

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, October 3, 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
Kevin D. Palmer, 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 Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, Jesus Garcia, Eugene Binder-St. Louis Schools, Calvin Martyn-DPW Director, St. Louis Elementary Students and Parents.

Member Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Reed presented the winners of the MMEA coloring contest.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Sept 19, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Upton supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$365,582.01. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the September 2023 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the September 2023 Monthly Board Minutes and place them 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 “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Westshore Services for replacement and installation of warning siren.
- b. Payment to Dice Excavation for Center Street sanitary repair.
- c. Payment to Holland Supply Company for the purchase of methane gas meters.
- d. Payment to Spicer for Orchard Hills Well Water Disconnect/Water Main Extension.
- e. Payment to Opengov Inc. for 1st year contract fee for Enterprise Asset Management (Cartegraph).

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

New Business.

Casting Ballot for MML Liability and Property Board of Directors.

Manager Giles requested members to cast the ballot for the MML Liability and Property Board with the three qualified candidates.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to cast the ballot for the MML Liability and Property Board with the three qualified candidates. All ayes carried the motion.

Quote for Schwarze A7 Street Sweeper.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the purchase of a Schwarze A7 Street Sweeper from Fredrickson in the amount of \$339,095.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of a Schwarze A7 Street Sweeper from Fredrickson in the amount of \$339,095.00.

Ayes: Upton, Leonard, Palmer, Reed.

Nays: Collison.

Extension of City Manager’s Employment Agreement.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the extension of the City Manager’s Employment Agreement for years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Palmer, to approve the extension of the City Manager’s

Employment Agreement for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. All ayes carried the motion.

Contribution Agreement for Healthy Pine River Activities.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the agreement with Healthy Pine River for a contribution in the amount of \$4,000.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the agreement with Healthy Pine River for a contribution in the amount of \$4,000. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda-Purchase of Property for the Michigan Land Bank.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the purchase of four properties for demolition through the Michigan Land Bank Grant.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the purchase of four properties for demolition through the Michigan Land Bank Grant. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the system study and the importance of a replacement transformer and of having after-hours contacts in case of power outages.

Manager Giles informed members that the Well 12 project was substantially complete on 09/19/2023. The project will be finalized along with the Orchard Hills project.

City Clerk Report.

Jamie Long reported flu shots would be available for all city employees on Monday, October 9, 2023, starting at 8 a.m.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz reported that Officer Pat Herson has accepted a position with another department and his last day would be October 15, 2023. An internal posting has been done, along with several other sources.

Chief Ramereiz reported that his department was gearing up for an extensive LIEN audit beginning October 10, 2023.

Council Comments.

Kevin Palmer mentioned the broken telephone pole near Davis Drive. Giles and Risdon indicated city staff will reach out to Frontier again in an effort to have repairs made.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk