

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
September 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Fares E. Azzam, Mayor Pro Tem William R. Leonard, Kevin D. Palmer, Elizabeth A. Upton.

Council Members Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance: None

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda.**

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to approve the agenda for September 3, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Azzam, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Special Joint City Council/School Board Work Session, held on August 20, 2024. 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 \$472,241.24. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Reports.**

City Council discussed the August 2024 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam, to receive the August 2024 Monthly Reports and place them on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

### **Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Echtenaw requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “b.” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Bronner’s for purchase of Christmas Decorations.
- b. Payment to Wachs Utility Products for a Valve Turning Machine.

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

### **Quote from Rehmann for 12 HP Desktops and Monitors.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve a quote from Rehmann for 12 HP Desktops and Monitors in an amount not to exceed \$22,530.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve a quote from Rehmann for 12 HP Desktops and Monitors in an amount not to exceed \$22,530. All ayes carried the motion.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles reported that there had been some question on the pink paint markings around the city. Giles informed the council that the markings are for manhole structures that need to be adjusted.

Manager Giles reported that Clerk Long received a call regarding the possible future seat on council.

Manager Giles reported that he and Keith Risdon, Utilities Director, had preconstruction meeting for the two contracts for the DWSRF. Giles stated that the deadline for the grant is September 13, 2024 and Risdon has already signed and returned.

Giles reported that the city had scored high on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which would qualify the city for loan funds.

### **Clerk Report.**

None.

### **Police Chief Report.**

Chief Rameriez reported that Tim Kirby and Ryan Diamond have started the Police Academy and they are doing well.

Chief Rameriez reported that Officer Valoshina’s field training is coming to an end soon.

Chief Rameriez reported that Patrick Herson will be coming back to the department as a part-time officer and Kyle Eisenberger is still full-time with the city but has accepted a full-time position elsewhere. Rameriez stated that with all the changes, it leaves the department with four full-time officers, including Sergeant Forshee, with potential for several part-time officers.

Chief Rameriez reported he is continuing with Physical Therapy on his hand but it is looking to be mid to end of October before the brace is removed and reevaluated for full service duty.

**Council Comments.**

Member Azzam asked if the street striping project had been completed because there was an area on Maple and State that the cross walk was not finished. Manager Giles stated he would check with the DPW Director, Calvin Martyn to get that taken care of.

**Public Comments.**

There were none.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk