

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, November 7, 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
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance: Andy Campbell and two associates-Baker Tilly, Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, Lou Fleury-OHM, Fares Azzam-resident, Keith Risdon-Public Services Director, and two students.

Member Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$548,399.34. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the October 2023 Monthly Board Minutes.

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

Audience Recognition.

A presentation was given by Andy Campbell from Baker Tilly on the DWRSF Water Project Loan/Grant.

Approve Proposal from Baker Tilly for services related to the DWSRF Project Loan/Grant.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to approve the proposal from Baker Tilly for services related to the DWSRF Project Loan/Grant. All ayes carried the motion.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Detroit Salt for Road Salt.
- b. Payment to Digital Alley for 2nd year Payment for Police Body Cameras.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Well #12 services.

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

New Business.

Wastewater Treatment Generator Repairs.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from Cummins-Bridgeway to replace the WWTP Generator Exhaust Stack Assembly in the amount of \$6,977.50.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve the quote from Cummins-Bridgeway to replace the WWTP Generator Exhaust Stack Assembly in the amount of \$6,977.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Authorization of City Manager for MDEGLE Project.

Manager Giles requested members to authorize Giles to execute the MDEGLE Project Milestone schedule and other necessary project documents.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to authorize Giles to execute the MDEGLE Project Milestone schedule and other necessary project documents. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve OHM Phase 1 Services Agreement for DWSRF Project.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the OHM project supplement #19, providing Design Engineering and Construction Engineering services for the 2024 DWSRF Water System Improvement Project and authorize the design phase services portion of the project, specifically tasks 1-5, in the amount of \$896,166.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the OHM project supplement #19, providing Design Engineering and Construction Engineering services for the 2024 DWSRF Water System Improvement Project and authorize the design phase services portion of the project, specifically tasks 1-5, in the amount of \$896,166.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Decline the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Offer.

Manager Giles requested members to decline the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan offer.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to decline the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan offer. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported Velsicol Reuse Plan under way. One of the first public meetings will be November 15, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the CAG/TAG meeting. They invite the council to attend and share their thoughts.

Manager Giles reported that there is progress towards the purchase agreement on sustainable energy.

Police Chief Report

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Collison questioned what the ideas are for the Velsicol property. Collison commented it may be too early to make comments without knowing what the possibilities are and would like the city to seek legal advice.

Member Collison stated the new sidewalks are nice.

Mayor Reed expressed that the email that was sent by Mayor Candidate Echtenaw regarding the vote on the Fishing Derby was inappropriate. Reed stated there is still work to be done by the current seated council. Reed asked for the Fishing Derby item to be put on the December 5th agenda.

Member Upton said she supported Mayor Reed's statement and feelings on the matter.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk.