer Funds for the St. Louis Swimming Pool Bathhouse Renovation.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to designate the donation from the Hoffmeyer Funds for the St. Louis Swimming Pool Bathhouse Renovation. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve the Appointment of County Brownfield Authority Representative.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council appoint a Saint Louis City Council Member to the Gratiot County Brownfield Authority.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Shrum, to approve to appoint Melissa Allen as the Saint Louis Representative for the Gratiot County Brownfield Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

Confirm Verbal Approval of Bid Award to Freed Construction for Fill Sand & New Cement Floor for DDA Building Renovation at 111 N. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council confirm verbal approval of the Bid Award to Freed Construction for 111 N. Mill Street Fill Sand and New Cement Floor in the amount of \$7,561.00 to be paid by the Downtown Development Authority.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the confirmation of verbal approval of the Bid Award to Freed Construction for 111 N. Mill Street Fill Sand and New Cement Floor in the amount of \$7,561.00 to be paid by the Downtown Development Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

Confirm Verbal Approval of Bid Award to Weatherby's Plumbing & Heating for Plumbing for the DDA Building Renovation at 111 N. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council confirm verbal approval of the Bid Award to Weatherby's Plumbing & Heating for 111 N. Mill Street Plumbing in the amount of \$5,637.00 to be paid by the Downtown Development Authority.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the confirmation of verbal approval of the Bid Award to Weatherby's Plumbing & Heating for 111 N. Mill Street Plumbing in the amount of \$5,637.00 to be paid by the Downtown Development Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

Confirm Verbal Approval of Bid Award to Powell's Service for Heating & Cooling for the DDA Building Renovation at 111 N. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council confirm verbal approval of the Bid Award to Powell's Service for 111 N Mill Street Heating & Cooling installation in the amount of \$8,849.00 to be paid by the Downtown Development Authority.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the confirmation of verbal approval of the Bid Award to Powell's Service for 111 N Mill Street Heating & Cooling installation in the amount of \$8,849.00 to be paid by the Downtown Development Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Spicer Group – Maple St. Reconstruction.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment request from Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Maple Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$9,397.50.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the payment request from Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Maple Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$9,397.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Spicer Group – Franklin St. Improvements.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment request from Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Franklin Street Improvements in the amount of \$16,817.52.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve the payment request from Spicer Group for Professional Services for the Franklin Street Improvements in the amount of \$16,817.52. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Rowe – Main St. Reconstruction.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment request from Rowe Inc. for Professional Services for the Main Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$11,725.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the payment request from Rowe Inc. for Professional Services for the Main Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$11,725.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Rowe – Corinth & Prospect Street Reconstruction.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment request from Rowe Inc. for Professional Services for the Corinth and Prospect Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$14,850.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the payment request from Rowe Inc. for Professional Services for the Corinth and Prospect Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$14,850.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal from BS&A for Equalization Internet Services.

City Manager McConkie discussed the proposal from BS&A with the City Council to access the assessing and tax information on the internet at the city's cost of \$3,000.00 for the 2009 tax year.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to table action on the proposal from BS&A for further investigation to see if Gratiot County is supplying tax information to the residents free. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal from CMI for On Line Access to Utility Bill Information & On Line Payments.

City Manager McConkie discussed the Proposal from Creative Microsystems, Inc. for On Line Bill Payment with the City Council. He stated that there was a start up fee in the amount of \$4,250.00 and an annual subscription fee in the amount of \$3,600.00 for a total amount of \$7,850.00 for 2009 and did not know if the residents would use the service enough since it would cost the customer \$3.95 charged each time they used the service.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city could survey the customers to see how many would use the service if they were charged the fee.

Boards & Commissions.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council table action again on the Boards and Commissions because he needed further information on the matter before making a recommendation to the City Council.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve to table action on the City of Saint Louis Boards and Commissions until the next meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Repair Cost for Dam Spill Gate Actuators.

Utility Director Giles recommended that no action be taken by the City Council on the repair cost for the dam spill gate actuators at the meeting because the consultants for the project have recommended that the repairs be added to the dam gate automation project through a change order with the contractor that is doing the hydro generator monitoring improvements.

Amended Letter Agreement between the City of St. Louis and Constellation Energy.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Attorney for the Michigan Public Power Rate Payers Association is still negotiating language for the Letter Agreement between the City of St. Louis and Constellation Energy. Once the language has been finalized the Letter of Agreement will be presented to the City Council for approval.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Michigan Municipal Region 4 Meeting is going to be held on May 1, 2009, in St. Johns and if any of the council members would like to attend the event let him know.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she has been busy training Treena Chick the new Accounts Payable Clerk and filling in for the Utility Billing Clerk while she is on leave.

Police Chief's Report.

Sgt. Ramereiz stated that two part-time officers have left their positions with St. Louis and the department is down to only 4 reserve officers.

Sgt. Ramereiz stated that there is a gun shoot training tomorrow and welcomed the City Council to observe the training.

Student Delegate Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Kelly stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission are in the process of reviewing the city parks to make them ADA compliant and think something should be done about making the sidewalk accessible for wheelchairs in front of the doctor's office downtown.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would look into the matter.

Mayor Kubin stated that the Herbs In The Middle Store has water coming in their back door when it rains ever since the alley and parking area were improved behind the store. The owner of business stated that the problem affects four businesses. Katherine Goettling looked at the problem but has never contacted her back on the matter.

Mayor Kubin stated that he has been approached about the city having a dog park and wanted to know if the Parks & Recreation Commission has discussed the matter.

Council Member Allen stated that the Parks Commission has not discussed the matter.

Mayor Kubin stated that he gets a copy of the City of St. Joseph newsletter and he noticed that they have Senior Patrol for neighborhood policing.

Sgt. Ramereiz stated that he knows that some cities have a senior patrol for parking violations but heard that using the seniors can cause problems.

Mayor Kubin stated that contact should be made with the City of St. Joseph to see how their program works.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 21, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles
Patrick Herblet
Katherine Goettling
Phil Hansen
Joe Scholtz
Phyllis McCrossin

Utilities Director
Police Chief
City Assessor
DDA Director
313 W. Saginaw Street
Gratiot Herald

Council Member Kelly led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 7, 2009, subject to the correction on page 7 paragraph 1 line 1 should read “the Parks & Recreation Commission are in the process of reviewing the city parks to make them ADA compliant and on page 2 paragraph 3 line 2 should read “The Rotating Biological Cylinders (RBC’s)”. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Reports.

City Council reviewed the Financial Reports for the month of March 2009.

City Manager McConkie stated that Major and Local Street Funds revenues have been affected from the cost of the winter’s snow removal. The cash balance of the Water and Sewer Fund is low due to all of the consulting and engineering services that have been required to investigate a new water source for the city. He will be recommending increases to the water and sewer rates in the new budget.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Financial Reports for the month of March 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$351,248.62. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the March 2009 Monthly Reports.

The City Council directed the City Manager to have an ordinance prepared to ban outside wood burning stoves.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to receive and place on file the March 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Renewable Energy and Energy Optimization Plans.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing on the Renewable Energy and Energy Optimization Plans at 8:06 a.m.

Council Member Shrum inquired if the city was going to sell the compact florescent light bulbs.

Utility Giles stated that most of the municipals are making arrangements with local merchants to sell the bulbs. The city is working with 26 other cities to implement the energy efficiency plan.

There were no other comments on the Renewable Energy and Energy Optimization Plans.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 8:11 a.m.

Public Comments.

Joe Scholtz stated that the plans for the Fishing Derby were coming along well.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communication from the Ward Family.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to receive and place on file the communication from the Ward Family. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve MPPA Energy Services Project Agreement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Energy Services Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and the Michigan Public Power Agency to secure electric power and energy for present and future needs and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the Energy Services Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and the Michigan Public Power Agency to secure electric power and energy for present and future needs and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Stantec for FERC License Compliance Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment to Stantec for consulting services for the FERC 405/406 Compliance Plan in the amount of \$5,558.57.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to Stantec for consulting services for the FERC 405/406 Compliance Plan in the amount of \$5,558.57. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-05 for Local Bridge Program.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-05 to authorize the City of Saint Louis to make application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Local Bridge Program Funding for Mill Street Bridge.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Shrum.

WHEREAS, Report was received from the City Manager regarding a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program Application.

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Local Bridge Program for fiscal year 2010; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works has identified the Mill Street bridge over the Pine River as a viable candidate for Local Bridge Program funding; and,

WHEREAS, Up to 95% of the costs associated with structure rehabilitation, replacement, and approach construction would be eligible for federal and/or state funding under said program; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council is supportive of submitting applications for said Local Bridge Program funding; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council is supportive of undertaking the applications for Local Bridge Program funding through MDOT; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Manager is authorized to make application for said Local Bridge Program funding for and on behalf of the City.

AYES: Allen, Shrum, Church, Kelly, Kubin

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Confirmation of Verbal Approval of Barrier Free Portable Restroom Facilities for City Parks.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council confirm verbal approval to purchase four Barrier Free Portable Restroom Facilities in the amount of \$7,020.00 and one Regular Restroom in the amount of \$575.00 for City Parks from Rent-Rite, Inc. for a total amount of \$7,595.00.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the confirmation of verbal approval to purchase four Barrier Free Portable Restroom Facilities in the amount of \$7,020.00 and one Regular Restroom in the amount of \$575.00 for City Parks from Rent-Rite, Inc. for a total amount of \$7,595.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Boards & Commissions.

City Manager McConkie recommended that the Building Code of Appeals and Housing Code Appeals be combined as one board because the requirements have changed and only one board is needed. Also, the City Council needs to approve the Cemetery Committee. There is a vacancy on the Cemetery Committee and the Parks & Recreation Commission and if the City Council knows of anyone interested in serving on the boards to let him know.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve the designation of the City of Saint Louis Boards & Commissions as presented. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that he has been working on the 2009/2010 Budget.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report. None

Police Chief's Report. None

Student Delegate Report.

Student Delegate Mikek stated that he was elected the Vice President of Communications for the Business Professionals of America for the Michigan Division and he will be going to Dallas, Texas on the 6th of May.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church stated that the pond on the city's property that was purchased from Dick Green needs to be filled in because small children from the apartments are playing on the hills by it and could fall in the water.

City Manager McConkie stated that the DPW is planning to start pumping the water from the pond on this Thursday and once the pond is drained down the DPW will start filling in the pond.

Council Member Church stated that the Lieutenant Governor Cherry was at Alma College last week and was questioned why St. Louis did not receive any stimulus money for a new water system since the DEQ strongly urged the city to find a new source since the drinking water has pCBSA in it. Lieutenant Governor Cherry stated that it was the first he heard of it and blamed the local elected officials for not letting him know.

Mayor Kubin stated that it was his comment in the Morning Sun Sound Off Column regarding the governor knowing about the chemical pCBSA being in St. Louis' drinking water because he wrote several times to the Governor on the city's water problem.

Council Member Church stated that it was on the news that the cities of Saginaw and Flint are increasing their water rates 25%.

Council Member Kelly stated that he thought the city should look at the cost to install a convex mirror at the corner of Center and Main Streets because it is difficult to see on coming traffic.

Council Member Kelly stated that he watched the police department low light shoot training and it was very good.

Council Member Church stated that at the historical meeting the other night they discussed the problems they are having with windows in the transportation and depot buildings getting broken due to vandalism. Also, there has been vandalism at the gazebo in Clapp Park and wondered if the city should look into installing cameras.

Police Chief Herblet stated that as far as he knows there has only been one incident at the depot and he was not aware of any other problems.

Council Member Church stated that if the city did purchase cameras that they should be portable so they can be moved to other locations.

Police Chief stated that if there are a lot of vandalism incidents occurring then it makes sense to purchase cameras but they are expensive.

Council Member Allen stated that she was approached about having the public comments at the end of the agenda so the public could comment on the agenda items.

The consensus of the City Council was to have another public comment session at the end of the meeting.

Council Member Allen stated that it was good to hear from Joe Scholtz that the Leppien Park was full of people waiting to take prom pictures in the park Saturday night.

Council Member Allen wanted to know how much longer the orange fences were going to be in the yards around town.

Mayor Kubin stated that at the CAG meeting they were told that those areas for clean up would be top priority when funding is in place which would probably be next spring.

Council Member Allen expressed concern about whose responsibility it would be to mow the grass in those areas.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city would send notices to the DEQ if they don't mow in the areas.

Council Member Allen stated that a motion camera is a good idea to help prevent vandalism as long as it can be moved from site to site.

Council Member Shrum stated that at the CAG meeting there was a presentation on the toxicological of the pCSBA used as a compound for a sulfa drug.

Council Member Shrum stated he was approached by a lady who stated that the city paid too much for the property on N. Mill Street.

Mayor Kubin stated that the DDA seen an opportunity to purchase the property to improve the building and had to pay the asking price.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know if anybody has looked at the water problem behind the Herbs In the Middle Store.

City Manager McConkie stated that no one has looked at matter yet.

Mayor Kubin stated that there is a sidewalk section in front of his store that is raised up and wondered who should fix it.

Utility Director Giles stated that he would look at the sidewalk.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 5, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs
Student Delegate: Clinton Mikek

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles
17 High School Students
Mark Abbott
11 Residents
Rich Ramereiz
Dave Bailey

Utilities Director
DPW Superintendent
Police Sergeant
105 Chatman Road

Mayor Kubin led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 2009, subject to the correction on page 13 paragraph 9 should read "that the DDA saw an opportunity". All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$222,987.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the April 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Council Member Kelly joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to receive and place on file the April 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Mayor Kubin presented Clinton Mikek with a plaque of appreciation for his contribution and participation to the City Council throughout the school year as the High School Student Representative for the City Council.

Public Comments.

The following concerns were discussed with the City Council regarding water problems caused by heavy rain on April 25th and April 26th.

John and Diane Ayris at 206 Surrey stated that when there are heavy rains the sewage comes out of the manhole cover in the road. It has happened twice this year and cannot use any water in their house until the water rescinds. He asked what the city's plans were to take care of the problem.

City Manager McConkie stated that on Saturday, April 25, 2009, it rained four inches and on Sunday, April 26, 2009, it rained another two inches. The pump stations and the wastewater treatment plant were over their maximum. There was over 4 million gallons that went through the plant on those two days. On the agenda tonight the City Council will set a public hearing to submit a State Revolving Loan Plan to borrow 11.3 million dollars to make improvements to the sewer system. There was no failure of the city's equipment just too much water for the system to handle.

Nancy Rusch at 205 Surrey Road stated that the force main sewer line runs down their property and onto the Michigan Avenue Pump Station and the line has been over loaded for years. The new apartment complex on M-46 should not have been allowed to be built since City Council already knew there were issues with the sewer line capacity.

Mayor Kubin stated that the over load to the sewer system was not because of the new apartment complex.

Rose Price at 204 Devon stated that since the new houses were built in Westgate she has had water problems.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons at 312 Essex stated that he was fortunate this time not to get any water in his basement but in 2002 had \$10,000 in damage. Westgate Subdivision has a significant water issue.

Mayor Kubin stated that some of the houses storm water and sanitary sewer lines are combined and that causes flooding problems in their basements.

City Manager McConkie stated that the sanitary sewer system was not built to handle storm water.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know what the time frame is for the improvements to the sewer system.

City Manager McConkie stated that by July 1, 2009, the State Revolving Loan Plan has to be submitted and funding is available with the State of Michigan's fiscal year which begins in October. The construction would start next spring.

Gerry Doepker at 111 Surrey Road stated that this year has been the worse year that she has had with water problems in her basement and believes the problem is due to the new apartment complex being built.

Verne Stevens at 115 Essex stated that he has lived at his residence for 10 years and he never had water in basement except for this incident. He had 6 to 8 inches of water in his finished basement and he just spent a lot of money remodeling it.

There was discussion on the river level being high and affecting the water flooding problem.

Utility Director Giles stated that there was someone at the dam until 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning monitoring river level and gates. There city staff was back at the dam at 7:00 a.m.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City Council is addressing the water issue and construction would probably start next spring with the project taking about a year to complete.

City Manager McConkie stated that some items have already been done to prepare for the project. The first thing a home owner should do is to file a claim with their own insurance company and if they are not covered by their policy then they can file a claim against the city. The insurance company determines if a claim is to be paid or not and if there was no equipment failure then it is considered an Act of God.

John Shimunek at 502 Devon stated that he had water in his basement for over a week. He and his wife have been pumping water out of the basement and it is finally dry. His family room is ruined and the city needs to do the sewer improvements as quick as they can.

City Manager McConkie stated that one option that the engineers looked at was for each resident to modify their home but that would cost each home owner about \$5,000.00.

Mayor Kubin thanked everybody for coming to the meeting and expressing their concerns.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications from Housing Commission Member, pCBSA Summary and communication to Hoffmeyer Charitable Trust Fund.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications from Housing Commission Member, pCBSA Summary and communication to Hoffmeyer Charitable Trust Fund. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

2009/2010 Budget and Set Work Session.

City Manager McConkie presented the 2009/2010 Budget and requested that the City Council set a work session meeting to discuss the proposed budget.

City Manager McConkie will set up a date and time to discuss the 2009-2010 Budget and then will contact City Council to let them know when the work session will be held.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve to receive the 2009/2010 Budget. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Request from American Legion and VFW.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the request from American Legion Post #256 and the V.F.W. Post #3055 for the Memorial Day Parade route and to discharge fire arms at the Mill Street Bridge and at the Oak Grove Cemetery on May 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the request from American Legion Post #256 and the V.F.W. Post #3055 for the Memorial Day Parade route and to discharge fire arms at the Mill Street Bridge and at the Oak Grove Cemetery on May 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Present Letter of Engagement from Rehmann Robson.

City Manager McConkie presented the Letter of Engagement from Rehmann and Robson for the 2008/2009 Audit and stated that the City Council needs to form a committee to meet with Rehmann Robson to discuss what they would be reviewing during the audit.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the appointment of Council Member Jerry Church and Council Member Kelly to the City of Saint Louis Audit Committee. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-06 Energy Optimization Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-06 to authorize the City of Saint Louis Energy Optimization Plan.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Church and supported by Member Kelly.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis owns and operates electric generation and distribution facilities; and

WHEREAS, PA 295 requires the City to develop an energy optimization plan; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) in cooperation with other affiliates has developed a program for the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of St. Louis to adopt the City of St. Louis Optimization Plan MPSC Case No. U-15881; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council adopts the City of St. Louis Optimization Plan MPSC Case No. U-15881 in substantial conformance to the document presented to the City Council on April 7, 2009, except for non-substantive changes made by the City Manager, MPPA or legal counsel to meet MPSC submittal standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council held the required public hearing on April 21, 2009, to take comment on the Energy Optimization Plan.

Ayes: Church, Kelly, Shrum, Kubin
Nays: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Resolution 2009-07.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-07 to authorize the City of Saint Louis Renewable Energy Plan.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Shrum and supported by Member Kelly.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis owns and operates electric generation and distribution facilities; and

WHEREAS, PA 295 requires the City to develop a renewable energy plan that, when fully developed, will supply St. Louis customers with 10% renewable power by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) in cooperation with other affiliates has developed a program for the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of St. Louis to adopt the Renewable Energy Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council approves the Municipal Electric Provider Joint Filing of the Renewable Energy Plan under PA 295, U-15881 dated April 3, 2009.

Ayes: Shrum, Kelly, Church, Kubin
Nays: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Change Order No. 1 405/406 Construction Project.

Utility Director Giles stated that Change Order No. 1 for the Automated Level Controls System for the Dam would be added to DVT Electric, Inc. contract for the FERC 405/406 Construction Project and Stantec recommended that the Change Order be approved.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Change Order No. 1 to DVT Electric, Inc. for the Automated Level Constrols System for the FERC 405/406 Construction Project in the amount of \$64,440.00 and authorize Utility Director Giles to execute the Change Order.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve Change Order No. 1 to DVT Electric, Inc. for the Automated Level Constrols System for the FERC 405/406 Construction Project in the amount of \$64,440.00 and authorize Utility Director Giles to execute the Change Order. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing – State Revolving Fund Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to set a Public Hearing Date on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the State Revolving Fund Plan.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve to set a Public Hearing Date on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the State Revolving Fund Plan. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Bid Proposal – Freed Construction Company 111 N. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Bid Proposal from Freed Construction Company in the amount of \$8,400.00 for renovation to the DDA Building at 111 N. Mill Street.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the Bid Proposal from Freed Construction Company in the amount of \$8,400.00 for renovation to the DDA Building at 111 N. Mill Street. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager’s Report. None

City Clerk/Treasurer’s Report. None

Police Chief’s Report. None

Student Delegate Report.

Student Delegate Mikek stated that there was a blood drive at the high school today and it went very well. Eighty people participated in the event.

Council Member Kelly stated that Student Delegate Mikek’s trip to Dallas, Texas was cancelled for the BPA nationals due to the swine flu outbreak.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Kelly wanted to know if any information on installing concave mirrors at the intersection of Center and Main Streets was obtained.

Utility Director Giles stated that they have not found a retailer that sells the mirrors yet but did look at some farm implements that were suggested by Rowe Engineering. After further review the farm implements were not applicable.

City Manager McConkie stated that they would continue looking for the mirrors.

Council Member Church stated that he has enjoyed working with Student Delegate Mikek and appreciated his participation at the council meetings.

Council Member Church wanted to know the status of the pond being filled in on the city’s property on M-46.

DPW Superintendent Abbott stated that they did fill some of the pond in but had to stop when the heavy rain began.

Sergeant Ramereiz stated that “No Trespassing Signs” should be posted around the pond or snow fence should be placed.

Council Member Kelly wanted to know how long it would be before they finish filling in the pond.

Superintendent Abbott stated that if it doesn’t rain the pond will be filled in by early next week.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know the status of the water problem that is coming from the parking area in the alley behind Herbs in the Middle Store.

City Manager McConkie stated he and Utility Director Giles will review the area tomorrow.

Public Comments. None

Closed Session – Property Purchase Discussion.

City Manager McConkie requested a closed session to discuss proposed property purchase.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss proposed property purchase. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to return to open session at 8:38 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Shrum , supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 19, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles

Patrick Herblet

1 High School Student

Katherine Goettling

Felicia Maxon

Utilities Director

Police Chief

City Assessor

School Board Member

Council Member Shrum led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 5, 2009, subject to the addition on page 15 paragraph 6 should read “Mayor Kubin stated that the over load to the sewer system was not because of the new apartment complex” and paragraph 8 line 1 should read “fortunate”. Mayor Kubin discussed with the City Council about setting up a special assessment district to the houses in Westgate Subdivision for houses that have a combined their storm water with the sanitary sewer line. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$346,498.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the April 2009 Monthly Reports.

Council Member Church suggested that the city have a spring clean up day for residents to dispose of building materials.

City Manager McConkie will discuss the matter with the City of Alma.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to receive and place on file the April 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments.

Felicia Maxon at 226 Giddings wanted to know about getting her leaves picked up that were raked to the road last fall but did not get picked up in time before they froze.

City Manager McConkie stated that arrangements would be made to have the leaves picked up.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications from Paul Eldredge Family and the Hazardous Waste Program.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to receive and place on file the communications from Paul Eldredge Family and the Hazardous Waste Program. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Set Public Hearing Date for 2009/2010 Budget.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council set the public hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. for discussion on the 2009/2010 Budget.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to set the public hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. for discussion on the 2009/2010 Budget. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Purchase of Pumps for Pine River Pump Station.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the purchase and payment of Pumps for the Pine River Pump Station from N. R. Mitchell Company in the amount of \$7,246.40 to be reimbursed by Pine River Township.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the purchase and payment of Pumps for the Pine River Pump Station from N. R. Mitchell Company in the amount of \$7,246.40 to be reimbursed by Pine River Township. All ayes carried the motion.

Recommendation from Building Security Committee.

City Manager McConkie and the Building Security Committee reviewed the city hall plans with the City Council and recommended that the building department be moved in the court yard area by the police department by adding on to the city hall and close in the counter area in the clerk's office with protective glass for safety protection.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would apply for funding through the energy program to change city hall lighting, windows and insulate walls for reduction in energy costs. The next step for the project is to hire an architect and get cost estimates.

Approve Introduction of Ordinance No. B-209.

City Manager McConkie recommended that the City Council defer action on the Resolution on Delinquent Utility Bills because it was discovered that the new policy would conflict with the contents of the Water and Sewer and Electric Ordinances. The ordinances for water, sewer and electric would have to be amended first to change utility bills that are delinquent 3 months would be a lien against the property instead of 6 months.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. B-209 to amend Section 2-112 Subsection (3) b and Section 66-102 Subsection (b) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code and to set the Public Hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. or thereafter.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to introduce Ordinance No. B-209 to amend Section 2-112 Subsection (3) b and Section 66-102 Subsection (b) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code and to set the Public Hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. or thereafter. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Change Order No. 1 for Hydro Unit #6 Repairs.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Change Order No. 1 for Hydro Unit #6 Repairs from United Kiser, Inc. in the amount of \$37,878.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve Change Order No. 1 for Hydro Unit #6 Repairs from United Kiser, Inc. in the amount of \$37,878.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that he has been working on the budget and yesterday afternoon attended the second meeting of the Airport Authority Board to discuss various issues. Also, attended the Gratiot County Planning Committee which has been taking quite a bit of time to organize.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk Roehrs stated that the City of Saint Louis would not have to hold a Primary Election in August because there were only two candidates that filed for the office of mayor and two candidates that filed for the council members position.

Planted flowers in Leppien Park last Saturday, the Day Lilies were planted downtown last Friday, today will be planting flowers on Main Street and tomorrow the planters downtown will be finished.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he attended the Homeland Security Conference and it was the best conference he ever attended. There were great speakers that were involved in various disasters around the country so they talked about their experiences while at the scene of those incidents.

Also, there was an incident at Nikkari Elementary School where an unknown person was able to walk in the school. Talked with the School Board about keeping the children safe and what precautions need to be taken.

City Council Comments.

Mayor Kubin stated that he presented Clinton Mikek the Student Ambassador Award at the Saint Louis High School recognition ceremony and also gave him a scholarship.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know what council member was attending School Board meeting on June 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Shrum volunteered to attend the School Board meeting.

Mayor Kubin recommended that evaluations of the homes in Westgate Subdivision be conducted to determine if they have any sewer problems.

Council Member Church stated that he is concerned about the safety of the children leaving the high school during lunch time and after school because they are walking in front of moving vehicles in the street.

Police Chief Herblet stated that it is difficult to catch them in a marked police car but would talk with the officers about the matter.

Mayor Kubin left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Council Member Shrum stated that he received a complaint about children riding their bikes in the middle of road on Hidden Oaks Drive.

Council Member Allen stated that the Leonard's on Cheesman Road have begun to put in their septic tank system.

Council Member Allen stated that there are children walking to school on M-46 from the Cambridge Apartments and there should be a sidewalk installed for accessibility to the city.

City Manager McConkie stated that installation of a new sidewalk on M-46 would have to be collaboration between city and the township.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly stated that he attended the open house for Powell Fabrication and the new facility is wonderful.

Public Comments. None

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 28, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem James C. Kelly, on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Mayor George T. Kubin (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles
Joe Scholtz
Rodolpho Diaz Pons

Utilities Director
313 W. Saginaw Street
Essex Street

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly stated that the special meeting was called for discussion on the 2009/2010 Budget.

Council Member Shrum led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Manager McConkie stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed 2009/2010 Budget.

City Manager McConkie stated that in the back of the budget document is a detail revenue and expense line item for the new budget. The City's budget is adopted according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board. On pages seven through ten is the General Fund Budget which is adopted by summary of the departments.

The Executive Department decreased due to prior management contractual commitments that terminate this fiscal year.

The Fire Department District is Pine River, Bethany and Jasper Townships and the City of Saint Louis. The Fire Board was proposing to increase their budget \$25,000.00 a year for future purchases of equipment. The city's portion of the increase would have been about \$13,000.00 but Jasper Township did not approve the increased amount and it was recommended that the fire budget be approved without the additional amount. The Fire Board did reserve the right to later add the amount in the budget if the entities felt that they could pay the additional amount.

Council Member Church stated that city needs to look at charging the fire department for rent and utilities.

The City Council discussed the city having an ordinance to allow collection of fire runs on home owner's insurance policy and the cost of medical rescue runs.

Council Member Allen requested that information be obtained on medical rescue run costs, rent for use of city hall space and utility costs.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Michigan Downtown Association did not renew their agreement with the city and the portion of DDA Director's wages that were being paid by the association is now being fully funded by the city.

City Manager McConkie stated that on page eleven under revenues has a total amount of \$724,000 to be collected in property taxes next year and the intergovernmental line is less than the current budget because anticipating revenue sharing decrease. There is discussion about the State of Michigan reducing the state statutory revenue to local government and that would mean about \$163,000 less for General Fund. The city would not be able to continue to operate as has in the past if the state does reduce revenue sharing.

City Manager McConkie stated that Major Street Fund should receive \$222,500 in revenue and there are no street projects anticipated for the fiscal year. The Local Street Budget shows \$82,500 for revenues and expenses at \$140,210 with \$75,000 being conserved for construction in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

City Manager McConkie stated that the budget for TA Cutler Library is about \$33,000 less than the current budget because penal fine revenue has decreased from \$129,500 to \$85,965. There are no wage increases proposed for the library employees for the next fiscal year.

City Manager McConkie stated that on page 20 is the adopting resolution that will be presented at the next city council meeting. The millage rate to be adopted is 13.4089 for the 2009 property tax year.

City Manager McConkie stated that no capital projects have been anticipated for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city's wholesale electric contract expired December 31, 2008. The new contract increased 32.2% which was an annual cost of \$576,168. A rate increase was not implemented at that time and the reserve funds are not adequate. A resolution has been prepared for the City Council to adopt at the next meeting to raise the electric rates 22.8%.

City Manager McConke stated that the Water and Sewer Fund is in bad shape due to all of consulting fees that have been paid for projects and the increase amount of delinquent accounts for the utilities. The budget for next year includes a 15% increase for both water and sewer rates because the funds cannot meet their obligations.

City Manager McConkie stated that for the non-union employees he is proposing a 2% wage increase for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 2, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles			Utilities Director
Patrick Herblet			Police Chief
Joe Scholtz	313	W.	Saginaw Street
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312	W.	Essex Street
Phyllis McCrossin			Gratiot County Herald
Paul Opsommer			State Representative

Council Member Allen led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 19, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$251,461.18. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the May 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the May 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearings.

Ordinance No. B-209.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. for discussion on Ordinance No. B-209 to amend Section 2-112 Subsection (3) b and Section 66-102 Subsection (b) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code.

City Manager McConkie stated that the ordinance amendment allows any delinquent utility bill for a period of ninety days or more to be placed on the next tax roll as a lien against the property. The current ordinance states that delinquent bills must be 180 days past due before being placed on the tax roll.

City Manager McConkie stated that there is legislation pending that would not allow municipalities with electric service to disconnect during winter months. After the executive order last winter not to discontinue electric service the people knew we couldn't shut off their utility and simply were not paying their bills. By the legislators imposing this legislation people are not paying their bills which forces a social program and financial burden on other customers that do pay their bills.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that as a pastor of a church who is bearing the burden of assisting people with their utility bills agree with City Manager McConkie but do not feel it is humane to shut off utilities when the weather is cold.

Council Member Church stated that he is wondering why the State assistance programs do not pay the landlord for the utility bills instead of giving the money to the clients who do not give the money to the agency where the amount is owed. Do have tendency to support the legislators about not putting the people out in the cold but the landlords are getting stuck with the utility bills being left unpaid.

Mayor Kubin stated that most of the calls he receives are about people who have had their utilities shut off but do know that City Clerk Roehrs spends a lot time with organizations to get the utility bills paid for the customer.

Council Member Kelly stated that there are customers in the city that have breathing problems and rely on electricity to operate their machines so the city cannot shut them off all year around or those people would be in trouble.

City Clerk Roehrs stated that they have a list of customers that have some type of breathing apparatus and work with those customers on their utility bills.

City Manager McConkie stated the city's shut off policy has been reviewed since the incident in Bay City and did not discontinue any electric service last winter. There is a problem with the language of the current ordinance and the ordinance amendment will allow the city to be able to put delinquent utilities on the next tax roll without having to wait 180 days for the bill to be past due.

Police Chief Herblet stated that what Mr. McConkie is saying that there are people who won't pay their bills because they know they won't be shut off and then the burden gets left to the people who do pay their utility bills.

Council Member Allen wanted to know how the delinquent utility bill flows through the county if they continue to pay the delinquent property tax but not the lien against the property for the utility bills.

City Manager McConkie stated that the utility lien stays with the property and has to be paid if the property is sold.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

2009/2010 Budget.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. for discussion on the 2009/2010 Budget.

City Manager McConkie stated that City Council held a special budget meeting last Thursday night to review and discuss the 2009/2010 Budget. Revenue Sharing was decreased \$19,000 in the current budget and if the State reduces or eliminates revenue sharing for fiscal year 2009/2010 it could result in a \$163,000.00 loss for General Fund.

General Fund revenues have been declining over the last three years but the city does have a balanced budget. The general fund does have a fund balance but if revenue is reduced will have to look at reducing the expenses. General Fund totally pays the cost for the city assessor, code enforcement, DDA director and police department and will have to make major decisions if revenue sharing is cut more.

There are no major or local street projects planned this year. Were planning on reconstructing Franklin Street but did not qualify for stimulus funds to help with the cost.

The rest of the budget is okay except for the utilities. The electric utility rates increased last July 10% but during the year had to obtain a new wholesale electric contract and the new contract increased by 32.2%. The increase last July was not enough and suggesting a 22.8% increase in the new budget.

The Water and Wastewater utility is in a similar situation as the electric fund due to various studies needed and in order to qualify for the State Revolving Loan the city had to do a utility master plan for each utility with a plan to be filed for each funding agency. The water and sewer rates will have to be increased by 15%.

Council Member Church stated that from what he understood the city's water and sewer bills are so low we could not qualify for the 2% interest loan rate from SRF.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city's water and sewer rates have to be at least \$30.00 each a month to qualify for grant funding.

Council Member Church wanted to know by raising the rates 15% if that would put the city in the threshold of grant requirements.

City Manager McConkie stated that the increase in rates would put the city very close to the grant requirements.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know how the city's electric rates with the increase would compare with the private sector electric rates.

Utility Director Giles stated that the city would be comparable with the private sector with electric rates.

Council Member Shrum stated that the city residents still have an advantage of having the capability of generating electric power.

Mayor Kubin stated that the city residents have always had an electric rate advantage.

City Manager McConkie stated that the cost of electricity has increased.

Mayor Kubin stated that he would have a hard time to vote for an electric rate increase.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that he appreciated being able attend the budget work session and in regards to the reduction in revenue sharing he does not think police and fire protection should be decreased. The crime rate will be on the rise with the increased amount of inmates being released from prison. Also, agree with Mayor Kubin that there should be an electric rate advantage for the city residents.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Public Comments.

Representative Paul Opsommer stated that he would like to meet with City Manager McConkie to discuss what is needed to be done on the city's water supply.

Representative Opsommer updated the City Council on: I-127 being placed on the five year plan if the governor does not veto the matter; the mayors and city managers of Gratiot County will be meeting with Lieutenant Governor Cherry next week to discuss various city issues; the State of Michigan budget crisis is worse than expected due to decrease in sales and income tax from the economy and revenue sharing will probably get reduced again in October; reducing revenue sharing next year will make it difficult for cities and townships; the three prisons in St. Louis are not being eliminated at the present time and think releasing prisoners early to reduce cost is a mistake.

Representative Opsommer stated that the Green Energy Bills are increasing the cost of electric service and stated that coal is cheaper. The municipal electric utilities need to get involve to encourage coal being used for electric generation to keep the cost down.

Council Member Church stated that he has been approached by residents saying that their houses are being assessed more than what they could sell them for and wanted to know what can be done.

Representative Opsommer stated that next year assessments would be decreasing.

The City Council thanked Representative Opsommer for coming to the meeting.

Joe Scholtz requested that the City Council approve authorization for the annual Bass Tournament to be held in Leppien Park on Saturday, August 15, 2009.

Moved by Shrum , supported by Allen, to approve authorization for the annual Bass Tournament to be held in Leppien Park on Saturday, August 15, 2009. All ayes.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communications from MML regarding federal stimulus funds, MAC-3 regarding Charter bankruptcy and Garan, Lucow, and Miller P.C. regarding Frank Nali court case.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communications from MML regarding federal stimulus funds, MAC-3 regarding Charter bankruptcy and Garan, Lucow, and Miller P.C. regarding Frank Nali court case. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Ordinance No. B-209.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Ordinance No. B-209 to amend Section 2-112 Subsection (3) b and Section 66-102 Subsection (b) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve Ordinance No. B-209 to amend Section 2-112 Subsection (3) b and Section 66-102 Subsection (b) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution to Adopt 2009/2010 Budget.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the 2009/2010 Budget Adopting Resolution.

CITY OF SAINT LOUIS

**2009-2010 BUDGET
ADOPTING RESOLUTION No. 2009-08**

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Shrum and supported by Council Member Kelly.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted and filed with the City Council a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2009-2010 fiscal year on May 5, 2009, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date June 2, 2009 for a public hearing at 7:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said budget as represented herein and fixes the tax of fifteen (15) mills for general operating purposes and one (1) mill for maintaining a public library, to be raised by a general ad valorem tax upon owners of real and personal property in the City, by the authority granted, and in accordance with the Michigan Constitution, the General Property Tax Act 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended, and City Charter, Chapter VII, subject to limitations therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such transfers between the various funds in accordance with the adoption of the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 724,500	General Government	\$ 504,870
License & Permits	40,700	Public Safety	708,405
Federal Grants	0	Public Works	150,400
State Grants	512,253	Community & Economic Development	126,200
Charge For Services	34,000	Recreation & Culture	125,250
Fines	6,000	Debt Service	5,000
Interest and Rents	8,550	Other Financing Uses	2,000
Other Revenues	17,500	To Fund Balance	<u>479</u>
Other Financing Sources	279,101		
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>		
Total Revenues	\$1,622,204	Total Expenditures	\$1,622,204

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 0	General Government	\$ 0
Interest	8,000	Other Financing Uses	0
Other Revenues	2,000		
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	To Fund Balance	<u>10,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 10,000	Total Expenditures	\$ 10,000

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 222,500	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 183,546
Interest	1,500	Other Financing Uses	0
Other Revenues	8,000	To Fund Balance	<u>48,454</u>
Other Sources	0		
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 232,000	Total Expenditures	\$ 232,000

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 82,500	Highways, Streets & Bridges	\$ <u>140,210</u>
Interest	2,500		
Other Revenues	0		
Other financing Sources	55,000		
From Fund Balance	<u>210</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 140,210	Total Expenditures	\$ 140,210

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Interest	\$ 1,000	Other Uses	\$ 89,900
Other Sources	156,200	To Fund Balance	<u>67,300</u>
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>		

Total Revenues	\$ 157,200	Total Expenditures	\$ 157,200
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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 40,000	Community & Economic Dev.	\$ 58,285
Interest	300	Other Uses	10,780
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	To Fund Balance	<u>1,235</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 40,300	Total Expenditures	\$ 40,300

DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 21,000	Public Safety	\$ 131,500
Fines & Forfeits	43,000		
Donations	62,800		
Interest	1,700		
Other Revenues	<u>3,000</u>	To Fund Balance	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 131,500	Total Expenditures	\$ 131,500

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 52,100	Recreation & Culture	\$ 154,865
State Grants	6,000	To Fund Balance	<u>2,000</u>
Contributions – Local Units	500		
Charges for Services	1,300		
Fines & Forfeits	85,965		
Interest & Rents	1,000		
Other Revenues	8,000		
Other Sources	2,000		
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 156,865	Total Expenditures	\$ 156,865
Interest	\$ 1,000	Other Uses	\$ 89,900
Other Sources	156,200	To Fund Balance	<u>67,300</u>
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 157,200	Total Expenditures	\$ 157,200

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Shrum, Kelly, Allen, Church, Kubin
 Nays: None
 RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Resolution 2009-09 Water/Sewer Rate Increase.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2009-09 to Raise the City of Saint Louis Water and Sewer Rates.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Allen and supported by Member Shrum.

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable July 1, 2009, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Min.	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Base		\$9.66
	First	20,000	\$1.93
	Next	180,000	\$1.82
	Over	200,000	\$1.75

A separate meter may be installed, at the customer's expense, to measure water used by cooling purposes. If water is used for cooling purposes, and the water is not discharged to a sanitary sewer, the rate will be:

Gallons per month	Min.	Charged per 1,000 Gallons
Base		\$9.66
First	20,000	\$1.93
Next	20,000	\$1.82

(b) To the above commodity charge established in subsection (a), there shall be added a monthly service charge to cover billing costs, installation and maintenance of meters, based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly Charge
5/8 inch	\$2.96
3/4 inch	\$3.38
1 inch	\$3.86
1 ¼ inch	\$4.16
1 ½ inch	\$4.53
2 inch	\$7.37
3 inch	\$9.90
4 inch	\$17.20
6 inch	\$26.69

8 inch \$37.25
(c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$22.94, which shall include the monthly service charge.

(c) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$45.89 per month, which shall include the monthly service charge.

(e) For customers outside the corporate limits, the charges shall be double the city commodity rate and service charge based on meter size when no rate agreement exists between the City and the Township.

(f) All other charges in effect shall remain the same.

Sewer Rate Schedule

(a) The monthly sewer bill shall be based on the water usage at the following rates:

Base	\$6.04 minimum
Non-metered customers	\$3.68 per 1,000 gallons \$33.03
Non-metered, non-City residents, When no rate agreement exists between the City and Township	\$59.35

(b) All other charges in effect shall remain the same.

AYES: Allen, Shrum, Church, Kelly, Kubin

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Resolution 2009-10 Electric Rates Increase.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council adopt Resolution 2009-10 to Raise the Electric Service Rates effective with utility bills due July 1, 2009.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Kelly, and supported by Member Shrum:

Residential Service

Rate A-1

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$ 6.14 per month

Energy Charge	@ \$ 0.04525	per kwh
Generation & Transmission Service		
Energy Charge:	@ \$ 0.0594	per kwh
Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$.00065	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00114	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2011	\$ 0.00174	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2012	\$ 0.00233	per kwh

Residential Water Heater Service

Rate A-2

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$ 6.14	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$ 0.04525	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges:

First 250 kwh	@ \$ 0.0594	per kwh
Next 400 kwh	@ \$ 0.0527	per kwh
Over 650 kwh	@ \$ 0.0594	per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$.00065	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00114	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2011	\$ 0.00174	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2012	\$ 0.00233	per kwh

Residential Electric Heat Service

Rate A-3

Distribution Charge

Customer Charge	@ \$ 6.14	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$ 0.04525	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges

First 600 kwh	@ \$ 0.0594	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (Nov.-May)	@ \$0.0527	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (June-Oct.)	@ \$0.0594	per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$.00065	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00114	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2011	\$ 0.00174	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2012	\$ 0.00233	per kwh

Residential All Electric Service

Rate A-4

Distribution Charge

Customer Charge	@ \$ 6.14	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$ 0.04525	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges:

First 250 kwh	@ \$0.0594	per kwh
Next 400 kwh	@ \$0.0527	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (Nov.-May)	@ \$0.054	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (June-Oct.)	@ \$0.0594	per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$.00065	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00114	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2011	\$ 0.00174	per kwh
Effective January 1, 2012	\$ 0.00233	per kwh

General Service

Rate B

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$ 14.99	per month
Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$ 1.18	per month
Effective January 1, 2010	\$ 2.07	per month
Effective January 1, 2011	\$ 3.17	per month
Effective January 1, 2012	\$ 4.24	per month
Energy Charge	\$.0243	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Energy Charge	@ \$.1114	per kwh
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General Service Rate C

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$ 30.06	per month
Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$ 20.24	per month
Effective January 1, 2010	\$ 35.51	per month
Effective January 1, 2011	\$ 54.32	per month
Effective January 1, 2012	\$ 72.75	per month

Demand Charge:

First 100 kw	@ \$ 2.43	per billing kw
Over 100 kw	@ \$.405	per billing kw

Energy Charge			
First 180 kWh per kw	@ \$	.0392	per kWh
Over 180 kWh per kw	@ \$	.027	per kWh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Demand Charge:			
All kw	@ \$	9.12	per billing kw
Energy Charge:			
All kw	@ \$	.0365	per kWh

Large Power

Rate D

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$	30.06	per month
Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$	130.32	per month
Effective January 1, 2010	\$	228.63	per month
Effective January 1, 2011	\$	349.75	per month
Effective January 1, 2012	\$	468.41	per month
Demand Charge	@ \$	7.23	per billing kw
Primary Service Discount	@ \$	1.35	per billing kw
Energy Charge	@ \$	.00946	per kWh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Demand Charge			
First 100 kw	@ \$	4.40	per billing kw
Next 1,900 kw	@ \$	2.37	per billing kw
Over 2,000 kw	@ \$	.4323	per billing kw

Energy Charge

First 180 kWh per kw	@ \$	.06146	per kWh
Over 180 kWh per kw	@ \$	.0539	per kWh

AYES: Kelly, Shrum, Allen, Church

NAYS: Kubin

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution on Policy for Discontinuance of Delinquent Accounts.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council adopt Resolution 2009-11 for the Policy on Discontinuance for Delinquent Accounts.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Church, and supported by Member Kelly.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis adopted a policy by Resolution No. 96-15 dated October 22, 1996 for Discontinuance of Service for delinquent accounts, and

WHEREAS, the City has determined the need for amendment and restatement of said policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Saint Louis, Michigan, restates the policy on this continuance of electric, water and sewer service for nonpayment of utility bills as follows:

When an electric, water and sewer customer of the City has not paid his/her utility bill on time the service is terminated.

Written notice shall be given of such termination by first class mail addressed to the customer at the billing address informing the customer that service will be terminated upon the expiration of 10 days from the date of the notice.

The notice shall inform the customer if the customer disputes the bill, the customer may review the bill with the City during such 10 day period.

If payment is not made according to the City's determination, then service shall be terminated upon expiration of the aforesaid 10 day period.

The City shall determine special considerations regarding hardship and customers of life support. The City Manager has designated the City Clerk to be the contact person for implementation of this policy.

When service is discontinued service shall not be resumed until and unless the delinquent bill and a reconnect fee is paid.

A utility account delinquent for 90 days or more may be assessed on and collected on the next tax roll.

Electric, water and/or sewer service shall be discontinued for non-payment of the bill, including normal monthly service charges for electric, water and sewer used. This policy shall be in effect 12 months of the year or as otherwise provided by State law, regulation or rule.

Ayes: Church, Kelly, Allen, Shrum, Kubin

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Request from Community Day Committee.

City Manager McConkie stated that the St. Louis Community Day Committee submitted a request to hold another citywide yard sale on Community Day Saturday, July 25, 2009.

Mayor Kubin requested that information about the citywide yard sale be placed in the city's next newsletter.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve authorization for the Saint Louis Community Day Committee to hold a citywide yard sale on Saturday, July 25, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal from ACI Finance, Inc. – Financial Advisor for SRF Loan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the proposal from ACI Finance, Inc. to act as Financial Advisor for the State Revolving Fund Loan for Wastewater Treatment Improvements in the amount of \$8,500.00 with authorization to proceed with additional services in the amount of \$10,500 for user charge system and rate study.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the proposal from ACI Finance, Inc. to act as Financial Advisor for the State Revolving Fund Loan for Wastewater Treatment Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$19,00.00. All ayes carried motion.

Approve Amended Letter of Agreement between City of St. Louis and Constellation Energy.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Amended Letter for the Requirements Power Supply Agreement between Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and the City of Saint Louis and authorize the City Manager to execute the Amended Letter of Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the Amended Letter for the Requirements Power Supply Agreement between Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and the City of Saint Louis and authorize the City Manager to execute the Amended Letter of Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Certificate Payment #1 to United Kiser Services, LLC for Hydro #6 Repairs.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Certificate Payment #1 to United Kiser Services, LLC for Hydro Unit #6 Rebuild Repairs in the amount of \$39,254.04.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve Certificate Payment #1 to United Kiser Services, LLC for Hydro Unit #6 Rebuild Repairs in the amount of \$39,254.04. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve MDOT Contract for State Trunkline.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for a term of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for a term of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve POAM Union Agreement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and the Police Officers Association of Michigan to be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Council Member Kelly inquired on Section 22.2 Uncertified Officer wage amount being \$7.00 an hour while as basic academy.

Police Chief Herblet stated that section should have been eliminated from the contract because that practice is no longer being used and it was over looked.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve the Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and the Police Officers Association of Michigan to be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing Date for 2008/2009 Budget Amendments.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to set the date of Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. for 2008/2009 Budget Amendments.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to set the date of Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. for 2008/2009 Budget Amendments.

Approve Proposal for 111 N. Mill Street – Worthy Electric.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the proposal from Worthy Electric for electric work at 111. N. Mill Street to be paid by the Downtown Authority.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the proposal from Worthy Electric at 111 N. Mill Street in the amount of \$11,750.00 to be paid by the Downtown Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report. None

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk Roehrs stated that she will be taking vacation time off next week.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that at the next meeting on the agenda will be the 4th of July and community day street closings requests.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Allen stated that she was asked to find out if the Food Pride Store is closing because there are concerns about the current store not being able to handle the local residents need.

City Manager McConkie stated that he has talked with the owner and there are some steps being taken to improve the situation at the store.

Council Member Church stated that Ed Benson is interested in the Housing Commission position that is vacant.

City Clerk Roehrs will make contact with Ed Benson about the position on the Housing Commission.

Council Member Church stated that someone walked into the IGA sign and cut his head because the sign is hanging down low and requested that someone should look at the sign.

Mayor Kubin stated that he received an email with the agenda for the meeting that is taking place with Lieutenant Governor Cherry next week and the city's water issue is not listed as a topic.

City Manger McConkie stated that the city will have an opportunity to present the issues on the water system.

Mayor Kubin stated that the city needs to be prepared if budget cuts have to happen and a plan should be in place in case it is needed.

Public Comments.

Joe Scholtz stated that 94 FM radio station will be broadcasting the Fishing Derby live for about two hours and some local merchants have bought advertisements from the radio station.

Council Member Church stated that some people wanted to get a hold of the police department for a non emergency matter after hours and they did not want to call 911 for the matter. Is there a non emergency number available to the public.

Police Chief Herblet stated that there is a local number and there is an answer machine where a message can be left or it gives a non emergency number to call central dispatch.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 16, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: James C. Kelly (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles			Utilities Director
Richard Ramereiz			Police Sergeant
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312	W.	Essex Street
Phyllis McCrossin			Gratiot County Herald
Katherine Goettling			City Assessor
Phil Hansen			DDA Director
Jim Redding			Rowe Engineering
Mark Abbott			DPW Supt.
Vern Stevens	115		Essex Drive

Mayor Kubin led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 28, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 2, 2009, subject to the corrections on page 43 paragraph 3 line should read “hanging down”, on page 29 paragraph 3 line 4 the word “to” should be removed after the word “not” and on page 31 paragraph 10 line 2 should read “get involved”. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$280,394.94. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the May 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the May 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearings.

Proposed Project to Upgrade the City’s Wastewater Facilities.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:40 a.m. for discussion on the Proposed Project to Upgrade the City’s Wastewater Facilities.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City of Saint Louis is planning to submit an application for funding for upgrades to the City’s wastewater facilities through the state’s revolving loan fund (SRF). The SRF program provides communities with low interest loans for the construction of wastewater facilities.

The upgrades planned by the city will provide additional capacity for increased wastewater flows to reduce the potential for sanitary sewer overflows (SSO’s) resulting from wet weather. Upgrades at the treatment plant (WWTP) are planned to reliably provide for the treatment of ammonia in the wastewater, prior to its discharge to the Pine River. Other upgrades are planned to reliably continue to provide treatment of wastewater.

Alternatives considered for addressing SSO's have included removal of sources of excess flows and providing additional capacity for peak wet weather flows. The recommended alternative provides for the removal of known sources of excess flow and some increase in capacity of the sewer interceptor and pumping stations to provide capacity for excess flow from minor or unidentified sources. Alternatives considered for the WWTP included upgrading the existing rotating biological contactors (RBC’s) or replacement of the RBC’s with a different secondary treatment process. The recommended alternative provides for the replacement of the RBC’s because of their limited ability to provide for the treatment of ammonia to the required levels.

The City is seeking funding for increasing the capacity of the Michigan Avenue Pumping Station, the Michigan Avenue Interceptor, and the Union Street Pumping Station. Provisions for flow equalization are planned at the Union Street Pumping Station. The RBC’s at the WWTP are planned to be replaced with another treatment process. A \$13,965,000 budget has been established for the project, as follows:

Treatment Plant	\$3,511,000
Sewers & Pumping Station	\$4,509,000
Equalization & Pumping	\$5,945,000

The proposed improvements are planned to be financed by bonds. Annual debt is estimated to be \$867,000 and the average cost for a residential unit may increase by \$15 per month.

Although construction of the project is anticipated to result in some temporary impacts such as traffic disruption, noise, and dust; measures will be taken to minimize these and any environmental impacts resulting from construction activities. No permanent, harmful impacts are expected. The additional capacity and level of treatment provided by the planned improvements will provide beneficial improvements to the Pine River and the natural environment.

Mayor Kubin asked if there was anyone here wanting to comment on the proposed upgrade to the city's wastewater facilities.

There were no other comments.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:44 a.m.

2008/2009 Budget Amendments.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:44 a.m. for discussion on the 2008/2009 Budget Amendments.

City Manager McConkie stated that the revenues for General Fund will meet the original budget and the expenses will be close to the original amount. Certain projects in the General Fund such as the preliminary design of security renovation of city hall and the equipment rental rates being higher increased the expenses. Anticipate that the expenses will be close to the original budget. To avoid the expenses exceeding in General Fund Budget and other budgets additional money was allocated. The amended budget revenues and expenses are \$1,763,905.

The Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund needs to be amended due to more interest received than anticipated.

The Major and Local Street Funds expenses were higher than originally budgeted because of all of the design engineering done anticipating funds from the stimulus money for road projects.

The Downtown Development Authority Budget has to be amended due to the building that was purchased downtown and the cost to renovate it.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:49 a.m.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file the communication from Gratiot County Central Dispatch for the 2008 Annual Report.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communication from Gratiot County Central Dispatch for the 2008 Annual Report. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve 2008/2009 Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2009-13.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2009-13 for regarding 2008/2009 Budget Amendments.

Council Member Allen stated that since the budget amendments were presented to City Council before the meeting she was unable to compare the amounts with the original budget ahead of time and having the amendments prior to the meeting would have given her a chance to review them.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Church.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2008-2009 fiscal year on June 3, 2008, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year, certain unforeseen circumstances have arisen which has caused need to amend the budget,

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date June 16, 2009 for a public hearing at 7:30 o'clock AM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed amended budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said amended budget as represented herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such transfers between the various funds in accordance with the adoption of the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 716,000	General Government	\$ 534,545
License & Permits	30,700	Public Safety	733,710
Federal Grants	0	Public Works	164,250
State Grants	530,045	Community & Economic Development	132,900
Charge For Services	28,000	Recreation & Culture	150,700
Fines	5,800	Debt Service	45,800
Interest and Rents	18,030	Other Financing Uses	<u>2,000</u>
Other Revenues	28,000		
Other Financing Sources	280,732		
From Fund Balance	<u>126,598</u>		
Total Revenues	\$1,763,905	Total Expenditures	\$1,763,905

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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State Grants	\$ 0	General Government	\$ 0
Interest	10,000	Other Financing Uses	0
Other Revenues	2,000		
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	To fund Balance	<u>12,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 12,000	Total Expenditures	\$ 12,000

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 217,700	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 333,720
Interest	1,500	Other Financing Uses	<u>0</u>
Other Revenues	11,800		
Other Sources	0		
From Fund Balance	<u>102,720</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 333,720	Total Expenditures	\$ 333,720

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 82,500	Highways, Streets & Bridges	\$ <u>255,900</u>
Interest	1,000		
Other Revenues	9,300		
Other financing Sources	70,000		
From Fund Balance	<u>93,100</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 255,900	Total Expenditures	\$ 255,900

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Interest	\$ 4,000	Other Uses	\$ 131,000
Other Sources	134,500	To Fund Balance	<u>7,500</u>
From Fund Balance	<u>0</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 138,500	Total Expenditures	\$ 138,500

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 36,500	Community & Economic Dev.	\$ 159,775
Interest	700		
From Fund Balance	<u>122,575</u>	To Fund Balance	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 159,775	Total Expenditures	\$ 159,775

DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>			<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 22,000	Public Safety	\$ 137,500	
Fines & Forfeits	40,500			
Interest	3,000			
Other Revenues	<u>74,500</u>	To Fund Balance	<u>2,500</u>	
Total Revenues	\$ 140,000	Total Expenditures	\$ 140,000	

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>			<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 49,800	Recreation & Culture	\$ 218,180	
State Grants	4,000	To Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	
Contributions – Local Units	3,000			
Charges for Services	1,500			
Fines & Forfeits	129,500			
Interest & Rents	1,000			
Other Revenues	13,000			
Other Sources	2,000			
From Fund Balance	<u>14,380</u>			
Total Revenues	\$ 218,180	Total Expenditures	\$ 218,180	

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Shrum

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Resolution No. 2009-14 Federal Recovery Funds.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution No.14 Demanding Federal Recovery Funds be used to Assist Local Budgets.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Church.

The City of Saint Louis recognizes that:

1. President Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress passed the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” a several hundred billion dollar economic stimulus package.
2. Section 3, Subsection 5 of the act specifically states that one of its purposes is “to stabilize ...local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services....”

3. Governor Granholm and the Michigan Legislature recently approved \$41 million in late year reductions to revenue sharing. Such a cut will force further reductions in local services in Saint Louis and across Michigan.
4. This revenue sharing cut is in addition to the \$3 billion of revenue sharing reductions to local communities over the last seven years, resulting in the elimination of services and programs essential to maintaining quality of life in communities.
5. Local property values have been dramatically falling, causing even further reductions to local budgets.
6. The State Department of Treasury has already identified 70 communities that are financially at risk. The revenue sharing reduction will place these and other communities in Michigan on the brink of financial collapse.

For these reasons, the City of Saint Louis, Michigan, urges Vice-President Biden, who has been charged by President Obama to oversee implementation of the Recovery Act, to direct Michigan's state government to use ARRA funding to stabilize local government budgets in accordance with the act.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Vice-President Biden, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Congressman Dave Camp, Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Senator Roger Kahn, State Representative Paul Opsommer and the Michigan Municipal League.

Ayes: Allen, Church, Shrum, Kubin

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Approve Resolution 2009-15 to Designate Street Administrator.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution No. 15 2009- to Designate Street Administrator.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Allen and supported by Member Shrum.

WHEREAS, Section 13 (7) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provided that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to this act."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body designated Robert F. McConkie, City Manager as the single Street Administrator for the City of St. Louis, MI in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

Yeas: Allen, Shrum, Church, Kubin
Nays: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Resolution 2009-16 MDOT Maintenance Contract.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council adopt Resolution 2009-16 for the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunk Line Maintenance Contract with the City of Saint Louis.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Shrum:

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Louis recognizes the need to have a contract with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction, improvements, and/or maintenance of the State trunk line highways; and

WHEREAS, 1925 PA 17 Section 2, MCL 250.61 et seq; authorizes the Department of Transportation to contract with the Municipality, subject to the approval of State Administrative Board, will do all acts or things necessary to carry out the purpose of 1925 PA 17 supra; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis designates the City Manager as Maintenance Superintendent on state trunk line highways, who will supervise all work covered under the Contract, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis agrees to all of the conditions of the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunk Line Maintenance Contract; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Saint Louis, Michigan, County of Gratiot, hereby approves the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunk Line Maintenance Contract and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Contract on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Yeas: Allen, Shrum, Church, Kubin
Nays: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Repeal Employee Handbook Supplement A-Affirmative Action Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council repeal the City of Saint Louis Employee Handbook Supplement A-Affirmative Action Plan.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve to repeal the City of Saint Louis Employee Handbook Supplement A-Affirmative Action Plan. All eyes carried the motion.

Approve to Pay Off Land Contract at 1110 Wilson Blvd.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the pay off payment of the Land Contract between the City of Saint Louis and the Richard Thomas Van Haften Family Trust in the amount of \$35,034.96. The Land Contract pay off will be paid from the General Fund Balance.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the pay off payment of the Land Contract between the City of Saint Louis and the Richard Thomas Van Haften Family Trust in the amount of \$35,034.96. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Union Street Pump Station Repairs.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to repair the Number Three Pump VFD Drive Control replacement and installation at the Union Street Pump Station by Medler Electric in the amount of \$5,900.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve to repair the Number Three Pump VFD Drive Control replacement and installation at the Union Street Pump Station by Medler Electric in the amount of \$5,900.00. All ayes carried motion.

Approve Community Day Street Closing Request.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the request from the Committee for Saint Louis Community Day for Saturday, July 25, 2009, to close Clinton and Franklin Streets between E. Washington and E. Saginaw Street, permission for members of the Civil War Camp to sleep over in the park during the night of July 7th and permission to discharge blanks from during a drill session from war era replica rifles. The committee also requested permission to discharge a cannon but Sergeant Ramereiz did not recommend authorization of the cannon because they did not state the size, condition or caliber of the cannon.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization to close Clinton and Franklin Streets between E. Washington and E. Saginaw Street, for members of the Civil War Camp to sleep over in the park during the night of July 7, 2009 and permission to discharge blanks from during a drill session from war era replica rifles on Saturday, July 25, 2009, for the Saint Louis Community Day Events. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Fireworks Permit.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve authorization for fireworks display at the Mill Street Bridge over the Pine River on Saturday, July 4, 2009, at dusk with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2009.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve authorization for fireworks display at the Mill Street Bridge over the Pine River on Saturday, July 4, 2009, at dusk with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve to Introduce Ordinance No. B-210 & Set Public Hearing Date.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. B-210 to Amend the Amendment Amending Section 2-112 Subsection (3) B and Section 66-102 Subsection (B) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code and to set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to introduce Ordinance No. B-210 to Amend the Amendment Amending Section 2-112 Subsection (3) B and Section 66-102 Subsection (B) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code and to set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve 4th of July Blues Festival Set Up and Street Closing.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve authorization for the Middle of the Mitten Association to have a hospitality tent for the 4th of July Celebration on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. both days. The Association is also requesting that the 200 block of N. Mill Street be closed from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2009 until Sunday, July 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. for set up and tear down for the July 4th Blues Festival. For the fireworks display N. Mill Street at Prospect Street and North Street will need to be closed at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve authorization to close the 200 block of N. Mill Street from 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2009, until Sunday, July 5, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. for set up and tear down of the July 4th Blues Festival and to close N. Mill Street at Prospect Street and North Street for fireworks display at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization for the Middle of the Mitten Association to have a hospitality tent for the 4th of July Celebration on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. both days. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Special Meeting Date for WWTP Project and Employee Handbook.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council set a special meeting date the week of June 22nd to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and the Employee Handbook.

The consensus of the City Council was to set the date of June 23, 2009, 7:30 a.m. at to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and the Employee Handbook.

Approve Engineering Services Proposal for FERC Plans.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the proposal for Engineering Services Preparation of FERC Plans by Stantec Consulting, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$15,500.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the proposal for Engineering Services Preparation of FERC Plans by Stantec Consulting, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$15,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discussion on Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Project Plan Resolution.

City Manager McConkie wanted to know if the City Council wanted to take action on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Project Plan Resolution or wait until the special meeting next week.

The consensus of the City Council was to wait until the special meeting next week to take action on the resolution.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission recommended Megan Brown to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Kubin stated that Ron Salladay was interested in filling the vacancy but if he does not get appointed to the Parks Commission he is interested in some position on a city board.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the appointment of Megan Brown to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Planning Commission recommended that the city adopt an ordinance to prohibit outside wood burning stoves. The Planning Commission feels smoke being created from the wood burning devices that the rural areas are the most appropriate place for them. The devices should be entirely prohibited in the city. Would like to know if the City Council wants him to proceed to have the city attorney draft an ordinance to ban the wood burning stoves.

Council Member Allen stated that she has some concerns about banning the outside wood stoves entirely with the cost of utility bills increasing but do understand that the smoke from the devices would be a nuisance.

Council Member Shrum stated that if someone wants to decrease their heating costs they could install an inside wood pellet burner in the house which does not create smoke.

Council Member Church stated that the smoke from the burners affects people's health and that is why the city banned burning leaves in the city.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve authorization for the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to eliminate the outside wood burning stove devices because they are a nuisance.

Ayes: Shrum, Church, Kubin

Nays: Allen

Motion carried.

City Manager McConkie stated that as a result of the flooding that occurred at the end of April there were several claims submitted to our insurance company from sewers that backed up into houses. The city's insurance company denied the claims because there is no legal basis for the city to pay out the claims. The city does have sewer back up insurance coverage but it is to be used when a city sewer has failed and caused a backup into a basement. In this case it was rain fall that caused flooding. The city could open the insurance coverage which is limited to \$100,000 annually and then the insurance company would review the claims to determine a settlement with the owners. If the city proceeds to open the coverage it may be establishing precedence for future claims.

Mayor Kubin recommended that the insurance claim matter be placed on a future meeting agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Kubin stated that there are many homes in the city that have floor drains in their basement connected to their sanitary sewer line and if the home owners do not properly plumb their homes they will have problems again. The city council could have a public hearing with the residents to discuss the matter. This is going to keep happening until the homes are corrected. Do not mind paying the claims but the home owner should be made to correct their problem.

Council Member Shrum stated that if the city is at fault we should take care of it but if the flooding was caused from nature then the home owner should take care of it.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if the city has any indication as to what a home owner can do eliminate their water problems.

Utility Director Giles stated that home drains and storm water from the houses have to be separated from the sanitary sewer line.

Council Member Church stated that he would like more information on the matter before making a decision.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve to hold another meeting to discuss the basement flooding that occurred during April 25 and April 26, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk Roehrs stated that her office is in the process of preparing the summer 2009 Tax Statements.

Police Chief's Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if another tractor mower went into the river mowing the river bank on M-46.

DPW Superintendent Abbott stated he was not aware of another incident.

Council Member Shrum wanted to know if the section of the road on M-46 where the water leak was fixed is going to be repaired soon. Receiving complaints about the noise the semi trucks make at night when they drive over the area.

Utility Director Giles stated that they were going to patch the road again today and the water department has to schedule the repair to be done properly.

Council Member Church stated that at the Fishing Derby the Police Department had Reserve Police Officers at the event and their presence was appreciated.

Council Member Church stated that there is a storm drain near the dock at Leppien Park that the river water is flowing back into it and should be checked.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that he wanted to comment on the banning of the outside wood burning stove because the cost of utility bills are going up and if someone had already purchased one of the stoves that the city should consider putting a clause in the ordinance to grandfather those individuals.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that the city doesn't seem to have a handle on how many people have their homes plumbed incorrectly and wondered if the city should have a survey put in the utility bills to have the residents fill out so the city has information on their home. The results of the surveys could then help on options to resolve the matter.

Mayor Kubin stated that he already suggested that surveys be sent to home owners but it was discussed that the people would either not know how their houses were plumbed or would not give the correct information because they wouldn't want the city to know.

Utility Director Giles stated that dye can be put in the sewer system to determine what houses have their storm sewer and sanitary sewer combined.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to table the Closed Session to discuss Proposed Property Purchase. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 23, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Kelly (excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles
Craig Schripsema

Utilities Director
Rowe Engineering

Mayor Kubin stated that the special meeting was held to discuss the Final Project Plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, Adopt Resolution for Final Project Plan for Wastewater Treatment Plant, Employee Handbook, City Hall Computer Upgrades, and MML Annual Conference.

Mayor Kubin led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Discussion on the Final Project Plan for WWTP Project.

Mayor Kubin inquired if the City of Saint Louis could proceed like the City of Alma to separate the storm water in houses going into the sanitary sewers instead of improving the whole sewer system. Alma is going to use their sewer funds and phase in the project over time.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city will continue to identify and separate storm sewers from sanitary sewers and various options were reviewed for the best solution for the overall city residents.

Craig Schripsema stated that Alma is looking to use their sewer funds to pay for all corrections needed but a city wide rate increase is needed to pay for the cost. Alma will do the worst part of town first and separate their sewer lines with SWIFT Funds from the State of Michigan.

City Manager McConkie stated that Jim Redding from Rowe Engineering stated that his recommendation was to construct a retention pond to retain overflow from the sewer system because it is less expensive than doing individual homes that has an average cost of \$5,000.00 per home.

Council Member Shrum asked if the city was going to do all of the Wastewater Treatment System Improvements at once or do them in phases.

Schripsema stated that the Project Plan is set up to do either the entire project at once or do them in phases.

Council Member Shrum wanted to know if everything was in place to do the entire project at once.

Schripsema stated that the city has until September to get the needed preparation work completed.

City Manager McConkie stated that the project could be broken down into three phases; WWTP Phase cost of \$3,511,000, Equalization and Pumping cost of \$5,945,000 and Sewers and Pumping Station cost of \$4,509,000.

Council Member Church wanted to know the size of the proposed retention pond.

Schripsema stated that originally the plan was going to be for a 4,000,000 gallon tank but the size was reduced to a 2,000,000 gallon tank to lower the cost of the improvement.

Council Member Church stated that he would rather build a retention pond that would be big enough for future needs now while the cost would be less.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Council needs to decide today to do the WWTP Improvement which needs to be done to meet the DEQ requirements, the Equalization Basin, or the Michigan Avenue Pump Station and Force Main. There are three separate projects that need to be done but just improving the WWTP does not address the problems in Westgate Subdivision and other parts of the city. If the city just does the equalization basin it would not help with the problem with water backing up into homes because the pump station cannot pump the water to the treatment plant.

Council Member Church wanted to know if the river crossing sewer line going to the Michigan Avenue Pump Station is big enough to take care of the water problem that is occurring in Westgate Subdivision.

Schripsema stated that the project plan does not include replacing the river crossing sewer line.

City Manager McConkie stated that the river crossing sewer line is 8 inches and will provide service for a population of 2,000.

Utility Director Giles stated that the river crossing sewer line to the Michigan Avenue Pump Station is 12 inches.

Schripsema stated that the 12" river crossing sewer line to the Michigan Avenue Pump Station is big enough to pump the sewage to the station.

Council Member Allen stated that she read in the Project Plan that 25% of the water going into the sanitary sewer system is storm water. The residents need education on the problem with water backing up into their homes. Home owners have a responsibility to take care of their houses and property issues.

Schripsema recommended holding neighborhood meetings to help educate home owners on how to resolve water flooding issues in their homes.

Council Member Allen stated that another item that she noticed in the Project Plan was the treating of septic sewage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Schripsema stated that the Project Plan does include accepting and treating septic sewage at the plant for treatment.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Resolution Adopting a Final Project Plan for Wastewater System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Shrum, and supported by Church:

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing wastewater treatment and collection system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis authorized Rowe Professional Services Company to prepare a Project Plan, which recommends the construction of upgrades to the City's sewers, pumping stations, and wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, said Project Plan was presented at a Public Hearing held on June 16, 2009 and all public comments have been considered and addressed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Louis formally adopts said Project Plan and agrees to implement the selected alternative (Alternative No. 1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, a position currently held by Robert McConkie, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a revolving fund loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternative.

Yeas: Shrum, Church, Allen, Kubin

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city will have to work with the school about constructing the equalization basin under the parking area of the T.S. Nurnberger Middle School and will have to get engineering started right away. The engineering has to be completed by September 1st and won't know until August 1st if the city is funded for the project.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know what the engineering for the Wastewater System Improvements was going to cost.

City Manager McConkie stated that the engineering cost for the improvements was going to be \$650,000 which is 5% of the entire project.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know how the city was going to pay for the engineering since the city does not have funds available.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would have to discuss the matter with the engineer on how the firm would be paid until bonds are sold.

Discussion on Employee Handbook.

City Manager McConkie stated that the employee handbook is an update to the existing handbook. The only major change is in the holiday section where the employees vote on a day to take off and city hall is closed, they choose one day to take off and they get a birthday holiday. With the change they would get three extra personal days off at their choice and city hall would not have to be closed. For fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, they would only get two extra personal days because the voted holiday was already selected for July 6, 2009.

City Manager McConkie stated that the intent was to have one handbook for all employees of the city to include housing, library and the union use the handbook for items not addressed in union contracts.

City Manager McConkie stated that the section on clothing allowance reimbursement has been eliminated and starting in the new fiscal year a clothing allowance will be paid to the employees.

City Manager McConkie stated that the new handbook does not change the city's benefit package and it was written so if a section needs to be modified the whole handbook doesn't have to be redone.

Council Member Allen wanted a clarification of Section 7.2 paragraph five where it states that "if an employee is off work three days or more, a written doctor's excuse may be required". Concerned that some department heads would require a slip and some not and wondered if the word "may" should replace the word "will".

City Manager McConkie stated that the city does follow the practice of requiring doctor slip after three days so the word "shall" should be used instead.

Council Member Allen wanted an example of a situation where Section 7.8 the last paragraph where it states "that an employee must work the scheduled day before and the scheduled day after a regular holiday or be excused from work, to be eligible for holiday pay" would be used.

City Manager McConkie stated that if an employee was on approved vacation leave or sick time.

Council Member Allen wanted to know in Section 7.10 paragraph four what the calculation was doing.

City Manager McConkie stated that the paragraph gives an example as to how an employee gets credit for a partial year of vacation.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council adopt the Employee Handbook so it can be implemented July 1, 2009.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Employee Handbook for the City of Saint Louis to include the Saint Louis Housing Commission and the T.A. Cutler Memorial Library. All ayes carried the motion.

Mayor Kubin left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Discussion on City Hall Computer Upgrades.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Computer Hardware Upgrades for New BS&A Software System and CMI Finance Software System by Trivalent Group in the amount of \$8,049.00.

City Manager McConkie stated that there would be some transition cost to move the server that is not included in the \$8,049.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve Computer Hardware and a new Server Upgrade for New BS&A Software System and CMI Finance Software System by Trivalent Group in the amount of \$8,049.00. All ayes carried the motion.

MML Annual Conference.

City Manager McConkie wanted to know if the City Council was interested in attending the Annual Michigan Municipal League Conference in Kalamazoo September 22nd thru 25th. Mayor Kubin stated previously that he would not be able to attend the conference but could make arrangements for the other members. If some individuals can't make the conference after arrangements adjustments would be made at that time.

The consensus of the City Council was to proceed to make arrangements for the conference.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 7, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles			Utilities Director
Patrick Herblet			Police Chief
Joe Scholtz	313	W.	Saginaw Street
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312	W.	Essex Street
Mark Abbott			DPW Supt.
Don Long			Bethany Twp Supervisor
Casey Collings			Rowe Engineering
Verne Stevens	115		Essex Drive
Dave Bailey	105		Chatham Drive

Council Member Kelly led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 16, 2009, subject to the following corrections; on page 52 paragraph 5 line 3 should read “discharge blanks during”, also line 2 should read “to sleep over in the park the night previous to July 25, 2009”, and on page 55 paragraph 1 line 4 should read “Does not mind”. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 23, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$613,180.41.

Ayes: Shrum, Kelly, Church, Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: Kubin

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the June 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive and place on file the June 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing.

Ordinance No. B-210 - Delinquent Utility Bills.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. to discuss Ordinance No. B-210 to Amend the Amendment Amending Section 2-112 Subsection (3) B and Section 66-102 Subsection (B) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code.

City Manager McConkie stated that the ordinance was amended to allow delinquent utility bills to be placed on winter or summer tax roll for collection instead of just once a year.

Mayor Kubin asked if there were any other comments on the matter.

There were no other comments.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Public Comments.

Dave Bailey stated that his water is really rusty and smells bad and wanted to know if the city is going to do something about the water supply.

Mayor Kubin stated that the city surveyed the residents several times about installing a water softening plant but the residents didn't want it because the cost was too much.

Council Member Shrum stated that years ago the residents voted on a water softening plant and they voted the matter down.

Utility Director Giles stated that the council talked about a water softening plant five years ago and the cost was 10 to 13 million dollars. Alma's water is softened and if the city is able to buy into their system then St. Louis will have soft water.

Bailey wanted to know if he should be drinking the water.

Mayor Kubin answered yes, that the water is safe to drink. The city's goal is to replace the water system.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communications regarding the p-CBSA Summary for June 16, 2009 and the Renewable Energy and Energy Optimization Plan approval.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communication regarding the p-CBSA Summary for June 16, 2009 and the Renewable Energy and Energy Optimization Plan approval. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Ordinance B-210.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Ordinance No. B- 210 an Ordinance to amend the Amendment Amending Section 2-112 Subsection (3) B and Section 66-102 Subsection (B) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve Ordinance No. B- 210 an Ordinance to amend the Amendment Amending Section 2-112 Subsection (3) B and Section 66-102 Subsection (B) (2) of the Saint Louis City Code. All Ayes carried the motion.

Approve Engineering Design Proposal from Rowe Inc. – SRF Project Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Engineering Design Proposal from Rowe Inc. for the State Revolving Fund Project Plan regarding the Sanitary Sewer System Upgrades and authorize him to sign the proposal.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve and accept the Engineering Design Proposal as presented from Rowe Inc. for the State Revolving Fund Project Plan regarding the Sanitary Sewer System Upgrades and authorize the City Manager to sign the Proposal on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Discussion on Request from 514 S. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie stated that Dale Zsigray submitted a permit application for a rabbit to be housed on his property located at 514 S. Mill Street outside on the east side of his utility shed.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the request from Dale Zsigray for a rabbit to be housed on his property located at 514 S. Mill Street outside on the east side of his utility shed. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve MML Ballot for Worker's Compensation Board.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to vote for the incumbent candidate for the Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Board.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to vote the incumbent candidate for the Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Housing Commission Vacancy.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the Housing Commission recommended that Lisa Parlove be appointed to the Housing Commission to fill the vacancy from the resignation of Jerry Brush.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve to appoint Lisa Parlove to fill the vacancy on the Housing Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Clothing Allowance for Middle Management Positions.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the clothing allowance of \$500.00 per year commencing July 1, 2009, for middle management employees appointed to the positions of DPW Superintendent, Electric Foreman and Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve the clothing allowance of \$500.00 per year commencing July 1, 2009, for middle management employees appointed to the positions of DPW Superintendent, Electric Foreman and Water/Wastewater Superintendent. All ayes carried the motion.

Confirm Verbal Approval for Wellhead Protection Engineering Services.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council confirm verbal approval for the Professional Services Proposal from FTC&H for the Wellhead Protection Program in the amount of \$19,000.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to confirm verbal approval for the Professional Services Proposal from FTC&H for the Wellhead Protection Program in the amount of \$19,000.00. All ayes carried motion.

Approve Payment to FTC&H for Wellhead Protection Services.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the payment to FTC&H for Professional Services for the Wellhead Protection Program in the amount of \$5,830.65.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to FTC&H for Professional Services for the Wellhead Protection Program in the amount of \$5,830.65. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Rowe Inc. for SRF Funding Application.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Rowe, Inc. for Professional Services for MDEQ State Revolving Loan Fund Application in the amount of \$16,744.75.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to Rowe, Inc. for Professional Services for MDEQ State Revolving Loan Fund Application in the amount of \$16,744.75. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Biosolids Land Application Contract.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Synagro Technologies, Inc. for Biosolids Land Application in the amount of \$19,096.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to Synagro Technologies, Inc. for Biosolids Land Application in the amount of \$19,096.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Proposal from Trivalent Group to Install New Server Upgrade.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Installation and Transition Cost Proposal for Computer Upgrade Project by Trivalent Group in the amount of \$6,720.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the Installation and Transition Cost Proposal for Computer Upgrade Project by Trivalent Group in the amount of \$6,720.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Liquor License Transfer at 223 N. Mill Street.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-17 to Transfer Ownership of 2009 Class C Licensed Business, with Dance-Entertainment Permit, Located at 223 N. Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan, from S & J II, Corporation to Bobzien, Inc.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Church and supported by Member Kelly.

That the request to TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF 2009 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS, WITH DANCE-ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT, LOCATED AT 223 N. MILL, SAINT LOUIS, MI 48880, GRATIOT COUNTY, FROM S & J II, CORPORATION TO BOBZIEN, INC.

be considered for Approval

APPROVAL

Yeas: Church, Kelly, Allen, Shrum, Kubin

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Appointment of Representative for Greater Gratiot Dev. Board.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City Council needs to appoint a Representative of the City of Saint Louis to the Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the appointment of City Manager Robert McConkie as the City of Saint Louis Representative and DDA Director Phil Hansen as Alternate Representative for the Greater Gratiot Development Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Officer and Employee Delegates and Alternates for MERS Conference.

City Manager McConkie stated that Dave Giles has been selected by the employees as their delegate and Sally Stimson as alternate to attend the MERS Annual Conference. City Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Roehrs has offered to attend the conference as the officer delegate and City Manager McConkie would be the alternate officer.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to authorize City Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Roehrs as Officer Delegate, City Manager Robert McConkie as Alternate Officer Delegate to attend the MERS Annual Conference and Dave Giles as Employee Delegate and Sally Stimson as Alternate Delegate to attend the MERS Annual Conference. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Contract Change Order No. 2 – Hydro #6 Rehabilitation.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Contract Change Order No. 2 for United Kiser Services in the amount of \$24,450.00 for Hydro Unit #6 Rehabilitation.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve Contract Change Order No. 2 for United Kiser Services in the amount of \$24,450.00 for Hydro Unit #6 Rehabilitation. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager’s Report.

City Manager McConkie requested a closed session to discuss possible purchase of property.

City Clerk/Treasurer’s Report. None

Police Chief’s Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the 4th of July went well and received a lot of good comments from people outside of the city that attended the event.

Police Chief Herblet commended his police officers and police reserves on the excellent job performance they gave during the event.

Police Chief Herblet stated that there were a couple of arrests made over the holiday weekend due to alcohol related matters.

Police Chief Herblet stated that there has been a rash of larcenies from autos and businesses in the last few weeks. The city's library was broken into but that larceny has been solved.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Kelly stated that across the road from his house a tree blew down and ripped up the sidewalk and wanted to know if it is the city's responsibility or the home owner's to replace the sidewalk.

DPW Superintendent Abbott stated that he is going to have a contractor fix the sidewalk this week.

Council Member Kelly stated that he attended the blues festival last weekend and there were a lot of police officers working at the event and he appreciated them being there.

Council Member Allen stated that the flowers in the beds on M-46 are not growing well because the soaker hoses are flooding some areas and not working at all in other places. Instead of using the soaker hoses maybe the DPW should water the beds with the water tank like the flowers downtown.

DPW Superintendent Abbott Mark stated that they are continually replacing the soaker hoses all year.

Mayor Kubin commented on how nice the flowers look downtown and the city crew is doing a good job of keeping them watered.

Mayor Kubin stated that he was at the blues festival and the police did a good job. The city crews did an excellent job of setting up for the event and cleaning up after the event.

City Manager McConkie stated he attended a blues band festival in Mt. Pleasant at the park and the City of St. Louis was recognized several times during the event on the city's cooperative efforts for the blues festival to take place here.

Public Comments. None

Closed Session – Proposed Property Purchase.

City Manager McConkie requested a closed session to discuss proposed property purchase.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to go into closed session at 8:10 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to approve to return to open session at 8:17 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve authorization for the City Manager to send communication to Chad Payton at Roslund, Prestage & Company that the City of Saint Louis appreciated the offer to

purchase property owned by R. L. Green on M-46 but due to economic times the city is not in the position to submit an offer to purchase the property. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 21, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles		Utilities Director
Patrick Herblet		Police Chief
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312 W.	Essex Street
Phil Hansen		DDA Director
Katherine Goettling		City Assessor

Council Member Church led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 7, 2009, subject to the following corrections; page 65 paragraph 2 line 1 should read “to vote”, page 68 paragraph 6 line 1 should read “Abbott stated that they are continually replacing”, page 67 paragraph 3 line 3 should read “City Manager McConkie would be” and page 68 paragraph 8 line 1 should read “Mayor Kubin was at the blues festival”. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$534,868.02. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the June 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the June 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communications regarding the property offer, Clapp Park Plaque, Gratiot County Master Plan Goals, Gratiot County Airport Authority Minutes, MPPA, Resolution from the City of Eaton Rapids, p-CBSA Summary, Franklin Energy correspondence and DEQ correspondence denying the Wastewater Treatment System Improvements for the State Revolving Fund.

City Council expressed their concern about not being approved for funding from the State of Michigan for the wastewater treatment system improvements.

City Manager McConkie stated that Jim Redding from Rowe Engineering will be discussing with the City Council on proceeding to conduct a Sewer System Evaluation Survey for the city.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communications regarding the property offer, Clapp Park Plaque, Gratiot County Master Plan Goals, Gratiot County Airport Authority Minutes, MPPA, Resolution from the City of Eaton Rapids, p-CBSA Summary, Franklin Energy correspondence and DEQ correspondence denying the Wastewater Treatment System Improvements for the State Revolving Fund. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Velsicol Site Cleanup Discussion.

City Manager McConkie stated that at the last CAG meeting the EPA presented five options to cleanup the Velsicol Site. If the City Council has any comments on the cleanup methods presented by the EPA let him know because the city has to prepare a report to submit to EPA on the options presented to cleanup the site.

Mayor Kubin stated that he was disappointed with the five options presented by the EPA because they are spending the minimum amount of money to cleanup the site without considering the health risks. Four of the options are basically putting a new cap on the site with new slurry walls and on going monitoring of the site. Option five does have some excavating involved which might result in more removal of soil once excavating starts because of what is found in the ground.

Set Selling Price for City Property.

DDA Director Hansen stated that there is interest in the city's property located at the corner of N. Mill Street and North Street and requested that the City Council set a price for the property.

City Manager McConkie recommended that the City Council approve the selling price of \$100,000 for property.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve to set the selling price of the City of Saint Louis property located at the corner of N. Mill Street and North Street at \$100,000. All ayes carried the motion.

Discussion on Power Purchase for 2012-2014.

Utility Director Giles stated that information on purchase power for years 2012-2014 had been received from Constellation Energy and the Michigan Public Power Agency Energy Services Project Committee. Constellation submitted indicative pricing for a Full Requirements Contract for the three years at \$71.25/MWh. Michigan Public Power Agency recommends staggered purchases for the three years at recommended initial purchases as follows: base load \$56 to \$61 per MWh, peak load \$65 to \$71 per MWh and capacity at \$3.00 per kW-month. Giles will be attending the Energy Services Project Committee Meeting today to discuss power purchase strategy and purchase needs for 2012. The MPPA has recommended that the cities purchase 1/3 of their power needs each year instead of buying everything for 2012-2014 at once.

Utilities Director Giles reviewed cost projections based on energy services targets with the City Council and recommends the staggered purchase described.

City Manager McConkie stated that the city would set a target purchase price and then when the market hits that price the energy would be purchased.

Utility Director Giles stated that he would know today where the other cities are on setting their target price.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve authorization for the City of Saint Louis to purchase base, peak and capacity energy from the Michigan Public Power Agency Energy Services Project Committee for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 at the recommended purchase prices and authorize the City Manager and Utility Director to finalize the purchase power agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that St. Louis is hosting a county managers meeting today in the council chambers.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2009-18 to amend the City of Saint Louis Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Church and supported by Member Shrum.

WHEREAS, the Employer previously adopted a Code Section 125 plan, referred to as the Cafeteria Plan (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, effective April 1, 2009, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (the "Act") permits a Plan to allow special enrollment for eligible but not enrolled employees or dependent child who either (1) lose coverage under a Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Plan

(SCHIP) under titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act, respectively, or (2) become eligible for group health plan premium assistance under Medicaid or SCHIP (“Special Enrollment Right”); and

WHEREAS, effective 04/01/2009 the Employer desires to amend the Plan as set forth in the attached Summary of Material of Modifications to allow for a Special Enrollment Right that is consistent with the requirements set forth in the Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis City Council has hereby reviewed the attached Summary of Material Modifications and does hereby approve the adoption of the Special Enrollment Right as set forth therein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the Employer are authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Ayes: Church, Shrum, Allen, Kelly, Kubin

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that due to the increase in utility rates that the delinquent accounts have raised in the last two years from about \$25,000 to \$63,000 and last month’s was over \$94,000.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the fiscal year end accounting is being completed to prepare for the audit in September.

City Manager McConkie stated that the water supply contamination law suit will have to be included in the audit this year.

Police Chief’s Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that at a future meeting he will be bringing an amendment to the curfew ordinance to the City Council for better law enforcement.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Allen stated that the construction of the Office of Human Service Building is going well.

Council Member Allen commended the selection of Chelsey Foster as the new city manager for the City of Ithaca.

Council Member Allen stated that at the Baxter Manufacturing fire there were two firefighters injured and wanted them to know that their work is appreciated.

Council Member Kelly stated that he won’t be at the next meeting because he is having surgery.

Council Member Church wanted to know if the city’s house on Wilson Blvd. was being rented.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that there is someone interested in renting the house and she is in the process of filling out HUD paper work.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that he attended the last CAG meeting where the EPA presented five options to cleanup the Velsicol site. When the city prepares their report on the cleanup options it should emphasize on the water quality importance for the city and that the water quality is a top priority for the city. Also, there is nothing to preclude that the city could put in an option 6 for a different method of cleanup. The Velsicol site is the center of the city and if the contaminated site gets cleaned the water front water front property would be an asset to the city. Think the property on the river is beneficial to the city's future.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 5, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: James C. Kelly (Excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles			Utilities Director
Patrick Herblet			Police Chief
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312	W.	Essex Street
Joe Scholtz		W.	Saginaw Street
Barb Chovanec	426		College Place

Council Member Shrum led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 21, 2009, subject to the addition on page 72 paragraph 1 line 6 should read "\$3.00 per kW-month". All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$197,327.38. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the July 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the July 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons wanted to know how the City electric utility rates compare with Consumers Energy.

Utility Director Giles stated that the City's electric rates are comparable with Consumers Energy.

Diaz-Pons wanted to know if Consumers Energy rates are comparable for residential or commercial customers.

Utility Director Giles stated that it all depends on the electric usage. If you are a residential customer and use about 600 kW hours a month the rates would be comparable with Consumers Energy. If your usage is more than 600 kW hours the rates would be less than Consumers Energy.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communication regarding the DART Service.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communication regarding the DART Service. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Old-27 Motor Tour Road Closings.

City Manager McConkie stated that the third annual Old US-27 Motor Tour will be in St. Louis on Thursday, August 20, 2009, between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Middle of Mitten Association and the St. Louis DDA are requesting that the City Council approve to close North Mill Street in the 100 and 200 blocks from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve authorization to close the 100 and 200 blocks of North Mill Street on Thursday, August 20, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Old US-27 Motor Tour. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve M-46 Repair Costs.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the purchase of asphalt for Road Repairs to M-46 due to a water main break and valve replacement at Main Street and Washington Avenue by Central Asphalt in the amount of \$6,087.60.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of asphalt for Road Repairs to M-46 due to a water main break and valve replacement at Main Street and Washington Avenue by Central Asphalt in the amount of \$6,087.60. All ayes carried the motion.

Further Discussion on Sewer Backup Claims from April Flooding.

City Manager McConkie stated that Mr. Stevens contacted him because the City Council previously said that they were going to further discuss the basement flooding from the heavy rainfall at the end of April. The City does have insurance coverage for sewer backup in homes that are the fault of the City's but the amount is limited to \$100,000 a year. The courts have determined that in this type of claim is not the fault of the

city. Some of the home owners have no insurance to cover the cost of their loss. The homeowners have been notified by the insurance company that the City has no legal obligation under our coverage to pay their claims. The City Council should be careful on taking action on this matter because there are some homeowners that have their drains and sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system illegally.

Mayor Kubin stated that he was concerned that if the City paid sewer backup claims now, it would set a precedent for the future. He feels bad for the homeowners that were at the meeting but there were other homeowners not at the meeting that had problems that didn't complain because they felt the City wouldn't do anything about the problem.

City Manager McConkie stated that at this point the DEQ has rejected the City's plan to improve our sewer system and indicated that the city has to do more investigation to decrease the infiltration into the system. Also, City Manager McConkie does not believe the City can cover sewer backup claims that are not the City's legal responsibility. The city should complete a sewer system study, find out whose house has storm water going into the sanitary sewer and then to do the same thing that Alma is in regards to borrowing money to have the problem corrected.

Mayor Kubin stated that having a sewer system study done would be costly for the City.

Council Member Church wanted to know if the sewer study would be done for only one area in the City.

City Manager McConkie stated that the sewer study would be City-wide. The City Council needs to decide if they are going to encourage the insurance company to open the claim or not.

Mayor Kubin stated that if the City opened up the claim it should be for all home owners that had problems not just home owners in Westgate Subdivision.

Council Member Allen stated that any City affected by the heavy rainfall that last weekend in April had sewer backup problems.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to deny to encourage the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool Insurance Company involvement with sewer backup claims from the heavy rain fall on April 25 and 26, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution Identifying Tester Lot as Excess Utility Property.

City Manager McConkie stated that there is a tentative offer of sale on the Tester Lot Property. The property is owned by the Electric Department and according to the City Charter there has to be a vote of the electors unless the City Council deems the property as surplus and by holding the property serves no purpose to the City.

Mayor Kubin stated that the riverfront is going to improve over time and to sell the Tester Lot without knowing what is going to be built cannot be in favor of selling the property. The city has an opportunity to protect the river frontage for redevelopment of the neighborhood and have seen in the past where the city made mistakes selling property to fix the budget.

Council Member Allen stated that if something was built on the property the City would benefit from the tax revenue but expressed concern because the purchase agreement states that the property can be assigned to anyone. She is interested in the terms of the purchase agreement and if it is the right development for the property she would agree to sell the property.

Council Member Church stated that he agreed with Mayor Kubin and would like to know what business is going to be located on the property.

City Manager McConkie stated that if the City does not want to sell the property, the "For Sale Sign" should be taken down and the City Council should not take action to sell the property unless approached with a particular project for the property.

Mayor Kubin stated that he is interested in selling the Tester Lot but wants to know about the development that is planned for the site.

City Manager McConkie stated that under City Council direction he would contact the developer to let him know that the City wants to know more information about the business planned for the Tester Lot before approving a purchase agreement.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization for the City Manager to discuss the purchase of the Tester Lot property in further detail with the interested party wanting to purchase the property to disclose what their plans for the development of the property and a drawing concept of the development. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that there was a conference call today with the Michigan Public Power Agency Energy Services Project Committee to purchase electricity for 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Utility Director Giles stated that the City Council authorized the target price for base load at \$56 to \$61 per MWh and the city bought it for \$46.90 to \$52.25 per MWh. The peak portion of the staggered purchases was \$65 to \$71 per MWh and bought today at \$57.75 to \$63.75. During the joint meeting with the agency motions were being made and approved by the members while the commissioners were on the phone closing the power purchase deal. This was a good summer to purchase power from the market. The capacity component of the energy purchase ranged from \$1.39 in 2012 and the highest amount of \$3.00 in 2014. All of the members were pleased with the results of the power purchase amounts.

City Manager McConkie stated that Police Chief Herblet approached him about hiring an additional staff person to add to MAGNET. Mid Michigan Area Group Narcotics Enforcement Team was awarded a \$400,000 Federal Grant which would pay 50% of the cost of additional police officer for three years. The city's cost would be \$30,000 a year and if the City Council wants to make this matter a priority will have to amend the current budget for the expenditure. The General Fund Budget is tight for next year but do know that there is a need for drug enforcement in the city.

Council Member Church wanted to know if the person would only work under cover.

Police Chief Herblet answered yes, and the person would probably be an entry level certified officer.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization to hire an additional police staff person for MAGNET through the Department of Justice Grant Funds with the City of Saint Louis to match 50% of the cost at \$30,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager McConkie stated that it appears that the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, finished in pretty good shape. The Water/Sewer Fund is in bad shape, the General Fund increased about \$10,000 more but the DDA Fund has a deficit due to the purchase of the building.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she is concerned on the growth of delinquent utility accounts.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that there have been a lot of car larcenies happening throughout the City and recommended that the City Council inform their family and friends to lock their cars.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church stated that he noticed a lot of children playing on the new equipment in Clapp Park during the Community Day Event. The children were happy with the City's selection on the new playground equipment and expressed appreciation to the City and the Parks & Recreation.

Council Member Shrum stated that he was selected to represent the City of Saint Louis at the Community Day Event and he presented the City Council with a plaque from the Community Day Committee for the City supporting the event for 10 years.

Council Member Shrum stated that while he was at the Community Day Event he noticed that the new playground equipment was too far away from the gazebo for parents to watch their children. Also, there is one piece of equipment that is broken and needs to be fixed or taken out.

Council Member Allen wanted to know about how somebody gets permission about hunting geese on the City's property located on Cheesman Road.

City Manager McConkie stated that even though the City's property on Cheesman Road is out of the City no one should hunt on it due to the liability for the City.

Mayor Kubin stated that he was having difficulty preparing a response letter to EPA on the options of the site clean up.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that the riverfront property that the City owns has potential growth for the future and the property would do nothing but grow in value. The City needs to acquire property as it can afford to

and he encouraged the City Council not to sell the property unless they know what kind of business is going there.

Diaz-Pons stated that he felt the flooding from the sewer backup into homes was partially the fault of the home owners and partly the fault of the City. Thinks the City should acquire a group insurance rate for the home owners.

Diaz-Pons stated that when the City is preparing their response letter to EPA the number one priority for the city should be the drinking water quality.

Mayor Kubin stated that the water quality is the number one priority for the city and CAG's priority is the site clean up.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 18, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: James C. Kelly (Excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles		Utilities Director
Patrick Herblet		Police Chief
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312 W.	Essex Street
Phil Hansen		DDA Director
Katherine Goettling		City Assessor
Mark Abbott		DPW Supt.
Tracy Ross		St. Louis School Board Member
Samantha Smolka		The Green Team

Council Member Allen led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 5, 2009, subject to correction on page 77 paragraph 3 line 3 should read “City Manager McConkie does not believe the City can cover sewer backup claims that are not the City’s legal responsibility”. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$445,036.78. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the July 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the July 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Green Team Presentation – Samantha Smolka.

Samantha Smolka approached the City Council about a program to beautify the City. Samantha formed a group called “The Green Team” and their motto is “Have you hugged a tree today”. There are six children in the group and their objective is to work with the City of St. Louis to clean up the town. The team named several sites to clean; Clapp Park, St. Louis Public Schools, Penny Park, Cutler Memorial Library grounds and St. Louis roadsides (side roads only). There will be adult supervision with the group when they are cleaning sites.

Samantha thanked the City Council for allowing her to present her program to them.

The City Council thanked Samantha for her presentation and commended her for the wonderful idea of creating “The Green Team” to clean up various areas of the City.

Mrs. Smolka wanted to know if the group needed approval before they start a project in town.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City should be contacted when “The Green Team” is working so the city crew can pick the bags of trash up.

Mrs. Smolka stated that when the children are cleaning up along the side streets they will be wearing reflective vests.

City Manager McConkie stated that the children should be cautious when they are picking up the side of the streets.

Mrs. Smolka stated that the children would be supervised by adults at all times.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the Police Department should be contacted when the group is working so he can arrange traffic control if a police officer is available.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization for “The Green Team” to work with the City of Saint Louis to clean up the City. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communication sent to Senator Kahn regarding support of House Bill 4151.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communication sent to Senator Kahn regarding support of House Bill 4151. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Payment to Page Olson Company for Year End Accounting.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Page Olson Company in the amount of \$5,125.00 for Year End Accounting and Fixed Assets.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve payment to Page Olson Company in the amount of \$5,125.00 for Year End Accounting and Fixed Assets. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Repair Costs for Leaf Truck.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Repair/Rebuild of Fan for the Leaf Truck by Brinks Machine Company in the amount of \$5,818.22.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the Repair/Rebuild of Fan for the Leaf Truck by Brinks Machine Company in the amount of \$5,818.22. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to United Kiser Services, LLC.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to United Kiser Services, LLC for Hydro #6 Rebuild Certificate No. 2 in the amount of \$23,250.06.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to United Kiser Services, LLC for Hydro #6 Rebuild Certificate No. 2 in the amount of \$23,250.06. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Metro PCS Lease Agreement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve in format the Water Tank Communications Site Lease Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and MetroPCS Michigan, Inc. The City of Saint Louis would receive \$1,200 a month rent with a 3% increase each year on the prior year's amount. City Manager McConkie recommended that the City Council adopt the Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve in format the Water Tank Communications Site Lease Agreement between the City of Saint Louis and MetroPCS Michigan, Inc. The City of Saint Louis would receive \$1,200 a month rent with the a 3% increase each year on the prior year's amount and authorize the City Manager to complete the negotiation for the Agreement and to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Downtown Concrete Curb Project and Handicap Ramp.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Downtown Concrete Repairs by JBS & Best Excavating in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Downtown Concrete Repairs by JBS & Best Excavating in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Velsicol Clean-Up Remedies Discussion.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency were supposed to attend the meeting to discuss the options on cleaning up the Velsicol Site but could not make the meeting.

Mayor Kubin stated that one of the reasons that the DEQ and EPA wanted to meet with the City Council was to discuss having the water wells tested quarterly instead of monthly. The agencies do not feel that the monitoring and sentry wells are testing properly so, they do not think there is a need for monthly testing of the wells. The agencies want to leave the chemicals buried on the Velsicol Site. They do not feel the chemicals can be removed because they have been there for 30 years and are 100 feet down in the ground.

Council Member Church stated that the City's drinking water supply needs to be protected.

Mayor Kubin stated that the congressional leaders are going to be very important in the process of determining the outcome of the Velsicol Site Clean-up and city officials need to meet with Senator Levin and Senator Stabenow.

City Manager McConkie asked the City Council if they wanted the DEQ and EPA to attend the next City Council meeting or have a special meeting to discuss the options on cleaning up the Velsicol Site.

The consensus of the City Council was to hold a special meeting to discuss the options on cleaning up the Velsicol Site with the DEQ and EPA. The City Council requested that the City's Attorney be contacted for some expert help to evaluate the five options on cleaning up the site because none of the options protect the City's water supply.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie requested that Utility Director Giles explain the joint grant application that the city participated with the MPPA.

Utility Director Giles stated that through the MPPA a joint Smart Grid Infrastructure Grant Application was filed. The MPPA has a need to establish real time communications between the members sub stations to the MPPA offices. If the grant is awarded the funds would be used to install real time load advanced meeting at municipalities sub stations. The City of Saint Louis is looking to purchase Phase Three Metering with grant funds received with a total cost of \$295,000 over the next three years with the City matching fifty percent of the cost.

The City is planning on installing fiber optic cables between the City departments to enhance communication with some of the grant funds as part of the project.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report. None

Police Chief's Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church commended the police officer who is selecting different locations around town to patrol traffic.

Council Member Church stated that he was told that there are going to be more cars than last year participating in the US Old 27 Car Tour and wanted to know where they would park the cars if there is not enough room in the first two blocks of N. Mill Street.

DDA Director Hansen stated that there would be space to park cars between the alley by Pat Harris' office and Food Pride Parking lot could be used.

Council Member Church stated that someone moved out of house on East Street and left a large pile of trash to be picked up and wondered how much the City's trash contractor would pick up at one time.

City Manager McConkie stated that as long as the trash is bagged the contractor would pick up all the bags. If the trash is not bagged, there has been a few times where the city crew picked up trash at a residence.

Council Member Allen stated that if the city crew has to clean up trash left at a home there should be regulations in place to have the home owner pay the cost.

Council Member Allen asked if there had not been staffing changes in city hall this year would there have been a need to hire Page Olson for accounting assistance.

City Manager McConkie answered yes, but the hours would have been less because someone would have been trained to do Fixed Assets.

Council Member Allen stated that maybe the City should consider putting a CPA on staff to help defray the cost of having Page Olson assisting with the accounting.

Mayor Kubin stated that it would be costly to the City to hire a CPA.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City Council should consider starting the process to elect a Charter Commission to have the City Charter revised.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that the City of St. Louis drinking water quality issue cannot be eliminated from the City's priority and the City Council needs to look further into the option of buying water from Alma.

Diaz-Pons stated that he is concerned about the future of the Velsicol Site and believes the site can be turned into a positive thing for St. Louis instead of negative image. The City could welcome environmentalist to study the scientific information available about the site which would bring people to the town. The City could encourage CAG to turn their image to an educational mentor of the site.

Diaz-Pons stated that the ugly steel barrier that was left in the river could be painted with pictures about the history of the Velsicol site and could be used as a positive educational platform for St. Louis.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 1, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: James C. Kelly (Excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet			Police Chief
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312	W.	Essex Street
Joe Scholtz			
Jan Howard			MAC-3 TV
Barb Chovanec	426		College Place

Mayor Kubin led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2009, subject to the addition on page 84 paragraph 6 line 3 “Senator Stabenow and Congressman Dave Camp” and the last paragraph line 3 should read “advanced metering”. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$323,168.17. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the August 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the August 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

MAC-3 TV – Annual Report.

Jan Howard Executive Director of MAC-3 TV reviewed the 2008 Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium Annual Report with the City Council.

City Council thanked Jan Howard for coming to the meeting.

Public Comments.

Joe Scholtz stated that he compared the City's utility rates with Lansing's and Coldwater's and it appears that our rates may be a little higher in some categories and a little lower in others. Scholtz recommended that the City Council review the utility rate structure again.

Council Member Allen stated that there are other Cities with utility rates higher than St. Louis.

Scholtz stated that he noticed that Lansing and Coldwater have discounts on electric rates for people on life support systems and for senior citizens. Scholtz presented City Manager McConkie with copies of utility rates for Lansing and Coldwater. Scholtz requested that the City Council review the entire utility rate structure for St. Louis.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons expressed concern on how the City's current electric utility rate structure has increased the cost for senior citizens and low electric usage customers. The people with low electric usage are usually people on a fixed income and are having a hard time paying their expenses.

Patrick Herblet requested that the City Council ban parking on the City streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. year around instead of just during winter months. There are vehicles being parked on curbed streets for days at a time without moving their vehicles and it is causing traffic problems traveling on the streets. If there is an emergency it would be difficult to get emergency vehicles down a street where vehicles are parked on the streets with curbs.

Diaz-Pons cautioned the City Council about eliminating parking on City streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the summer time because residents have family that visit and sometimes people need more parking spaces at their residence. Residents should have some advantages of living in a small town. On the other hand if there is a safety issue about emergency vehicles not being able to drive down the street then he would be in favor of no parking on City streets during 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The consensus of the City Council was to review the matter further.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communication regarding the p-CBSA Report

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communication regarding p-CBSA Report. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve ICMA Managed Service Agreement.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the ICMA Managed Service Agreement and authorize the City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the ICMA Managed Service Agreement and authorize the City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Request to Vacate Alley.

City Manager McConkie stated that a petition was submitted by property owners requesting that the alley between Teman and Sharon Streets to Lincoln and Prospect Streets be vacated.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization to proceed to prepare documents to close the alley between Teman and Sharon Streets to Lincoln and Prospect Streets. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve IBEW Memorandum of Understanding.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the IBEW Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Saint Louis and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 876 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the IBEW Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Saint Louis and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 876 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Rowe for SRF Project Plan Design.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for SRF Project Plan Design Professional Services in the amount of \$63,000.00 and authorize a loan from the Electric Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$63,000.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for SRF Project Plan Design Professional Services in the amount of \$63,000.00 and authorize a loan from the Electric Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$63,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Buy and Sell Agreement.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Council needs to take action to either deny or approve the Buy and Sell Agreement for the property located at the Northwest Corner of North Street and North Mill Street between the City of Saint Louis and Michigan Commercial Real Estate, LLC.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to reject the Buy and Sell Agreement for the property located at the Northwest Corner of North Street and North Mill Street between the City of Saint Louis and Michigan Commercial Real Estate, LLC. All ayes carried the motion.

Discussion on Electrical Inspection for Hydro Turbine #6.

City Manager McConkie stated that United Kiser Services LLC submitted a proposal to perform electrical cable replacement, conduit and circuit breaker overhaul for Hydro Turbine #6 in the amount of \$19,060.00. No action is needed from the City Council on the proposal at this time because the City is looking at the possibility of having the Electric Department employees complete the work.

Approve Repair Costs for Union Street Lift Station Pump.

City Manager McConkie requested approval to have Hydro Dynamics, Inc. repair the Union Street Lift Station Pump in the amount of \$9,891.42.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve to have Hydro Dynamics, Inc. repair the Union Street Lift Station Pump in the amount of \$9,891.42. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Council wanted to hold a special meeting to address the Environmental Feasibility Study on the five options of remediation for the Velsicol Site. EPA and DEQ have agreed to meet with the City Council to discuss the study and would like to set the meeting the week of September 21st.

The consensus of the City Council was to set the special meeting to discuss the Environmental Feasibility Study with the DEQ and EPA on September 24th or September 25th in the morning.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the last day to pay summer 2009 Property Tax Statements without a penalty is Monday, September 14, 2009.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that Rehmann Robson will be starting the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the ballots for the November General Election are in the process of being printed.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he received a call from the Michigan State Police yesterday and it looks like they are close to solving the business break-ins that have occurred in the city.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the City Council should express to the Gratiot County Commissioners the need to keep the animal shelter. That department is a valuable asset for the city.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church wanted to know if there have been any discussions with the City of Alma lately on St. Louis purchasing their water supply.

City Manager McConkie stated that there have not been any discussions lately.

Council Member Church stated that he was contacted by a person who was upset because he did not know about a meeting that was held regarding the septic tank business being authorized to operate in St. Louis. The person was concerned about the odor coming from the business and the problems that would be created with the City's sewer system.

City Manager McConkie stated that the meeting last week was publicized in the newspaper and was open to the public. There is a plan design being prepared for the waste from the business being disposed into the City's sewer system and the DEQ has to review the plan. The owners of the business stated that during heavy rain periods they would store the waste on site and not discharge into the City's sewer system and cause hardship on the wastewater treatment plant system.

Council Member Allen wanted the City Council to keep the Rails to Trails Project on the City's priority list. The City of Alma is seeing the benefit of people coming into town to use their trails.

Council Member Allen informed the City Council that homes are still selling in the area.

Council Member Shrum stated that on Walnut Street west of East Street there are two houses that are vacant and one of the houses has a door that is open and somebody should look into the matter.

Council Member Church stated that he participated in the Old US-27 Car Tour and he was told by participants how much they enjoyed the hospitality that was given to them by St. Louis.

Council Member Allen stated she received a letter requesting her to be on the Community Day Committee and there could be an opportunity for the event to be held the same time as the 4th of July Festival.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know if the street light on Euclid Street has been repaired.

City Manager McConkie stated that he did not know and would check on the matter.

Public Comments.

Joe Scholtz stated that if the Remedy Review Board does not meet in November to decide on what option would be used on the Velsicol site clean up they would meet in January instead. Scholtz recommended that the City Council remember to include in their letter to the Remedy Board that the Velsicol property is zoned residential which could give a better chance for the property to be cleaned better for future use.

Barb Chovanec stated that the City Council should consider holding their meetings in the evening so residents can attend the meetings. Chovanec stated that the City Council discussed the June p-CBSA report and wanted to know if the water well reports were received monthly.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City does receive the p-CBSA summary reports monthly but the information is usually two months later than the month that is being reported.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that starting in the month of September until November that there will be a campaign for the Office of Mayor.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by City Clerk Nancy L. Roehrs, on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Mayor George T. Kubin and James C. Kelly (Excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles		Utility Director
Phil Hansen		DDA Director
Katherine Goettling		City Assessor
Patrick Herblet		Police Chief
Rodolfo Diaz-Pons	312 W.	Essex Street
Mark Abbott		DPW Supt.

City Clerk Roehrs requested nominations from the City Council for Acting Mayor Pro Tem to conduct the meeting.

Council Member Church nominated Council Member William Shrum as Acting Mayor Pro Tem to conduct the City Council meeting.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve to appoint Council Member William Shrum as Acting Mayor Pro Tem. All ayes carried the motion.

Council Member Shrum led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 1, 2009, subject to the correction on page 91 paragraph 4 line 1 should read "did not know". All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$474,894.98. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the August 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to receive and place on file the August 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communication regarding the approval of a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Wellhead Protection Grant Assistance for the City of Saint Louis.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communication regarding the approval of a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Wellhead Protection Grant Assistance for the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Trick-or-Treat Hours.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to set Trick-or-Treat Hours on Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve to set Trick-or-Treat Hours on Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Purchase of Compactor Truck.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the purchase of a 1989 Packard Refuse Compacting Truck from the City of Alma in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of a 1989 Packard Refuse Compacting Truck from the City of Alma in the amount of \$6,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Fire District Agreement Amendment.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Mid Michigan Community Fire Board District Agreement Amendment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Amendment on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. The amendment allows the board to set the meeting dates and times for each calendar year at the annual meeting the 2nd Tuesday of February.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Mid Michigan Community Fire Board District Agreement Amendment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Amendment on behalf of the City of Saint Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Electric Service Shutoff Rules.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council review the Electric Shutoff Rules proposed by the Michigan Municipal Electric Association and at the next City Council meeting the shutoff rules will be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Approve Resolution of Intent to Vacate Alley.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-20 of Intent Regarding to Vacate the North/South alley in Block 1 and Block 4, Frary's Addition to the City of Saint Louis.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen and supported by Member Church.

WHEREAS, The City Council has received a request to vacate the North/South alley in Block 1 and Block 4, Frary's addition to the City of Saint Louis, and

WHEREAS, statute provides that the council may vacate such alley upon proper notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of St. Louis proposes to vacate the above described alley, reserving, however, unto the said City, an easement over and under such alley for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing public utilities, including but not limited to, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water, telecommunications and electric utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That on the 6th day of October at 7:00 p.m., the City Council will meet to hear objects to such vacation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a notice of Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed vacation be published in a newspaper circulated within the City not less than 15 days prior to the appointed date and time of such hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The objections to the proposed action of the Council may be filed with the City Clerk in writing, and if any such be filed, the said alley shall not be vacated except upon a concurring vote of two thirds of the Council members elect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in the absence of any written objection, the Council may elect to vacate such alley by simple majority.

AYES: Allen, Church, Shrum

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Wellhead Protection Grant Contract.

City Manager McConkie requested approval for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Wellhead Protection Program Grant for a total project amount of \$19,000.00 and authorize the Utility Director Kurt Giles to execute the Grant Agreement.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Wellhead Protection Program Grant for a total project amount of \$19,000.00 and authorize the Utility Director Kurt Giles to execute the Grant Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Homecoming Parade Route.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Homecoming Parade Route for Friday, October 2, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The Police Department has approved the parade route.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Homecoming Parade Route for Friday, October 2, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that there is significant amount of work he authorized the City's consultants to do regarding water source reports and review information for the City's pending litigation. There has been a meeting set for October 13, 2009, in New York City to discuss settlement of the City's lawsuit. The City's water source consultants are needed at the settlement discussion and will be traveling with City Manager McConkie to New York at the City's expense.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009 is going very well. There have been very good comments from the auditors on the accounting for the last year.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that starting in the month of August the police department stepped up enforcement on the traffic violations within the city.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church wanted to know if the Police Department could do anything about the students traveling on skateboards up and down the streets.

Police Chief Herblet answered yes, but the problem is observing the students skateboarding in the streets because they usually know where the police officers are patrolling.

Council Member Shrum complained about four women walking their dogs in the middle of Hazel Street.

Council Member Shrum stated that during lunch time the students walk in the middle of the streets.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the solution to avoid having students walking in the streets is to have a close campus during lunch hour but the local businesses do not want a closed campus.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he would work with the school on the matter.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that he understands that not shutting off electric services in the winter would be an administrative burden but it will look good for the city.

Council Member Church stated that by the City not shutting off electric services in the winter will cause a great financial burden to landlords.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 29, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (Excused)

City Manager: Robert McConkie (via teleconference phone)
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Congressman Dave Camp

Kurt Giles

Phil Hansen

Patrick Herblet

Linda Gittleman

Joe Scholtz

Gary Smith

Phyllis McCrossin

Utility Director

DDA Director

Police Chief

Morning Sun

313 W. Saginaw Street

410 Euclid Street

Gratiot County Herald

Mayor Kubin stated that the special meeting was called to discuss the water replacement process and superfund site cleanup with Congressman Dave Camp.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City received a letter from the Director of the DEQ requesting that the EPA include the replacement of city's water supply with the Velsicol site cleanup remedy. Mayor Kubin requested Congressman Dave Camp's assistance and support along with Senator Carl Levin and Senator Debbie Stabenow as EPA considers the cleanup method for St. Louis.

Congressman Camp stated that it would have been helpful if the DEQ and EPA would have been available to attend the meeting to discuss the issues.

Mayor Kubin updated Congressman Camp on the plant site cleanup options prepared by the EPA.

Mayor Kubin informed Congressman Camp that all of the city water wells are showing traces of p-CBSA and the amount of contaminates in the wells is trending upward.

Congressman Camp asked if there have been any national health studies completed on the p-CBSA chemical.

Mayor Kubin answered that there has been no health studies done on the chemical and St. Louis is the only place where the chemical has been found in a drinking water supply.

Congressman Camp asked the City Council what was the number one priority for the city

Mayor Kubin answered that the cleanup of the plant site is important but the city has to have safe drinking water to survive.

Congressman Camp stated that it appears that both items should be the City's priority.

Congressman Camp stated that he would work on setting up meetings with DEQ and EPA to discuss the issues.

Joe Scholtz wanted to know if a House Resolution could be passed to enhance the City's chances on getting assistance from EPA.

Congressman Camp stated that a House Resolution would probably not happen because there are too many people that are not familiar with the situation in St. Louis and it would be hard to educate them on the matter.

City Manager McConkie stated that the time frame is January 25, 2010, for the Remedy Review Board to make a decision on the plant site. The Remedy Review Board has to receive comments on the cleanup options from all interested parties by December 25, 2009, so the Board has time to review the comments before making a decision.

Mayor Kubin thanked Congressman Camp for coming to the meeting and his willingness to assist the City of Saint Louis with the water supply replacement and the superfund site cleanup is deeply appreciated.

Congressman Camp stated that he would coordinate a meeting between the Senators, DEQ and EPA. Congressman Camp requested that the City keep him posted on any progress made on the plant site cleanup or the water replacement issue and he would appreciate the City sending him any information that is available on the matters.

Gary Smith stated that he is a member of CAG and the group is working on reinstating the superfund fund program so there is money available to cleanup sites. Gary Smith stated that the State of Michigan has to pay 10% of any site cleanup and the State is having financial problems. The CAG was told that the State Attorney General does not want to go after the other AIG insurance policy that would assist in the cost of the cleanup.

Congressman Camp stated that an expert legal opinion on the insurance policy would have to be given and

the State of Michigan settled with Velsicol in the 1970's releasing the company of their responsibilities. Not sure what the State Attorney General could do now. Congressman Camp offered to review any documents Gary Smith had regarding material sent to the State Attorney General and about the AIG Insurance Policy.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 6, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Kurt Giles		Utility Director
Patrick Herblet		Police Chief
Katherine Roslund		City Assessor
Joe Scholtz	313 W.	Saginaw Street
18 High School Students		
Jeff Baxter		School Board Member
8 Cornerstone Ministries Members		

Mayor Kubin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 15, 2009, subject to the correction on page 95 paragraph 8 line 1 should read “objections”. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Statements.

The City Council reviewed the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June, 30, 2009.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$433,669.15. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the September 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the September 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Vacation of Alley.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. for discussion on vacating the North/South Alley in Blocks 1 & 4 of Frary's Addition of the City of Saint Louis.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City received a petition to vacate the alley between Sharon and Teman Streets from Prospect to Olive Streets. There are no current utilities in the alley and the City is required by the City Charter to reserve an easement for utilities. City Manager McConkie recommended that the City Council proceed to vacate the alley.

There were no objections heard on the matter.

Council Member Shrum stated that he was in favor of closing the alley since there were no objections against closing the alley.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Public Comments.

Dr. Glen Joseph, Pastor of the Outreach Ministry that is affiliated with the Cornerstone Ministries in Alma stated that the Jesus Coffee House at 201 N. Mill Street had received a property tax bill and the organization is tax exempt. The Cornerstone Life Church has been holding services at the location since 1999. The church services are held at the Coffee House every Saturday and Sunday along with a meal served that benefits people of the community. Dr. Joseph stated that he has documents that his church is a non-profit tax exempt organization and would give the city copies of the documents.

City Manager McConkie stated that he understood that there used to be a church in the theater building but the church sold the building and moved. The Coffee House was interpreted as a social hall and once the church left; it was no longer a valid tax exemption. The Coffee House was added back to the tax roll and the structure is currently located in a zone that does not allow a church. If the building is being declared as a church the City will have to review the Zoning Ordinance.

City Assessor Roslund stated that she did request supporting documents that the Coffee House was affiliated with a church but never received anything and the only recourse at this time is to go to the Tax Tribunal on the matter.

Pastor Joseph wanted to know why all of the sudden the property was put back on the tax roll when the Coffee House has been operating for ten years. Pastor Joseph stated that he would like to have the matter settled.

Council Member Kelly asked if there were services being conducted on the premises.

Pastor Joseph answered yes, every Saturday and Sunday.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Pastor Joseph should file a petition with the Tax Tribunal and submit their non-profit tax information to the City Assessor for her review.

A member of the Reach Out for Christ Church stated that she began attending services at the Coffee House in 1999 and the Coffee House was affiliated with the Cornerstone Ministry at that time. When the Coffee House started there was only a service on Sunday night. When the Church sold the theater building and moved to Alma the services were continued at the Coffee House.

Mayor Kubin thanked Pastor Joseph and the Church members for coming to the meeting.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communication from DEQ regarding the drinking water contamination, DEQ regarding Wellhead Protection Area Delineation Report and MMEA on shutoff rules.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communication from the DEQ regarding the drinking water contamination, DEQ regarding Wellhead Protection Area Delineation Report and MMEA on shutoff rules. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Resolution to Vacate Alley.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-21 to vacate the North/South alley in Blocks 1 and Blocks 4 of Frary's Addition of the City of Saint Louis. All of the abutting property owners were notified of the City Council's intention to vacate the alley.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Shrum, and supported by Member Church.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Louis, gave notice of its intention to owners of the abutting properties to vacate the North/South alley in Blocks 1 and Blocks 4 of Frary's addition of the City of St. Louis , and;

WHEREAS, such notice was published in the Morning Sun on the 15th day of September, 2009, to consider any further objection,

WHEREAS, no written objections to such proposal were received by the City Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met on the 6th day of October, 2009, to consider further objection,

NOW, THEREFORE, hearing no objection,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the North/South alley lying in Blocks 1 and Blocks 4 of Frary's addition of the City of St. Louis, be and hereby is vacated, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City of St. Louis vacates the above described alley, reserving, however, unto the said City, an easement over and under such alley for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing public utilities, including but not limited to, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water, telecommunications and electric utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a certified copy of this Resolution be recorded with the office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Gratiot.

AYES: Shrum, Church, Allen, Kelly, Kubin

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve to Introduce Ordinance No. B-211.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to introduce Ordinance B-211 to prohibit the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers and set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to introduce Ordinance No. B-211 to Prohibit the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers and set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Ayes: Shrum, Kelly, Church, Kubin

Nays: Allen

Motion carried.

Approve to Introduce Ordinance No. B-212.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to introduce Ordinance No. B-212 to Establish Civil Fines for the Violation of Section 22-28 Prohibiting the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers and to set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to introduce Ordinance No. B-212 to Establish Civil

Fines for the Violation of Section 22-28 Prohibiting the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers and to set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Ayes: Shrum, Church, Kelly, Kubin
Nays: Allen
Motion carried.

Discussion on Electric Service Shutoff Rules.

City Manager McConkie stated that under the direction of the Michigan Municipal Electric Association an electric service shutoff policy was prepared by the City Staff using the guidelines established by the MMEA. The Michigan Municipal Electric Association instructed all municipal electric departments to adopt a shutoff policy with their recommended guidelines.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve the City of Saint Louis Electric Shutoff Rules. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Final Payment for Alternate Water Supply Grant.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Final Payment to FTC&H for Water System Master Plan in the amount of \$22,500.00 to be reimbursed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Alternate Water Supply Grant.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve Final Payment to FTC&H for Water System Master Plan in the amount of \$22,500.00 to be reimbursed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Alternate Water Supply Grant. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment #3 to United Kiser for Hydro #6 Rebuild.

City Manager McConkie requested approval for Certificate Payment No. 3 to United Kiser for Hydro #6 Rebuild in the amount of \$30,112.29.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve Certificate Payment No. 3 to United Kiser for Hydro #6 Rebuild in the amount of \$30,112.29. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Changer Order No. 3 for Hydro Rebuild.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Contract Change Order No. 3 for Hydro #6 Rebuild by United Kiser in the amount of \$2,587.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve Contract Change Order No. 3 for Hydro #6 Rebuild by United Kiser in the amount of \$2,587.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the State of Michigan is having budget problems and the legislators are having trouble getting a budget adopted. It is still undecided if revenue sharing is going to be reduced by 11.1% which would mean the City would receive about \$53,000.00 less than last year and adding that to the \$20,000.00 that was lost last year would require budget adjustments to General Fund. If revenue sharing is decreased will be coming back to the City Council with recommended budget cuts for General Fund.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would absent from the next City Council meeting because he will be on vacation.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that ballots for the November General Election have arrived and in the process of processing absentee ballots.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated the homecoming parade and the dance were very successful. The young people did an excellent job of conducting them selves and it was an exciting day and evening for those who participated in the events.

Police Chief Herblet commended the D.P.W., Fire Department, the various Police Departments and the MMR Service for the excellent work done at the accident scene at the corner of Mill Street and Washington Avenue.

Mayor Kubin stated that he witnessed the accident and did notice how well the two departments did work together.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church wanted to know how many police officers were on duty for the homecoming parade and if they were all city police officers. It was nice to see so many officers on patrol for the event.

Police Chief Herblet answered that all of the police officers working the parade and the ball game were city police officers along with the city police reserves.

Council Member Church asked Mayor Kubin if the communication problem with the Central Dispatch 911 Service was resolved.

Mayor Kubin stated that with TV 5 getting involved in the matter it helped to get the 911 Service enhanced.

Council Member Kelly stated that he was happy to be back attending the City Council Meetings.

Council Member Kelly thanked the City Council and employees for the plant.

Council Member Kelly wanted to know if the city is making sure the workers are using their seat belts since the traffic accident.

City Manager McConkie stated that the State law was reviewed for drivers that make frequent stops after the accident and the law does not require seat belts to be worn for the vehicles that meet the requirement. The two individuals that were in the City's vehicle were making frequent stops to pick up grass clippings and there has not been a determination yet from the police if they were in violation. Discussed with the D.P.W. Superintendent about city employees wearing seat belts and a Safety Committee Meeting will be scheduled to review the matter.

Council Member Allen stated that she was informed that there was notification in the City's last utility bill that the City would be giving away CFL's light bulbs to help conserve electric energy. It is very good to see the city being proactive.

Utility Director Giles stated that along with the light bulbs being handed out old refrigerators and freezers will be picked up by a company selected by the City. The light bulb hand out and the refrigerator pick up is part of our energy optimization program.

Council Member Allen requested that the school board meeting schedule be given to the City Council so they can continue the program of representation at their meetings.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would provide the City Council with school board meeting schedule.

Council Member Allen asked the students that were present at the meeting for input regarding the City Council's concern about safety of the students during lunch time because they are walking in the streets.

One student stated that the students only get 29 minutes for lunch and so they hurry but maybe the students can learn to manage their time better.

Council Member Shrum wanted to know if the city employee involved in the traffic accident ran a red light.

City Manager McConkie stated that is what appears to have happened.

Council Member Shrum wanted to know if the city employees are being pushed too hard and that could be the reason why the employee didn't stop at the red light.

Mayor Kubin stated that he believed it was just an error of judgment.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know if burning pits in backyards were legal.

Police Chief Herblet answered yes but the police department inspects them and a list of the persons that have one is kept on file.

Public Comments. None

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 20, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Jerry Church (excused)

Assistant City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet

Katherine Roslund

Phil Hansen

Roldofo Diaz-Pons

Phyllis McCrossin

David Malcomnson

Steve & Danielle Marr

Karen Marr

Police Chief

City Assessor

DDA Director

Mayor Candidate

Gratiot County Herald

Mt. Pleasant

Main Street

Bankson Street

623 N.

206 S.

Council Member Kelly led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on September 29, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 6, 2009, subject to the correction on page 103 paragraph 4 line 2 should read “conducting them selves”. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$400,799.75. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the September 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to receive and place on file the September 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Ordinances No. B-211 & No. B-212.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:42 a.m. for discussion on Ordinances No. B-211 and No. B-212 to prohibit the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers in the City of Saint Louis.

David Malcomnson stated that he came to the meeting because he was asked to give the City Council information on outdoor wood burning devices. He understands that the City Council is looking to ban outdoor wood burning devices in the city limits. The company he works for makes the outdoor wood burning devices. Not sure if the reason for banning the devices was because of their appearance or the smoke caused from the devices.

Mayor Kubin stated that for him it was the smoke that the devices create.

Malcomnson stated that by the year of 2011 the emission standards on the devices are going to be much higher because of guidelines the EPA is establishing for outdoor burners. Several things are being addressed in the emission standards being set by the EPA. The EPA guidelines will minimize the solid emissions of outdoor burning devices. Burning wood pellets and grains do not have the smoke issues as cord wood. If City bans outside cord wood burners feel inside wood burning devices should also be banned. There are cleaner burning devices available that can be purchased. In the near future with the EPA emission standards will increase the cost to purchase the clean burning wood devices and the cost would be over \$10,000 which could take care of the problem without having to ban them.

Mayor Kubin wanted to know the vent height of the product Malcomnson produces.

Malcomnson: Some vent stacks can be 16 feet high but his product has about an 8 foot high stack. Some of the combustible burning devices do create a lot of smoke. His company is going to go build more pellet devices burning because they burn cleaner.

Council Member Shrum stated that he has used various inside wood burning devices and is currently using wood pellets. The burning of wood pellets does not create the smoke like the cord wood burning devices.

Council Member Allen stated that the smoke created by the devices is one of the concerns the City has and another concern is about the safety if a child touches an outside wood burning device.

Malcomnson: The devices are as safe as a child touching the kitchen stove in their house. Parents have to educate their children on not touching hot items.

Steve Marr stated that before he installed his outdoor wood burning device he did check with the City to see if any zoning or building permits were required before he installed his unit. Steve stated that he was told that no permits were needed and wanted to know the legal basis the City has to make him remove his device if the ordinance is approved.

Mayor Kubin stated that he felt if Marr checked with the city before installing the device the City should reimburse him for his cost if he is made to remove the device. Mayor Kubin agreed that Marr did follow all the rules before he installed the device.

Assistant City Manager Giles stated that a discussion with the City Attorney yesterday confirmed that the ordinance does not have a grandfather clause for existing outdoor devices.

Council Member Allen stated that she had hoped that the City Council would research information on outdoor wood burning devices before drafting language for an ordinance to ban the devices. Council Member Allen stated that she asked Dave Malcomnson to come to the meeting and educate the City Council on how the devices work.

Steve Marr stated that the information given by Malcomnson was informative. He has a good wood burning system and it gives an excellent source of heat.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City needs to treat everybody fairly but does think that Marr should not be penalized.

Diaz-Pons agreed with Marr that the City Council should not pass an ordinance after the fact without compensating Marr for his outdoor wood burning device. The City Council should take more time to study the matter and look what other cities are doing about regulating outdoor wood burning devices. The market cost may take care of the problem in the future. The City Council should look at passing a moratorium to temporary hold off anybody else from installing the outdoor wood burning devices until they have time to research the matter further.

Mayor Kubin stated that the ordinance the City Council is proposing was drafted from another city's ordinance. The City has never passed a moratorium and feels that the City either has an ordinance to enforce or there isn't one. Mayor Kubin stated that he cannot open his windows in the summer because he cannot breathe because of the smoke created from his neighbor's that have an outside fire pit.

The City Council thanked David Malcomnson for coming to the meeting.

Chief Police Herblet stated that he believes the City needs to be pro active on the outdoor wood burning devices and how do you enforce a moratorium. Chief Herblet stated that he did like the idea on not allowing anything new until further research is done on the matter.

Steve Marr thought more information is needed on the outdoor wood burning devices since inside wood burners would still be allowed if the ordinance passed.

Diaz-Pons stated that the City Council should pass a moratorium not allowing any further purchases of outdoor burning devices until May which would give the City Council time to research the matter before they make a decision.

Police Chief Herblet stated that a moratorium cannot be enforced like an ordinance.

Council Member Allen stated that she does not want to pass an ordinance to ban outdoor wood burning devices when the City has a nuisance ordinance that could deal with the smoke but would pass an ordinance if safety is the issue.

Steve Marr stated that he does agree that his outdoor wood burning device creates smoke but he only burns his device in the winter. People generally do not have their windows open and he has never had anybody complain about the smoke from his wood burner.

Danielle Marr stated that the outdoor wood burning device is the only way they have to heat their house this winter. Also, she is very concerned about fire safety and that is why she did not want her husband to put a wood burning device indoors.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the City does not have a problem now but if fifteen outside wood burning devices are installed there would be a problem.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons read a statement to the City Council encouraging them to recognize Jesus Coffee House as a church to help resolve the zoning and property tax issues for the property at 201 N. Mill Street.

City Assessor Roslund stated that she has requested tax exempt documents in the past and at the last council meeting from Dr. Joseph that recognizes the Coffee House as a church but no paper work has been received.

Council Member Kelly stated that he noticed that a sign has been placed on the Coffee House Building stating that church services are being held.

Council Member Allen stated that there are two issues regarding the Coffee House; one is if the Jesus Coffee House is a church affiliated organization and the other is the property tax exempt issue which has to be handled through the tax tribunal.

Diaz-Pons stated that Dr. Joseph told him that he has legal paper work for the Coffee House to go forward as a church and Dr. Joseph should submit the proper paper work to the City.

Communications.

Assistant City Manager Giles requested that the City Council place on file communications received from Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding the Hidden Oaks Golf Course being added to the U.S. EPA's National Priorities List, Michael J. Shovan regarding external wood burner, Michigan Municipal League regarding revenue sharing rally, and Energy Smart Program Report.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to receive and place on file the communications from Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding the Hidden Oaks Golf Course being added to the U.S. EPA's National Priorities List, Michael J. Shovan regarding external wood burner, Michigan Municipal League regarding revenue sharing rally, and Energy Smart Program Report. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Discussion on Ordinance No. B-211.

The City Council discussed Ordinance No. B-211.

Council Member Allen stated that she was frustrated when the ordinance was introduced at the last meeting because the Planning Commission did not research information on outdoor furnaces they just discussed the matter.

Mayor Kubin stated that he did not want to take Steve Marr's rights away to have the outdoor wood burning device but can see a potential problem if more outdoor wood burning devices were installed around town.

Council Member Kelly stated that he has a family member that lives on the east coast and sells outdoor wood burning devices. Council Member Kelly made an inquiry to his relative on the city's guidelines for the devices but has not received a reply. Council Member Kelly stated that if a dozen or more people install the wood burning devices he would be concerned about the smog created in the city. Council Member Kelly stated that he was not in favor of the ordinance the way it is written and would vote against adopting it.

Council Member Allen stated that she is not against an ordinance for outdoor wood burning devices but just thinks more research needs to be done on the matter.

Code Enforcement Officer Roslund stated that Planning Commission looked at three options to incorporate into the ordinance and one was to grandfather in any existing outdoor wood burning devices.

Mayor Kubin stated that he is in favor of the ordinance to prohibit the construction, use or operations of outdoor furnaces or boilers.

Council Member Shrum stated that he thought it was unfair that Steve Marr would have to remove his outdoor wood burning device at his expense if the ordinance was adopted.

The City Council requested an opinion from the City Attorney about adopting a moratorium on banning any new outdoor wood burning devices until the City Council has further time to research information on the devices.

Mayor Kubin left the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Approve Payment to Rowe, Inc. – SRF Project.

Assistant City Manager Giles requested that the City Council approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for SRF Project Plan Design in the amount of \$11,970.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for SRF Project Plan Design in the amount of \$11,970.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

Assistant City Manager Giles stated that City Manager McConkie would have information on the meeting in New York City regarding the negotiation on the City's water suit. The City's water consultants along with our attorneys were at the meeting. The City's attorney described the meeting as productive and other water source alternatives are being looked at by the named parties in the suit.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she is busy preparing for the November 3rd General Election.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that there will be a candy check Halloween night at the First Baptist Church.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Allen reviewed the St. Louis School Board meeting dates with the City Council and stated that she would attend the November meeting and Council Member Shrum volunteered to attend the December meeting.

Council Member Kelly wanted to know the location of the Mayor debate on October 22, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the debate will be held at the St. Louis High School Library.

Public Comments.

Diaz-Pons thanked the City Council for not passing the ordinance today to prohibit outdoor wood burning devices.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 4, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert F. McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Mr. & Mrs. Roldofo Diaz-Pons
Joe Scholtz
Katherine Roslund
23 High School Students
Mark Abbott
Steve Larsen

Police Chief
Essex Street
Mayor Elect
City Assessor/Code Enforcement

Supt. DPW
Locust Street

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Council Member Church led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 20, 2009, subject to the correction on page 107 paragraph 7 line 2 should read "pellet burning devices". All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Reports.

The City Council reviewed the Financial Statements for the Month of September 2009.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the Financial Statements for the Month of September 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$249,803.77. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the October 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission recommended that the City purchase rubber surface for the playground equipment at Leppien Park. Due to the time of year, think the city should wait on purchasing the material until next year's budget.

Council Member Kelly stated that he noticed in the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes that the appearance of the flower beds on M-46 was discussed.

Council Member Allen stated that it was the consensus of the committee not to discontinue planting flowers in the beds but will use the City's water tank to water the flowers instead of the hoses that flooded the beds.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the October 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons read a statement to the City Council regarding the election results and to remind the City Council to consider opening their meetings with prayer.

Council Member Shrum stated that when he was on the City Council previously that the meetings were opened with prayer and it caused a problem because the ministers were giving sermons.

Rodolfo Diaz-Pons stated that the Gratiot County Board Members lead the meeting in prayer and do not have ministers.

Joe Scholtz requested authorization to hold the 12th Annual Free Fishing Day Event in Leppien Park on June 12, 2010 and the 8th Annual Bass Tournament on August 21, 2010.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve authorization for Joe Scholtz to hold the 12th Annual Free Fishing Day Event in Leppien Park on June 12, 2010, and the 8th Annual Bass Tournament on August 21, 2010. All ayes carried the motion.

Steve Larsen stated that he reviewed the City's website and commented on how nice it looked but could not find the City Council meeting minutes.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she found the meeting minutes under the City Council and to the right of the page there is a listing of the minutes by month.

Steve Larsen stated that the minutes should be easier to find and perhaps they could be listed on the home page for easier access.

Steve Larsen told the City Council that Locust Street is a mess and it is constantly a mess. The city workers try their best to do something with it but there is only so much that they can do. The road does not get graded or not crowned evenly. The road needs to be graded down 6 to 8 inches more, to properly grade the road.

DPW Supt. Abbott stated with the weather this season it has made it difficult to maintain the road.

Steve Larsen stated that he would like to see the City have a regular schedule to grade the street.

DPW Supt. Abbott stated that he could talk to the county road commission and see if they can grade the road and crown it because the City does not have a grader to properly maintain the road.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communications regarding AIG, liaison meeting, p-CBSA Summary, correspondence from DEQ regarding Wellhead Protection Area, Velsicol Superfund Site p-CBSA Trend Evaluation and correspondence from Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications regarding AIG, liaison meeting, p-CBSA Summary, correspondence from DEQ regarding Wellhead Protection Area, Velsicol Superfund Site p-CBSA Trend Evaluation and correspondence from Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Small Town Christmas Parade Request.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the Annual Small Town Family Christmas Parade Route on Friday, December 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The parade begins at the corner of N. Mill Street and North Street and the parade proceeding south on N. Mill Street, then east on Saginaw Street to the Clapp Park/High School area.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve the Annual Small Town Family Christmas Parade Route on Friday, December 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., with the parade beginning at the corner of N. Mill Street and North Street and the parade will proceed south on N. Mill Street, then east on Saginaw Street to the Clapp Park/High School area. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-22.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-22 recognizing Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Shrum:

Whereas, the City of St. Louis wants to emphasize the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis wants to demonstrate that energy efficiency and conservation practices can be applied to the daily governmental operations and to infrastructure projects; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis seeks to find methods of service delivery and operations that conserve energy and resources, saving taxpayer dollars and protecting the preserving the environment; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis recognizes that sound energy efficiency and conservation practices can reduce government costs over the long-term; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis will lead by example to show the practicality and effectiveness of these practices; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis seeks to encourage its citizens and businesses to initiate stewardship activities that benefit the environment and their community.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of St. Louis accepts the Michigan Green Communities Challenge and pledges to work toward achieving the goals of the *Basic Challenge* over the next three years.

Ayes: Allen, Shrum, Church, Kelly, Kubin

Nay: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approve Payment to Stantec – FERC Compliance Plan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Stantec for FERC License Compliance Plan in the amount of \$9,458.38.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to Stantec for FERC License Compliance Plan in the amount of \$9,458.38. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Appointment of Compensation Commission Members.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to appoint Donna Kelley, Kevin Palmer, Stan McMann, Gene Nikkari and Ed Benson to the Compensation Commission.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve appointment of Donna Kelley, Kevin Palmer, Stan McMann, Gene Nikkari and Ed Benson to the Compensation Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Resignation of Joe Scholtz.

Joe Scholtz submitted his letter of resignation from the Parks & Recreation Commission because as newly elected Mayor he will be serving on other committees and his resignation would allow another resident to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Moved by Church, supported by Kelly, to approve to accept the resignation of Joe Scholtz from the Parks & Recreation Commission with regret. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that he needed direction from the City Council regarding what additional information they would like to receive on outdoor wood burning devices. The Planning Commission was given three options on language for an ordinance regulation on outdoor burning devices. The options given to them were from the Department of Environmental Quality specifications. The options were to ban outdoor burning devices, allow the outdoor burning devices if there is at least 300 feet between the device and the property lines and the third option was not allow any new devices from this date forward. The Planning Commission reviewed the options and approved recommendation to strictly prohibit the outdoor wood burning devices. The recommendation was brought to the City Council and after the matter was discussed, the City Council requested that an ordinance be prepared that prohibited the devices. Noticed in the last meeting minutes that a moratorium was recommended not to allow any more outdoor wood burning devices until the City Council had more time to investigate the matter. The City Attorney does not recommend a moratorium because it is not something that would be done in this type of ordinance. The City Council should decide if they want to ban the outdoor wood burning devices or allow them.

Council Member Kelly stated that he does not want the outdoor wood burning devices all over town and need to deal with the person that is burning items that are illegal.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Attorney recommended that the City deal with the issue by relating to the health and safety of the city residents because the devices generate a lot smoke from burning slow.

Council Member Allen stated that she wanted to make sure that the City was thorough in trying to find a solution for the issue that is best for all concerned parties. Do not think that banning outdoor wood burning devices should be done when there are things allowable such as fire places and pellet burners inside the home.

Council Member Kelly stated that pellet burners hardly generate any smoke but fire places do create smoke.

City Manager McConkie stated that the outdoor wood burning devices burn slow creating the smoke to smolder. He has information from the Department of Environmental Quality and will provide copies of the information to the City Council for their review and will put the outdoor wood burning devices on a future meeting agenda.

City Manager McConkie stated that he needed direction from the City Council regarding a customer that has a delinquent utility account. He gave the City Council a copy of the letter that was sent to the customer and wanted to know if he should proceed with the customer as indicated in the letter.

The consensus of the City Council was for City Manager McConkie to proceed with the delinquent utility customer as the letter directed.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that the new electric shut off policy was implemented in October and it was a two week process for her office to complete the steps required in the policy to disconnect services.

City Manager McConkie commended City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs for overseeing electric utility billing software changes to implement the new policy and for making sure that the customers are being taken care of according to the new requirements.

The General Election went very well with about 22% of the registered voter's casting votes.

Charter Communications notified all of their customers that as of December 1, 2009, that the Public Access channels will be moved to the High Definition channels which would cost \$5.00 more a month to be able to receive Channel 3 or 26. An emergency meeting of the Consortium Executive Committee is being set to discuss the matter.

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the 2009 patrol car overhead lights have not been working. Finally got the company to agree to replace the overhead lights.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he has been appointed chair of the MAGNET Board.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he has a video that was created by students from Gaylord regarding drinking and driving and invited the City Council members to watch the video. The video has been shown to the students at the high school to educate them on drinking and driving.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church thanked Police Chief Herblet for taking care of the problem with the roof of the outdoor restroom facility at Clapp Park.

Council Member Church wanted to know if the City employees were going to be able to get the flu shots.

City Manager McConkie stated that at this present time there is not enough quantity of the flu shot available and the city employees are not on the priority list.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if the City requires the employees to be vaccinated.

City Manager McConkie stated that the flu shots are not required but will be made available to the employees that want the vaccine.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if there is a deadline for picking up leaves in the city.

DPW Supt. Abbott stated that the deadline for leaf pick up is December 1st.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if Mayor Kubin's term ended now or December 31, 2009.

City Manager McConkie stated that Mayor Kubin's term ends December 31, 2009.

Council Member Allen stated that the article in the news letter regarding information on energy efficiency was very good.

Mayor Kubin stated that the light bulbs the city gave out were very nice.

Mayor Kubin stated that Congressman Dave Camp is meeting with the top EPA officials regarding the city's contaminated site and water problems.

Public Comments. None

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert F. McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Joe Scholtz
Katherine Roslund
Kurt Giles
Phil Hansen
Mark Abbott

Police Chief
Mayor Elect
City Assessor/Code Enforcement
Utilities Director
DDA Director
DPW Supt.

Council Member Shrum led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 4, 2009, subject to the correction on page 116 paragraph 4 line 2 should read "generate a lot of smoke". All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$413,321.89. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the October 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to receive and place on file the October 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communications regarding MetroPCS Agreement, City of Saint Louis Summary of Power Costs, Michigan Public Policy Survey and the 2009 Swimming Pool Cost Analysis.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve to receive and place on file the communications regarding MetroPCS Agreement, City of Saint Louis Summary of Power Costs, Michigan Public Policy Survey and the 2009 Swimming Pool Cost Analysis. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Introduce Ordinance B-213 & Set Public Hearing Date.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve to introduce Ordinance B-213 to Amend Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis Relative to the Schedule of Civil Fines Established for Violation of Municipal Civil Infractions to include certain Violations of Ordinances Relative to Peddlers and Solicitors and to Set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to introduce Ordinance B-213 to Amend Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis Relative to the Schedule of Civil Fines Established for Violation of Municipal Civil Infractions to include certain Violations of Ordinances Relative to Peddlers and Solicitors and to Set the Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Quit Claim Deed for Lot 1 Woodside Industrial Center West.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Quit Claim Deed for Lot 1 of Woodside Industrial Center West subject to the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Quit Claim Deed for Lot 1 of Woodside Industrial Center West subject to the recommendation of the City Attorney. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to Rowe, Inc. for SRF Project Plan Design.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for engineering services for the SRF Project Plan Design in the amount of \$6,300.00.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve payment to Rowe Professional Services Company for engineering services for the SRF Project Plan Design in the amount of \$6,300.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discussion on Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers.

City Manager McConkie stated that in the City Council packets there was information on the DEQ guidelines for outdoor wood burning devices in Michigan. City Manager McConkie asked if the City Council needed additional information on outdoor wood burning devices or if not do they want to proceed to take action on the ordinance.

City Council discussed outdoor wood burning devices.

Council Member Allen recommended that the proposed ordinance for Outdoor Wood Burning Devices be placed on the next meeting's agenda and invite Great Lakes Petroleum and Steve Marr to the meeting.

City Manager McConkie asked the City Council if they wanted to keep the present language in Ordinance No. B-211 and Ordinance No. B-212 or have the language revised.

The consensus of the City Council was to not change the language in the ordinances.

City Manager's Report. None

Council Member Kelly left the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs stated that she is in the process of preparing the 2009 Winter Property Tax Statements.

Police Chief's Report. None

City Council Comments.

Council Member Church requested that the City Council receive a list of school board meeting dates and at the next meeting a schedule should be prepared so the members know when they are to attend the meetings.

Council Member Allen stated that she attended the school board meeting last night.

Council Member Allen wanted to know the status of the Jesus Coffee House property tax exemption.

City Assessor Roslund stated that no one has provided her with any documents that the Jesus Coffee House is affiliated with a church organization.

Council Member Allen recommended that a certified registered letter be sent to the organization requesting that all documentation regarding their claim of being tax exempt be provided to the City of Saint Louis.

City Assessor Roslund stated that even if documentation is provided the property at 210 N. Mill Street is not zoned for a church.

Public Comments. None

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 1, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: Jerry Church (excused)

City Manager: Robert F. McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet		Police Chief
Joe Scholtz		Mayor Elect
Tony Costanzo		City Attorney
7 High School Students		
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Marr	623 N.	Main Street
Don Schurr		Greater Gratiot

Council Member Allen led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$214,306.25. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the November 2009 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to receive and place on file the November 2009 Monthly Board Minutes. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. B-213 Amendment to Civil Fines.

Mayor Kubin opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. on Ordinance No. B-213 to Amend that Portion of Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis Relative to the Schedule of Civil Fines Established for Violation of Municipal Civil Infractions to Include Certain Violations of Ordinances Relative to Peddlers and Solicitors.

City Manager McConkie stated that the ordinance amendment was recommended by the City Attorney. An individual was cited for not obtaining a solicitor's permit and a fine could not be assessed because there is no provision in the Civil Fines Ordinance for the offense.

City Attorney Costanzo stated that they could have proceeded to give a fine but after discussing the matter with Police Chief Herblet it was decided not to assess a fine until the ordinance was amended.

There was no opposition heard on the matter.

Mayor Kubin closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Public Comments.

Steve Marr wanted to know what Ordinance No. B-213 regulated.

Mayor Kubin stated that Ordinance No. B-213 amends the Civil Fine Ordinance to establish a fine for a violation if a solicitor or peddler does not obtain a permit from the City.

Steve Marr wanted to know the language content of Ordinances No. B-211 and No. B-212.

City Manager McConkie read Ordinance No. B-211 that amends Chapter 22 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis to Prohibit the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers.

Steve Marr stated that if it is the City Council's position to prohibit outdoor furnaces he would file suit against the City because he previously checked with the City before he installed his furnace. Marr stated that at a previous meeting it was discussed adding a grandfather clause to the ordinance to allow any existing outdoor furnaces.

Attorney Costanzo stated that Ordinance No. B-211 is a regulatory ordinance which does not provide a retroactive clause. Zoning Ordinances can legalize items retroactively but not regulatory ordinances. This ordinance was established for health and safety reasons not for zoning purposes.

Council Member Allen wanted to know if the ordinance could be changed to have language in it to prohibit outdoor furnaces from a certain date forward.

Attorney Costanzo answered yes, or there could be language added to restrict the furnaces within a certain footage distance of other properties.

Mayor Kubin stated that at the last meeting the City Council did discuss restricting the furnaces by distance of other properties but decided to keep the language as it was written in the ordinance.

Marr stated that he has been advised that his outdoor wood burning device is not applicable to the State of Michigan Law and if his furnace is prohibited he would pursue a suit against the city.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communications regarding the DART Service Report, 2009 Cable Consortium Report, correspondence regarding Ordinances B-211 and B-212, correspondence regarding 201 N. Mill Street and communication from Cable Consortium regarding PEG channels being moved by Charter Communication.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to approve to receive and place on file the communications regarding the DART Service Report, 2009 Cable Consortium Report, correspondence regarding Ordinances B-211 and B-212, correspondence regarding 201 N. Mill Street, and communication from Cable Consortium regarding PEG channels being moved by Charter Communication. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Ordinance B-213.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Ordinance No. B-213 to Amend Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis Relative to the Schedule of Civil Fines Established for Violation of Municipal Civil Infractions to include certain Violations of Ordinances Relative to Peddlers and Solicitors.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve Ordinance No. B-213 to Amend Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis Relative to the Schedule of Civil Fines Established for Violation of Municipal Civil Infractions to include certain Violations of Ordinances Relative to Peddlers and Solicitors. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve 2010 City Council Meeting Dates.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve the City Council Meeting Dates for 2010.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kelly, to approve the City Council Meeting Dates for the year 2010. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Evaluation Services.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to FTC&H for Professional Services on the Water Supply Evaluation in the amount of \$10,036.60.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to FTC&H for Professional Services on the Water Supply Evaluation in the amount of \$10,036.60. All ayes carried the motion.

Ordinance No. B-211 – Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers.

City Manager McConkie requested direction from the City Council regarding Ordinance No. B-211 to Amend Chapter 22 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis to Prohibit the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers.

The City Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

City Attorney Costanzo stated that he could add language to Ordinance No. B-211 on regulating outdoor furnaces.

Council Member Kelly stated that he was not in favor of regulating outdoor furnaces because enforcing the regulation would be difficult for the City.

No action was taken on Ordinance No. B-211.

Ordinance No. B-212 – Establish Civil Fines for Violation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers.

The City Council decided to present Ordinance No. B-212 at the next meeting.

School Board Meeting Schedule.

The consensus of the City Council was to place the School Board Meeting Schedule on the next meeting's agenda due to the absent of Council Member Church at the meeting.

Employee Appreciation Committee Recommendation.

City Manager McConkie stated that the Employee Appreciation Committee requested that the City Council approve Employee Appreciation Bonus of \$100.00 for full time employees and \$50.00 for part time employees.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Employee Appreciation Committee request for the Employee Appreciation Bonus of \$100.00 for full time employees and \$50.00 for part time employees. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Resolution 2009-23.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve Resolution 2009-23 regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

The Following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Shrum and supported by Member Kelly.

WHEREAS, Energy efficiency is a major concern for the citizens of Gratiot County, Michigan and the units of government within Gratiot County, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis has joined the Michigan Municipal League Green Communities Challenge, and,

WHEREAS, the units of government in Gratiot County have a long history of working collaboratively toward common goals, and,

WHEREAS, Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. has served as a successful collaborative economic development organization for 31 years, and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan and Gratiot County are striving to attract new investment and jobs in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors, and,

WHEREAS, Mackinac Technology Company is developing a product for energy efficiency with high potential for rural applications throughout the world, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis hopes to attract this investment in Gratiot County, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Louis hereby authorizes Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. to apply for the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant on behalf of the City of Saint Louis along with the other units of government within Gratiot County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Louis will make its buildings available as test locations for Mackinac Technology Company's window insulation units, and provide staff support for product installation and testing.

The City of Saint Louis hereby appoints the City Manager to serve on the Gratiot Energy Efficiency Coalition, which will act as a peer review board for this project.

Yeas: Shrum, Kelly, Allen, Kubin

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Manager's Report. None

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report. None

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the month of November was the busiest month for the police department since his employment with the city.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Allen stated that the City's Christmas decorations are very nice and she received a compliment on them from someone driving through the city.

Council Member Allen reminded the City Council that the Christmas Parade is Friday night.

Council Member Shrum stated that Mayor Kubin's article in the City's Newsletter was very good and Mayor Kubin's presence at the council meetings will be missed.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City Council did not have a goal setting session this year and encouraged Mayor Elect Scholtz to continue to have goal setting sessions to set priorities for the City.

Public Comments.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he has a neighbor wanting to install an outdoor furnace and he is concerned if the City Council does not act soon to prohibit the devices his neighbor will proceed to install one. Chief Herblet stated that he does not want an outdoor furnace installed next to him.

Don Shurr stated that other States are having people arguing over outdoor furnaces that have been installed because there are residents that are asthmatic and the devices are causing serious health issues.

City Attorney Costanzo recommended that the language in Ordinance No. B-211 be changed to read " no person shall install any outside wood burning devices after the effective date of this ordinance or installed 15 days after adoption ".

Moved by Kelly, supported by Allen, to approve Ordinance No. B-211 subject to the language revision under Section (b) to read "No person shall install an outside furnace in the City of Saint Louis after the effective date of this ordinance, or use or operate an outdoor furnace installed after the effective date of this ordinance". All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve to adopt Ordinance No. B-212 to Amend Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Saint Louis to Establish Civil Fines for the Violation of Section 22-28 Prohibiting the Construction, Use, or Operation of Outdoor Furnaces or Boilers. All ayes carried the motion.

Don Schurr commended Mayor Kubin on his dedicated service to City of Saint Louis and his participation with various committees throughout the county during his tenure with the City.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor George T. Kubin, on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor George T. Kubin, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry Church, James C. Kelly, William E. Shrum

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Robert F. McConkie
City Clerk/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roehrs

Others in Attendance:

Patrick Herblet
Joe Scholtz
Phil Hansen
Kurt Giles
Kathy Roslund
Jerry Desloover
Tracy Ross
Phyllis McCrossin

Police Chief
Mayor Elect
DDA Director
Utilities Director
City Assessor
Rehmann Robson
School Board Member
Gratiot County Herald

Mayor Kubin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moved by Allen, supported by Shrum, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 1, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts, in the amount of \$376,660.10. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the November 2009 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive and place on file the November 2009 Monthly Reports. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comments. None

Audit Presentation.

Jerry Desloover introduced himself to the City Council as a partner of Rehmann Robson and his accounting firm recently completed the City's Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009. Desloover stated that in the Auditor's Report the City was given the highest quality opinion of assurance for government in accordance to auditing standards. On page 14 of the audit the Balance Sheet for General Fund shows the total assets of \$780,975 and the total liabilities of \$201,981 with a fund balance of \$578,994 which is a 33% fund balance. The City has four months of fund balance to operate in General Fund which is good financially with the economy being bad. General Fund's balance increased \$16,989 from last year because the City reduced expenses and were able to break even in General Fund.

On page 20 of the audit are the Balance Sheets for the Proprietary Funds. The enterprise funds are on a full accrual basis. The Water/Sewer Fund has a deficit of \$28,451. On page 22 of the audit the Income Statement for the Electric Fund shows 3.6 million dollars in revenue for the Electric Fund and 3.4 million dollars in liabilities with a net income of \$146,453.

Desloover stated that the City of Saint Louis did not require a single audit this year but the Housing Commission did require one. The Financial Records for the City of Saint Louis are in really good condition. There were no written comments, no internal control issues or compliance issues. The Downtown Development Authority did have a deficit due to the building that was purchased for redevelopment. A deficit plan has been filed with the State of Michigan for the Downtown Development Authority Fund.

Mayor Kubin stated that the City of Saint Louis Financial Records appear to be in good financial condition.

Mr. Desloover agreed with Mayor Kubin that the City's Financial Statements are in good shape.

Mayor Kubin asked Mr. Desloover if the \$953,690 unrestricted funds in Electric Fund was money available in the fund.

Mr. Desloover stated that the money is unrestricted funds so it could be designated to be used.

City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs expressed appreciation to Mr. Desloover for his staff's professionalism during the audit.

Moved by Kelly, supported by Shrum, to approve to accept the City of Saint Louis Financial Statement Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009. All ayes carried the motion.

Communications.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council place on file communications regarding Northern Lights Replacement and Department of Energy Grant.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to receive and place on file the communications regarding Northern Lights Replacement and Department of Energy Grant. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

2010 School Board Meeting Schedule.

The City Council set dates that they would attend the 2010 School Board Meetings.

Approve Payment to Creative Microsystems.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to Creative Microsystems, Inc. for Annual Software Support Fee in the amount of \$8,827.00.

Moved by Shrum, supported by Kelly, to approve payment to Creative Microsystems, Inc. for Annual Software Support Fee in the amount of \$8,827.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Payment to State of Michigan.

City Manager McConkie requested that the City Council approve payment to the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$5,500.00 for Annual Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve payment to the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$5,500.00 for Annual Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager's Report.

City Manager McConkie stated that the main computer server for city hall has not been operating properly and is occasionally shutting down. The equipment is five years old and he is in the process of obtaining a proposal to replace the old computer. The cost to replace the computer is not budgeted but will evaluate the financials to determine where the expense could be charged. At the next meeting will present the computer server purchase proposal to the City Council.

City Manager McConkie stated that he had a meeting with USDA Rural Development regarding the replacement of the City's water system. Rural Development recommended that the City submit a pre-application to the agency in the amount of \$27,366,061.00 to start the process to replace the water system. The pre-application for funding would be a combination of grant and loan funds to do the project. City Manager McConkie requested authorization to submit the pre-application to the Rural Development for the replacement of the water system. If the City Council approves to submit the pre-application a public hearing would be held at the next meeting on the matter.

Moved by Church, supported by Shrum, to approve authorization for the City Manager to submit a pre-application to USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$27,366,061.00 for replacement of the water system. All ayes carried the motion.

City Clerk/Treasurer's Report. None

Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief Herblet stated that the St. Louis Public Schools have to pay an employee to secure buildings after events at the school. Discussed with the maintenance superintendent about the police department securing the buildings. The police department is on duty 24/7 days a year and on a trail basis the department is going to secure the buildings to help the school save money. To help the City save money the school is going to have the custodians trained to do the crossing guard duties at the Carrie Knause School.

Police Chief Herblet stated that he is working with the Alma Police Department on developing new policies and procedures so both departments are following the same procedures.

City Council Comments.

Council Member Shrum stated that Mayor Kubin will be missed at the City Council meetings.

Council Member Allen commended Mayor Kubin on his excellent leadership skills he has given the City of Saint Louis.

Council Member Allen stated that last Monday she was walking with her friends and was charged by two pit bull dogs. Called 911 for assistance and Police Officer Leslie responded to help them out. Council Member Allen stated that the Carrie Knause School is across the street where the dogs live and she expressed concern that the dogs could go after the children at the school.

Council Member Kelly thanked Mayor Kubin for his devoted years of service with the City of Saint Louis.

Mayor Kubin stated that the business owners received a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Roslund regarding snow removal on sidewalks. Several people approached him about the letter and they said it was unclear what the letter was trying to tell them. Mayor Kubin stated that when the property owners signed the leases for the alley improvements with the City they were told the City would remove the snow in the alleys. Last week he had to remove the snow behind his store. Mayor Kubin recommended that another notice be sent to the businesses telling them what the law states on snow removal and what their responsibility is to remove the snow.

Mayor Kubin congratulated City Manager McConkie and City Clerk/Treasurer Roehrs for another excellent audit of the City's Financial Statements.

Mayor Kubin stated that it has been a pleasure working with the City Council and City Staff.

Public Comments. None

Moved by Shrum, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Nancy L. Roehrs
City Clerk

