

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
Aug 1, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (Excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

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

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 18, 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 \$382,436.17. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the July, 2023 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison , supported by Leonard, to receive the July, 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 “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment to GRP Engineering for Engineering Services-System Model Update & Distribution System Study.
- b. Payment to P.K. Contracting for Paint Striping.

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

New Business.

Estimate for Dirt Screening Unit and Portable Generator.

Manager Giles requested members approve the estimate for the Dirt Screening Unit from Columbia Equipment in the amount of \$16,700 and a portable generator from Northern Tool in the amount of \$3,099 for a total amount of \$19,799.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to approve the estimate for the Dirt Screening Unit from Columbia Equipment in the amount of \$16,700 and a portable generator from Northern Tool in the amount of \$3,099 for a total amount of \$19,799.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve County Wide Master Plan Participation-Resolution 2023-20

Manager Giles requested members to approve the County Wide Master Plan Participation-Resolution 2023-20.

Discussion was held.

**RESOLUTION 2023-20
TO BEGIN MASTER PLAN EFFORTS AS PART OF THE GRATIOT COUNTYWIDE MASTER
PLAN EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, by statute (2008 PA 33) at least every five years, a planning commission shall review a master plan and determine whether to amend the plan, adopt a new plan, or maintain the existing plan; and

WHEREAS, the review period for local units of government within Gratiot County has arrived; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in certain local units of government within Gratiot County to join efforts together to research and address areas of mutual concern and interest in land use planning;

WHEREAS, Michigan law authorizes local units of government in Gratiot County to utilize shared resources to help adopt master plans; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest to foster a collaborative effort between these local units of government to join together to exercise this common power jointly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the City of St. Louis supports and authorizes its respective planning commission to jointly initiate the planning process to begin the planning process for the Master Land Use Plan and to appoint a representative to the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Steering Committee to organize such effort. Such local unit of government agrees to share costs for development of such plan in the amount of \$2482.31.

The foregoing resolution offered by Upton and supported by Leonard.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

Ayes: Upton, Leonard, Collison, Reed

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Resolution declared duly adopted.

Approve Resolution 2023-21 to Adjust Water and Wastewater Rates.

Manager Giles requested members to approve Resolution 2023-21 to adjust Water and Wastewater Rates.

Discussion was held.

**Resolution 2032-21
CITY OF ST. LOUIS WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE
2023-21**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City of St. Louis, City Council, held on August 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A Upton.

ABSENT: George T. Kubin.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Collison, and supported by Upton:

Water Rate Schedule

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable November 1, 2023, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Commodity Charge	\$5.12

A separate meter may be installed, at the customers expense, to measure water used FOR cooling purposes. If water is used for cooling purposes, and the water is not discharged to sanitary sewer wastewater charges are not applicable.

- (b) To the above commodity charge established in subsection (a), there shall be added a readiness to service (RTS) charge to cover fixed costs, based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly RTS Charge
5/8 inch	\$26.58
3/4 inch	\$26.58
1 inch	\$43.21
1 ¼ inch	\$55.12
1 ½ inch	\$62.30
2 inch	\$84.89
3 inch	\$123.20
4 inch	\$182.50
6 inch	\$295.76
8 inch	\$420.72
Monthly Water Flat Fee:	\$56.29
Outside City Water (2x):	\$112.58

- (c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$56.29, which shall include the monthly service charge.
- (d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$112.58 per month, which shall include the monthly service charge or base rates.
- (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 other 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:

Commodity Charge	\$6.24/1,000 gallons
Monthly RTS Charge	Based on Water Meter Size:
5/8 inch	\$34.77
3/4 inch	\$34.77
1 inch	\$56.51
1 ¼ inch	\$72.09
1 ½ inch	\$81.48
2 inch	\$111.02
3 inch	\$161.12
4 inch	\$238.66
6 inch	\$386.79
8 inch	\$550.20
Non-metered customers	\$70.02
Non-metered, non-City residents, when no rate agreement exists between the City and Township	\$140.04

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Collison, Upton, Leonard, Reed

Nays: None
Absent: Kubin

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2023.

Addition to Agenda-Quote for Replacement Pump for Michigan Avenue Pump Station.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from Dubois-Cooper for the replacement pump for Michigan Avenue Pump Station in the amount of \$16,300.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve quote from Dubois-Cooper for the replacement pump for Michigan Avenue Pump Station in the amount of \$16,300.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that DPW has been cleaning the exterior of the city building and the pool house.

Deputy Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz reported the Old US 27 tour is on August 24, 2023. Chief reported he has not heard from them so will be going with plans as in the past and will bring information to next council meeting.

Council Comments

Member Leonard inquired if patrol car was up and running. Chief Rameriez informed the council that there are still issues and is still under repair.

Member Collison inquired about the cameras on the building on Mill and Saginaw and was informed by Chief Ramereiz that it is Link Learning, and the cameras belong to them.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtinaw- St. Louis Sentinel inquired on any tips as to Clapp Park Port a John damage and was informed by Chief Ramereiz there has not been any.

Fares Azzam-resident inquired on St. Louis Police Department joining forces soon and was informed by Chief Ramereiz that there needed to be a great deal of discussions and nothing has been presented yet.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton to adjourn at 6:35p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk.