

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Collison on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Roger L. Collison, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: Mayor Tom Reed (excused), George Kubin (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Jamie Long
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon-Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr-Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Jerry Lewis, Logan Lewis, Fares Azzam-Resident, Andy Campbell-Baker Tilly, Michaela Wiseman-Baker Tilly, two students, one parent.

Logan Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$415,753.90. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the February 2023 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to receive the February 2023 Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Collison requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “d” as shown below:

- a. Cable Consortium Minutes (receive).
- b. Payment to Detroit Pump for PL-200 Bare Pump with MIP Radial Liners.
- c. Payment to OHM for WWTP Master Plan.
- d. Payment to OHM for SPARKS Grant prep and submittal.

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

New Business.

Correction of March 7, 2023 Accounts Payable.

Manager Giles requested members approve correction of the March 7, 2023 Accounts Payable.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton to approve the correction of the March 7, 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$71.39, due to a credit return. The Corrected check amount for March 7, 2023 is \$527,648.31. All ayes carried the motion.

Cat Wheel Loader 3-year exchange.

Manager Giles requested members approve the trade/purchase of the CAT Loader from Michigan CAT in the net outlay amount of \$119,684.14.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the trade/purchase of the CAT Loader from Michigan CAT in the net outlay amount of \$119,684.14. All ayes carried the motion.

2023 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.

Manager Giles requested members approve the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Proposal submitted by Advanced Rehabilitation Technology in the amount of \$10,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Proposal submitted by Advanced Rehabilitation Technology in the amount of \$10,000. All ayes carried the motion.

Mower Purchase/Trade.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of three new John Deere Z930M Ztrak mowers as quoted by Hutson, Inc., with a total net purchase price of \$19,583.04.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the purchase of three new John Deere Z930M Ztrak mowers as quoted by Hutson, Inc., with a total net purchase price of \$19,583.04. All Ayes carried the motion.

IT Framework and Backup Services Renewal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the contract renewal submitted by Rehmann, with a monthly recurring price of \$4,812.37.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the contract renewal submitted by Rehmann, with a monthly recurring price of \$4,812.37. All ayes carried the motion.

Holiday Decorations.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of new holiday decorations in the amount of up to \$10,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of new holiday decorations in the amount of up to \$10,000. All ayes carried the motion.

Pine Steet Reconstruction Funding Discussion.

Manager Giles discussed the potential options for funding the Pine Street Reconstruction. The potential of future use of state revolving funds as opposed to revenue bonds was discussed. Andy Campbell-Baker Tilly presented information regarding the use of fifteen-year revenue bonds. Further discussion to be held at next council meeting on April 4, 2023.

Spicer Change Order #3-Existing Well Abandonment Project.

Manager Giles requested members approve change order #3 from Spicer for the Existing Well

Abandonment Project in the amount of \$26,000, of which \$16,000 is to be reimbursed by Pine River Township.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve change order #3 from Spicer for the Existing Well Abandonment Project in the amount of \$26,000, of which \$16,000 is to be reimbursed by Pine River Township. All Ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda-Server Upgrade.

Manager Giles requested members approve the server upgrade quote from Rehmann Technology in the amount of \$11,458.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the server upgrade quote from Rehmann Technology in the amount of \$11,458.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles discussed the Department of Corrections moving forward with a solar project.

Manager Giles extended the invitation for Council Members to attend the MPPA Stakeholders meeting in Grand Rapids on May 18, 2023.

Manager Giles discussed the progress of upgrading to the new meter software, which has presented some challenges, causing estimations on many residents utility bills. These accounts will be adjusted on a later billing.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

There were none.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk