

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin,
William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Jamie Long
Police Officer: Sergeant Forshee

Others in Attendance:

Bobbie Marr-Finance Director, Keith Risdon-Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, Fares Azzam-resident, Scott Nehmer-St. Louis Social Studies Teacher, five St. Louis High School students & two parents

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$527,576.92. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the February 2023 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard to receive the February 2023 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Reed requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Power Purchase Commitment Authorization.
- b. Notice of By-Law Amendment-MPPA.
- c. Payment to Wolverine Power Cooperative-Apprenticeship for Jake Oswald.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Construction of a New Salt Barn.

Manager Giles requested members approve the “Not-To-Exceed” Expenditure of \$145,000 for the construction of a new salt shed with the DPW acting as the general contractor for this project.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve the “Not -To-Exceed” expenditure of \$145,000 for the construction of a new salt shed with the DPW acting as the general contractor for this project. All ayes carried the motion.

Asphalt Paving Proposal from Central Asphalt.

Manager Giles requested members approve the asphalt paving proposal submitted by Central Asphalt, with the deduction of their bid items 1, 2, and 3 which cover the proposed work on Center Street, in the amount of \$137,625.63.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the asphalt paving proposal submitted by Central Asphalt, with the deduction of their bid items 1, 2, and 3 which cover the proposed work on Center Street, in the amount of \$137,625.63. All ayes carried the motion.

GSB88 Maintenance Proposal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the GSB88 Maintenance Proposal submitted by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, in the amount of \$74,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to approve the GSB88 Maintenance Proposal submitted by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, in the amount of \$74,000. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reports of a mild winter, until the second half of the season. He states the city has a five-person crew, of which three are newer employees and along with help from other departments, led by Calvin Martyn, has done an excellent job of keeping the snow removed and the streets clear.

Manager Giles reported bids came in 38% higher than expected on the Pine Street and Center Street improvements, with the sewer costs exceptionally high. Adjustments and research will be done over the course of the next few weeks regarding the project plans.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard gave credit to the St. Louis Police Department for what a great job they do, especially with the limited staff and resources they have available.

Member Upton spoke to the Moose Lodge. They have contacted the St. Louis Campground to have lodging available to get out of state Moose Lodge members to join the July Celebration.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk