

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, William R. Leonard, Kevin D. Palmer, Elizabeth A. Upton.

Council Members Absent: Roger L. Collison

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

Others in Attendance: Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, Fares Azzam-resident, Manjeet Nannan-resident and business owner.

Member Upton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 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 \$621,493.44. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the November 2023 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Upton, to receive the October 2023 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Manjeet Nannan, owner of St. Louis Marathon, expressed that he would like the city to consider using his station for the city vehicle fuel, especially with the other station no long being a locally owned.

Nannan stated that the city should be shopping local.

Manager Giles stated that it was his understanding that Nannan was asked to get Bobbie Marr, City Treasurer more information and Nannan had not yet done that.

Manager Giles stated that Marr does plan to investigate what it would entail to change the city's current fleet gas cards and consider the options.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to DuBois-Cooper for replacement pump for the Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Orchard Hills Well Water Disconnect/Water Main Extension.
- c. Payment to Bronner's for the Purchase of Christmas Decorations.

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

New Business.

Resolution 2023-23-Establish 2024 Meeting Schedule.

Minutes for the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, held in the City Hall Council Chambers on the 21st day of November 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, William R. Leonard, Kevin D. Palmer, Elizabeth A. Upton

Absent: Roger L. Collison

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Palmer, and supported by Member Upton:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Saint Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan, pursuant to Act 261 Michigan Public Acts of 1968, and in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, hereby gives notice to the public of the regular meeting schedule for the calendar year 2024.

WHEREAS, The City Council, in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, is required to hold meetings, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of January following the regular City election, for the purpose of installation of newly elected Council Members. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice each month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the dates for holding said regular meetings shall be as follows:

January 8	April 2	July 2	October 1
January 23	April 16	July 16	October 15
February 6	May 7	August 6	November 5
February 20	May 21	August 20	November 19
March 5	June 4	September 3	December 3
March 19	June 18	September 17	December 17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby establishes as its place and time for holding aforesaid regular meetings as the City Council Chambers, City Office Building, 300 North Mill Street, Saint Louis, Michigan at 6:00 o'clock P.M except the first meeting in January shall be at 7:00 P.M. as stated in the City Charter.

Ayes: Palmer, Upton, Leonard, Reed

Nays: None

Appointment of Wyatt Minor to the DDA Board.

Manager Giles introduced the item of the appointment of Wyatt Minor to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy of the seat held by George Kubin.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton supported by Leonard to appoint Wyatt Minor to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy of the seat held by George Kubin. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Proposal from The Spicer Group-As Needed GIS and Training.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the proposal from The Spicer Group for As Needed GIS and Training in the amount estimated of \$15,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve the proposal from The Spicer Group for As Needed GIS and Training in the amount estimated of \$15,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Change Order Request #1 to recategorize the spillway gate for the St. Louis Municipal Dam Project.

Manager Giles requested members to approve change order request #1 from GEI Consultants to recategorize the spillway gate for the St. Louis Municipal Dam Project not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Moved by Upton supported by Leonard to approve change order request #1 from GEI Consultants to recategorize the spillway gate for the St. Louis Municipal Dam Project not to exceed \$5,000.00. All Ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda-Sponsorship for the Police Academy.

Manager Giles requested members to approve a sponsorship of a cadet to the Delta College Police Academy-winter session, in the amount of \$8,921.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve a sponsorship of a cadet to the Delta College Police Academy-winter session in the amount of \$8,921.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported the bond resolution is expected to be brought to council at the December 19, 2023 meeting a loan of five million dollars at one percent interest.

Manager Giles reported a proposal will be submitted to council at the December 5, 2023 meeting for local generation solar project.

Manager Giles reported that last week the Water Department along with the DPW tracked down a water leak and was finally able to complete repairs around 11:15 p.m.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard requested information from Chief Ramereiz on the training he had recently attended regarding abandoned vehicles. Ramereiz stated he would get that information for him.

Mayor Reed asked about the status of the gas station on the west end of the city.

Public Comments.

Fares Azzam questioned if the payment for the police sponsorship was due up front. Ramereiz informed Azzam that the payment did not need to be made to reserve the spot in the academy up front.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk