

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Wednesday, July 5, 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

Council Members Absent: Elizabeth A. Upton

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

Others in Attendance: Keith Risdon-Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, and Fares Azzam-Resident.

Member Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 15, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 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 \$573,126.84. Member Kubin Abstained from the vote. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the June 2023 Monthly Board Minutes.

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

Audience Recognition.

Fares Azzam-resident, inquired on the purchase from Dewitt Lumber.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Fishbeck for Well #12 Services.
- b. Payment to Dewitt Lumber for materials for the construction of the salt shed.
- c. Payment to Dewitt Lumber for materials for the construction of the salt shed.
- d. Payment to Central Asphalt for paving services on North Delaware and North East Streets.
- e. Payment to ET Construction for salt shed construction.
- f. Payment to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC for pavement sealing.

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

New Business.

Annual Pavement Crack Sealing Program.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of three pallets of crack sealing materials from NHMS for the Annual Crack Sealing Program in the amount of \$7,672.50.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to approve the purchase of three pallets of crack sealing materials from NHMS for the Annual Crack Sealing Program in the amount of \$7,672.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal to Re-paint the Pavement Lines on Streets.

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal to re-paint the pavement lines on newly sealed streets from PK Contracting in the amount of \$5,836.24.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to re-paint the pavement lines on newly sealed streets from PK Contracting in the amount of \$5,836.24. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that in addition to applying the GSB88 to the streets, new pavement on several other city streets has been completed.

Manager Giles reported that there is a cemetery project coming up with repairs at the memorial garden.

Manager Giles reported that a new water customer in Pine River Township has been added.

Manager Giles reported that the Well 12 electrical inspection has been completed.

Manager Giles reported that Orchard Hills water main service has been tested and he hopes the rest of the project will move along smoothly.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz apologized for his misinformation at the previous council meeting, according to act 22-15, fireworks are not allowed between the hours of 1:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Council Comments.

Member Collison reported that he took a tour of the new salt barn.

Member Collison reported the importance of keeping the council informed when the city has a power outage along with suggestions that the city develop a plan for future instances.

Member Kubin reported on the recent power outage and the lack of communication, asking about any future plans for keeping the public notified.

Member Leonard reported that the council needs to be advised about what is happening.

Mayor Reed questioned a timeline of the paving of Pine Street.

Public Comments.

Fares Azzam reported that his neighbors left a great deal of debris by the curb after doing fireworks for the holiday and questioned what actions could be taken.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk