

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, May 2, 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 Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance: Keith Risdon-Public Service Director, Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, Kevin Morford-Moose Lodge Trustee, Brandi Painter, John Fales, Tim Bott-resident, and 12 students.

Member Upton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Upton, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$368,403.94. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the April, 2023 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to receive the April, 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 “g” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Rehmann for Microsoft server upgrade.
- b. Payment to OHM for professional services for fieldwork and processing for canoe/kayak portage.
- c. Payment to Landia for purchase of hp drop in mixer for anaerobic spare tank.
- d. Payment to OHM for Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.
- e. Payment to BS&A for software for annual service/support fee.
- f. Payment to Utility Financial Services for 2022 PCA rate study progress billing.
- g. Power Purchase commitment authorization.

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

New Business.

Temporary Street Closure-Motorcycle Show.

Chief Ramereiz requested members approve the temporary street closure for the motorcycle show on July 15, 2023.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison to approve the temporary street closure for the motorcycle show on July 15, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Ratify Purchase of Early Literacy Workstations.

Manager Giles requested members to ratify the purchase of early literacy workstations for the library from AWE Learning, in the amount of \$7,148.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to ratify the purchase of early literacy workstations for the library from AWE Learning, in the amount of \$7,148.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Estimate for Street and Lot Striping.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the estimate for street and lot striping from Lazerlines Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$5,549.50 and an additional \$250.00 for the Pine River Township parking lot, which will be reimbursed by the township, for a total of \$5,799.50.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the estimate for street and lot striping from Lazerlines Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$5,549.50 and an additional \$250.00 for the Pine River Township parking lot, which will be reimbursed by the township, for a total of \$5,799.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Quote for Replacement of the Analog AVR on Generator 7.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote for replacement of the analog AVR on generator 7 from Theka in the amount of \$9,975.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the quote for replacement of the analog AVR on generator 7 from Theka in the amount of \$9,975.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing for St. Louis DWSRF Project.

Manager Giles requested members set the public hearing date for May 16, 2023 at 6 p.m., for the St. Louis DWSRF Project.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to set the public hearing date for May 16, 2023 at 6 p.m., for the St. Louis DWSRF Project. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that he and Mike Parsons met with West Shore Services to discuss moving the current warning signal location to the Electric Department property.

Manger Giles reported that meetings were held with the Orchard Hills water customers and the project is expected to start in the next 7-10 days.

Manager Giles reported an uptick in vandalism in the area, with several locations in the city being vandalized.

Manger Giles reported on a possible interest in a solar development project with MPPA, through a private company.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments

Member Upton discussed the possibility of having food trucks at the July celebration, with more details to follow.

Member Leonard discussed advances in solar projects.

Mayor Reed discussed his visit to the plant cleanup site, stating he received very fascinating information.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk