

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Sergeant: Kristi Forshee

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, four high school students

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$712,089.65. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the December, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the December, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment No. 8 to Crawford Const. for Wells 10 & 11 Water Transmission Main.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project Professional Services.
- c. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant.
- d. Payment to T.H. Eifert for WWTP Project.
- e. Payment to WM. F. Nelson for Switchgear Project.
- f. Cable Consortium Minutes – Informational.
- g. Liaison Committee Minutes – Informational.

Manager Giles stated item “e” was removed from payable until the next meeting.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” with the removal of item “e”. All ayes carried the motion.

Recess Council Meeting.

Mayor Kelly recessed the Council Meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting – Call to Order.

Mayor Kelly called the Oak Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Cemetery Board Minutes.

Moved by Trustee Kubin, supported by Trustee Church, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Financials.

Moved by Trustee Church, supported by Trustee Reed, to receive the Financial Reports through December 31, 2017 and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Annual Report.

The Annual 2017 Oak Grove Cemetery Report was reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Reed, supported by Trustee Church, to receive the 2017 Annual Oak Grove Cemetery Report and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Business.

None.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Trustee Reed, supported by Trustee Kubin, to adjourn the Oak Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting at 6:07 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Reconvene City Council Meeting.

Mayor Kelly reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:07 p.m.

New Business.

Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

Finance Director Bobbie Marr gave an overview of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. The City was given an Unmodified Opinion, which is the best finding that is given.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to received and place the Audit Report on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Members commended Bobbie.

Set Public Hearing for Draft 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan Comments.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for Public Comment on the Draft 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to set January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to hear Public Comment on the Draft 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan. All ayes carried the motion.

Appointment of City Board and Commission Members.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to appoint the following Board & Commission Members:

Jim Kelly	Board of Review	Vacancies
Sue Whitford	Board of Review	2-Bldg Code Board of Appeals
	Board of Spec. Asses.	1-Parks Commission
	Planning Commission	1-Zoning Board of Appeals
Bill Leonard	Board of Special Asses.	
	Board of Review	
Don Kelley	Board of Review	

Tom Reed	Board of Review
Jerry Church	Cemetery
Lenore Worden	DDA Board
Scott Morrow	DDA Board
Corey Bailey	DDA Board
Kevin Taylor	Housing Commission
Amanda Kelly	Library Board
	Parks & Rec.
Linda Roberson	Library Board
Sally Church	Parks & Rec.
Melissa Allen	Parks & Rec.
Donna Kelley	Planning Commission

All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of City Official Newspapers.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2018.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of Official Depositories for City Funds.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members designate St. Louis Chemical Bank & Trust, St. Louis Commercial Bank, Mercantile Bank of Alma/Ithaca, US Bank of Detroit, First of America Bank of Detroit, Isabella Bank & Trust of Breckenridge, Michigan CLASS and Huntington Banks as Official Depositories for City Funds for the Year 2018.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to designate St. Louis Chemical Bank & Trust, St. Louis Commercial Bank, Mercantile Bank of Alma/Ithaca, US Bank of Detroit, First of America Bank of Detroit, Isabella Bank & Trust of Breckenridge, Michigan CLASS and Huntington Bank as Official Depositories for City Funds for the Year 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of City Attorneys.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members designate Fortino, Plaxton & Costanzo PC; Smith Boville PC; Plunkett & Cooney; Varnum LLP; Miller Canfield; and Keller, Thoma PC as City Attorneys for the term of two years (2018 & 2019) for the City of St. Louis

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to designate Fortino, Plaxton & Costanzo PC; Smith Boville PC; Plunkett & Cooney; Varnum LLP; Miller Canfield; and Keller, Thoma PC as City Attorneys for the term of two years (2018 & 2019) for the City of St. Louis.

Appointment to Gratiot Area Water Authority (GAWA) Board of Trustees.

Manager Giles requested Council Members re-appoint Melissa Allen to the GAWA Board of Trustees for a term of two years (2018/2019).

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to re-appoint Melissa Allen the GAWA Board of Trustees for a term of two years. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2018-01 Annual State Trunkline Right of Way Permit.

City Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2018-01 for the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Right of Way Permit Application.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Church:

This Performance Resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a municipal utility an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way," or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way."

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis

hereinafter referred to as the "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY," periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT," for permits, referred to as "PERMIT," to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under State Highway Right of Way at various locations within and adjacent to its corporate limits;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT, the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY agrees that:

1. Each party to this Agreement shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or omissions during the performance of this Agreement, as provided by law. This Agreement is not intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims, nor shall it be interpreted, as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
2. If any of the work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY is performed by a contractor, the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY shall require its contractor to hold harmless, indemnify and defend in litigation, the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT and their agents and employee's, against any claims for damages to public or private property and for injuries to person arising out of the performance of the work, except for claims that result from the sole negligence or willful act of the DEPARTMENT, until the contractor achieves final acceptance of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. Failure of the GOVERNMENTAL

AGENCY to require its contractor to indemnify the DEPARTMENT, as set forth above, shall be considered a breach of its duties to DEPARTMENT.

3. Any work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the GOVERNMENT AGENCY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without the DEPARTMENT'S specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.
4. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.
5. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State Highway Right of Way resulting from the installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY'S facilities according to the PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.
6. With respect to any activities authorized by PERMIT, when the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.
7. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this resolution as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
8. This resolution shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the DEPARTMENT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

Name:
Kurt Giles
Keith Risdon

Title:
City Manager
Utilities Director

Yeas: Reed, Church, Kubin, Kelly
Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted this 8th day of January, 2018.

Cash Rent Contract.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Cash Rent Contract between the City of St. Louis and Gadde Farms, which allows Gadde Farms to rent the 75 tillable acres owned by the City that is located in Section 4 of Arcada Township in the amount of \$9,260.00 for the 2018 growing season.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the Cash Rent Contract between the City of St. Louis and Gadde Farms in the amount of \$9,260.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Bid Award – Crawford Water Tower Repainting.

Manager Giles requested Council Members award the bid for the Crawford Water Tower Repainting to Seven Brothers Painting, Inc. in the amount of \$306,600.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to award the water tower repainting bid to Seven Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$306,600.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Oversite Engineer for Water Tower Repainting.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Proposal from Dixon Engineering for the Water Tower Repainting Project in the amount of \$19,881.50.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Proposal from Dixon Engineering for the Water Tower Repainting Project in an amount not to exceed \$19,881.50. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated there was a water main leak on Hazel that has been repaired and one on Michigan Avenue that will be repaired tomorrow.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Members Kubin and Reed stated they would be out of town for the February 20th meeting.

Member Reed asked if money was received from Spicer Group for repairs to the Police Garage Doors. Manager Giles stated yes.

Member Reed inquired if there were many water line breaks. Manager Giles stated that there were a few service lead breaks.

Mayor Kelly stated the convex mirror that was installed at the Main Street Bridge works great and he inquired on the status of making Corinth Street no parking.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Teresa Ward – Assessor, Sally Church – Park Board Member, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident, one high school student

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing – Draft 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Manager Giles handed out updated maps that will be included in the plan.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comment on the Plan.

There was none.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Resolution 2018-02 Adoption of 2018-2022 Parks & Recreation Plan.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by member Allen, and supported by member Church:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals and objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022 and,

WHEREAS, the plan is written for the benefit of the residents of City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District,

WHEREAS, an online input survey was made available to the public in August and September of 2017, and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from December 14, 2017 to January 12, 2018, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 15, 2018 at 4:15 pm, at the St. Louis City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2018 the St. Louis Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the City of St. Louis City Council adopt the Recreation Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the City of St. Louis adopts said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis School District.

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: Kubin, Reed
Resolution Declared Adopted.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2018.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$515,507.54. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the December, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive the December, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” as shown below:

- a. Payment Wm. F. Nelson for Switchgear Project.
- b. Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.
- c. Payment to MECA for Safety Program Renewal.
- d. Payment to Berthiaume & Company for Audit.
- e. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project Professional Services.
- f. Payment to MMEA for 2018 Membership.
- g. Assessors Report – Informational.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “g.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2018-03 Poverty Exemption.

Manager Giles stated the resolution is the same as in previous years except the section pertaining to the amount of assets allowed has been more detailed.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2018-03 Poverty Exemption.

The following resolution was offered by City Council Member Church, and supported by City Council Member Allen.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of St. Louis, Gratiot County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the

household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed \$5,000.00 excluding homestead equity, cash value of one automobile and home furnishings. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after July 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2017 federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions

Size of Family Unit	2017 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 12,060
2	\$ 16,240
3	\$ 20,420
4	\$ 24,600
5	\$ 28,780

6	\$ 32,960
7	\$ 37,140
8	\$ 41,320
For each additional person	\$ 4,180

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Ayes: Church, Allen, Kelly
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kubin, Reed
 Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2018-04 Waving Penalty Fees and Interest for Failure to File A Property Transfer Affidavit.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2018-04 Property Transfer Affidavit, which is required in lieu of charging Penalty fees for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit.

Assessor Teresa Ward explained that the Resolution is required to be on file for Municipalities waiving penalty fees and interest for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit.

Discussion was held.

Council Members thanked Teresa for her input.

The following resolution was offered by City Council Member Allen, and supported by City Council Member Church.

WHEREAS, MCL 211.27a(10) requires the buyer, grantee, or other transferee of the property shall notify the appropriate assessing office in the local unit of government in which the property is located of the transfer of ownership of the property within 45 days of the transfer of ownership, on a form prescribed by the state tax commission; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.27b(1) imposes penalties for the failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit after the 45 day period has elapsed; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.27b(5) allows the governing body of the local tax collecting unit to waive, by resolution, the penalty levied under subsection (1); and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis hereby waives the penalties for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit within 45 days of a transfer of ownership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of St. Louis hereby waives penalties under Section 211.27b(1) of the General Property Tax Act.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolution in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin, Reed

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2018-05 Charitable Gaming License.

Manager Giles Requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2018-05 Charitable Gaming License.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Church, and supported by Allen.

The request from Dalis to the Rescue of the City of St. Louis County of Gratiot, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for Approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin, Reed

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Letter of Authorization to Purchase Power.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Letter of Authorization to purchase generating capacity from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 in a maximum commitment amount of \$21,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Letter of Authorization to purchase capacity in the maximum commitment amount of \$21,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Meters.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the purchase of 96 Sensus Remote Read Meters from Etna Supply in the amount of \$9,600.00.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of 96 Sensus Remote Read Meters from Etna Supply in the amount of \$9,600.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Change March Meeting Time.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members change the March 20, 2018 meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. due to members leaving that day for the MML Conference.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to change the March 20, 2018 meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council members of the following: Hydro #5 is now repaired and running, the Water/Wastewater Rate Study will be presented at the next meeting and work on the manhole in the Athletic Field is scheduled to begin soon.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council members that CPR training for City employees is being set up.

Mayor Kelly inquired on the progress of making Corinth Street no parking. Chief Ramereiz stated staff has discussed the issue and a Traffic Control Order will be placed on the next Agenda.

Council Comments.

None.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

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

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, John Kaczor – Municipal Analytics, Max Clever – Spicer Group, Kaitlyn Lovely – MMCC, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident

Council Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Water/Wastewater Rate Study.

John Kaczor of Municipal Analytics gave a presentation on the Water and Sewer Cost of Services and Rate Study.

Discussion was held.

Council Members thanked John for the presentation.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$367,112.18. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the January, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the January, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Kaitlyn Lovely, Mid-Michigan Community College (MMCC) Admissions, presented information about MMCC.

Members thanked Kaitlyn for the information.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Michigan CAT for Loader.
- b. FERC Certification – Informational.
- c. SAW Grant Status – Informational.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Appointment to Parks & Recreation Commission.

Manager Giles stated there is a vacancy on the Parks Board due to Kevin Palmer choosing not to renew his position. Two letters of interest were received, one from Ron Salladay and one from Bill Leonard. Since then, Bill Leonard decided not to apply.

Manager Giles also stated both applicants would be excellent volunteers, his thought was to bring someone on board that has not yet served on other boards.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to appoint Ron Salladay to fill the Parks and Recreation Commission vacancy.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Traffic Control Order #T116-1.131.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve Traffic Control Order #T1160-1.131 which makes Corinth Street “No Parking” between West Prospect and Olive Streets.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve Traffic Control Order #T1160-1.131.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Church, Reed, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Purchase of Dump Trailer.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members approve the purchase of a 2018 Tandem Dump Trailer from USA Trailers in the amount of \$8,013.00, which will replace the 1989 Volvo Compactor Truck.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a Dump Trailer from USA Trailers in the amount of \$8,013.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that the sanitary sewer work in the school athletic field is expected to start next week. There is also an issue with the sanitary sewer on the Michigan Avenue and Hazel and repair work will begin tomorrow.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that if we use www.smile.amazon.com to access our amazon business account, 0.5% of our purchases will be donated to the St. Louis Sharks Technology fund.

The key thing to remember is that you must go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into our business account like you would normally do. Our tax-exempt status is already done and I have selected the St. Louis Sharks Technology Fund as our default charity organization. You will not need to do anything different other than go to www.smile.amazon.com to do your shopping from our business account for work purchases.

You can do the same with your personal amazon account. Just go to www.smile.amazon.com. There will be some default charities you can choose or you can search for a charity you would rather have your personal account support.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated he would not be able to attend the next meeting, possibly the next two.

Member Reed stated he would not be able to attend the next meeting.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

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Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Theo VonWallmenich – CH2M, Brian Wood – Mid-Michigan Area Fire Department, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident

Council Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2018.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2018 with the addition to the Parks paragraph that Bill Leonard withdrew his request to be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$323,160.70. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to receive the January, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Tom Alcamo updated members on the progress of the in-place thermal treatment system at the Plant Site.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Replacement Project.
- b. Central Dispatch Meeting Minutes – Informational.
- c. Cable Meeting Minutes – Informational.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Discuss Utility Scale Solar Power Project.

Manager Giles explained that if MPPA Members participate in a utility-scale solar project, the cost and revenues generated from that project are expected to drive down overall power supply costs. MPPA Staff proposes to begin negotiating final Power Purchase Agreements (PPA’s) with developers and bring back details for members to evaluate participation. The expectation is to execute one or more PPA’s by the end of this summer.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles stated no action is needed at this time.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

The sewer lining in the high school athletic field is complete.

Water replacement Wells 10 and 11 are in service.

The City has been given awards from Michigan Chapters of both ACEC and APWA for the new Water Supply Project.

Hydro #5 is repaired and running and issues are being resolved with Hydro #6.

The School Board passed a Resolution supporting the updated 5-year Park Plan.

No Parking signs will be installed on Corinth Street soon.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church stated the Bakery won an award for Best Bakery and the Blue Moon Boutique is a nice store.

Member Allen stated it is great that MAC-TV donated a big screen TV for the hallway at City Hall.

Public Comments.

Mark Abbott thanked Member Allen for bringing Chili to DPW Staff.

Adjournment.

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

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Max Clever – Spicer Group, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, Ralph Echtinaw – Resident, five high school students

Council Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2018.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$712,723.38. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the February, 2018 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the February, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to USA Trailer for Purchase of Dump Trailer.
- b. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Water Supply Replacement.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “b.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Consider Delegation of Authority to Planning Commission for GREAT Plan Approval.

Manager Giles requested Council Members Delegate Authority to the Planning Commission for GREAT Plan Approval.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to Delegate Authority to the Planning Commission for GREAT Plan Approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Asset Management System.

Manager Giles recommended the Council enter into the Proposal from Spicer Group for GIS and Cartegraph Asset Management System, which is for assistance with the new Cartegraph Software on an as needed basis in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the proposal from Spicer Group for GIS and Cartegraph Asset Management System for assistance with the new Cartegraph Software on an as needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Letter Agreement for Professional Services.

Manager Giles stated the Proposal from Spicer Group for Sanitary Sewer Lining, Flow Metering and Wastewater Flow Study and Report is being presented to start discussion and is a follow up related to the SAW Grant.

Discussion was held.

No action is needed at this time.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

The Switchgear Project is near completion, the heating of the in-place thermal treatment system at the plant site should start any day and the Electric Rate Study is underway.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members of the following:

The City is hosting the Gratiot County Community Foundation Press Conference on April 3, 2018 in the Community Room for the launch of the Great Communities Grant, a part-time officer is resigning due to conflict in policy regarding his full-time job.

Council Comments.

Member Church inquired how the new dump trailer was working out.

Mayor Kelly suggested information regarding NIXLE sign up be circulated.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen, Thomas L. Reed (both excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Linda Bader – Farmers Market Manager, Mike and Monika Borie – Residents

Council Member Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2018.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$504,859.06. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the February, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to receive the February, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

6th Grade St. Louis Middle School student, Monika Borie stated she entered a contest through United Way and won a grant. Her intention is to raise awareness of kids with disabilities and bring all kids together for a fun event. The event is titled Monika’s Mission. Plans are to hold two events in Clapp Park with inflatables along with other activities on June 23, 2018 and August 25, 2018. Each event would last approximately 2 hours.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve Monika’s Mission event to be held in Clapp Park on June 23, 2018 and August 25, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Council Members commended Monika for her efforts.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Replacement.
- b. Payment to MDOT for Prospect/Corinth Street Project.
- c. Housing Commission Board Member Position – Informational.
- d. Mid-Michigan Area Cable Minutes – Informational.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Wine Tasting/Selling at Farmers Market.

Linda Bader, Manager of the Farmers Market, stated this is the third season of the Farmers Market. With Council permission, this year’s market will be held on Thursdays, June through October from 2 to 6 PM. In 2013 PA 100 allows the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to issue a special permit to small wine makers for them to be able to offer samples and sell wine at Michigan farmers markets. PA 100 permits wine and hard cider samples and sales only.

The request is for Council to issue a waiver of prohibition of alcohol allowed on City property, and allow the sampling/selling of wine and hard cider at the St. Louis Farmers Market according to PA 100 and House Bills 5426 and 5427.

Chief Ramereiz stated he has no issue with allowing the request.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to issue a waiver of prohibition of alcohol allowed on City property, and allow the sampling/selling of wine and hard cider at the St. Louis Farmers Market according to PA 100 and House Bills 5426 and 5427. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2018-06 Green Pricing Rate for Electric Customers.

Manager Giles stated that PA 342 requires electric providers to offer to its customers the opportunity to participate in the Voluntary Green Pricing Program (VGP). The recommended VGP rate is equal to \$0.01 per kWh or \$10.00 per MWh and at levels of 25, 50 or 100% of energy consumption.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to postpone this item until the April 3, 2018 meeting when all Council Members are present. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles showed members the award received from the ACEC for our Water Supply Replacement Project.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following: Representative Lower is holding a meet and greet at City Hall on Friday and the EPA is holding an Availability Session April 4th.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members that there is now a Sharps Disposal location at the Ithaca Health Department. The container is portable and there is a possibility of having it available on occasion at the Farmers Market.

Council Comments.

None.

Public Comments.

Linda Bader informed members that the Health Department received a grant from the Gratiot Community Foundation to encourage people to eat healthier. They will be sent to the Farmers Market and given a coupon for \$10.00 in purchases each week.

MSU Extension has received a grant and will be holding three classes at City Hall. One class is a nutritional class and the other two are cottage and commercial food preparation classes.

Linda also inquired on energy efficiency or solar energy programs. Manager Giles provide information to her on the net metering program.

Phil Hansen gave an update on the service station that is currently for sale and the Corner Market building.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 8:39 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, 6 high school students

Council Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$214,185.27. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the March, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the March, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Etna for Annual Hosting Fee.
- b. Payment to Etna for the Purchase of Electric Meters.
- c. Central Dispatch Minutes (informational).
- d. Howard & Ivah Hoffmeyer Charitable Contribution (informational).

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

Unfinished Business.

Resolution 2018-06 Green Pricing Rate for Electric Customers.

Manager Giles stated that PA 342 requires electric providers to offer to its customers the opportunity to participate in the Voluntary Green Pricing Program (VGP). The recommended VGP rate is equal to \$0.01 per kWh or \$10.00 per MWh and at levels of 25, 50 or 100% of energy consumption.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Church:

WHEREAS, Public Act 342 of 2016 requires electric providers to offer to its customers the opportunity to participate in a voluntary green pricing program under which the customer may specify, from the options made available by the electric provider, the amount of electricity attributable to the customer that will be renewable energy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of St. Louis will offer a voluntary green pricing program to all classes of electric customers wishing to participate at levels of 25%, 50% or 100% of their energy consumption. The voluntary green rate shall be \$0.01 per kWh.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Mayor Kelly, referring to item “d” under the Consent Agenda, stated he is on the Howard & Ivah Hoffmeyer Charitable Trust Board and the contribution to the City this year is less because the St. Louis Historical Society also applied for and received a contribution.

New Business.

Resolution 2018-07 Main Street Bridge Replacement.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2018-07 for replacement of the Main Street Bridge through the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program for fiscal year 2021.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Reed:

WHEREAS, the condition of the Main Street Bridge has deteriorated to such an extent that replacement is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of St. Louis will not allow for replacement of this bridge without additional funds from other sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Louis requests Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program Funding for replacement of the Main Street Bridge for MDOT’s Fiscal Year 2021.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Union Street Lift Station Repairs.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that upgrades due to pump failure at the Union Street Lift Station should be complete tomorrow, and requested Council Members ratify repairs to the Lift Station by RS Technical Services in the amount of \$19,562.40.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to ratify repairs to Union Street Lift Station by RS Technical Services in the amount of \$19,562.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Business.

Resolution 2018-08 – Charitable Gaming License for St. Louis Sharks Sports Boosters.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve Resolution 2018-08, Charitable Gaming License for St. Louis Sharks Sports Boosters.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Church:

That the request from St. Louis Sharks Sports Booster of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Yeas: Reed, Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

Resolution Declared Adopted.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following: The repairs to the Hydro are complete and are in service, the heating at the plant site is going well, discussions have taken place with Central Dispatch regarding placing a repeater on the Giddings water tower, M-46 Construction project is scheduled to begin tomorrow, weather permitting, Union negotiations will begin after April 23rd, and the MPPA Stakeholders meeting is May 24th.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council the Gratiot Community Foundations Press Conference has been rescheduled for April 24th, the Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony is May 20th and the Police Department now has their own Facebook Page.

Rosemary Horvath, Gratiot County Herald, entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired about repairing York Street. Member Church said there is damage to the Gazebo in Clapp Park. Mayor Kelly stated he and Kurt toured the EPA site after the power outage and the emergency backup system worked.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Council Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2018.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 3, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$505,636.20. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the March, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the March, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Revised Change Order No. 4 from FTC&H for Wells 10 & 11.
- b. Change Order No. 3 from J.R. Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- c. Payment No. 10 to Crawford Contracting for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply Project.
- d. Payment to FTC&H for Professional Services for Water Supply Project.
- e. Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.
- f. Payment to Insituform for Sanitary Sewer Repairs at Athletic Field.
- g. Approval/Payment to Kemira for Ferric Chloride.
- h. Approval/Payment to Alta for Repairs to Boring Machine.
- i. 2017 Annual MAGNET Report. (informational).

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “i.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Introduce Ordinance B-236 Utility Rates and Set Public Hearing.

A Revised Ordinance was handed out. Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to consider adoption of Ordinance B-236

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance B-236 to be held on May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Michigan Avenue/Pine Street Water Main Replacement.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Professional Services Proposal from Spicer Group for Michigan Avenue/Pine Street Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$26,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Professional Services Proposal from Spicer Group for Michigan Avenue/Pine Street Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$26,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Maple Street Infrastructure/Pavement Improvements.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Professional Services Proposal from Spicer Group for Maple Street Infrastructure/Pavement Improvements in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Professional Services Proposal from Spicer Group for Maple Street Infrastructure/Pavement Improvements in the amount of \$80,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Business:

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Budget Work Session for Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Members were unable to attend. Another date will be chosen and placed on the May 1st Agenda.

City Manager Report.

None.

City Clerk Report.

Mari Anne informed Council Members that 2017 Youth in Local Government Student, Alyx Everitt, is the St. Louis High School Valedictorian. Members commended Alyx's accomplishment.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz reminded Council Members that April 24, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. is the Gratiot Community Foundation Press Conference that will be held in the City Hall Community Room.

Council Comments.

Member Church inquired about the antennas on the water tower, the Olney Street issue and accidents at the intersection of Main and Washington.

Member Kubin commended employees on their recent storm clean-up efforts.

Member Reed inquired about the sale of the Washington Street Service Station.

Member Kelly read a thank you letter from MAGNET for the City's annual contribution.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 1, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Jerry L. Church (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Tina Travis – Gratiot County Community Foundation, nine high school students

Council Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$393,684.06. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the April, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the April, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Consider Adoption of Ordinance B-236 Utilities

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. and asked for public comments. Manager

Giles explained that the Ordinance cleans-up old wording and will be consistent with proposed changes to utility rate structure.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Ordinance B-236 Utilities.

The City of St. Louis ordains:

The St. Louis City Code, provided for at Section 66-105 through Section 66-109 of the St. Louis City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of charge actions by resolution.

The use rates, special rates and any fees and/or surcharges to be imposed by this article shall be in accordance with the respective schedule for such charges as established by the City Council from time to time. Any changes of such charges shall be established pursuant to resolution of the Council.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

DIVISION 2. WATER

Section 2. Water rates and charges.

The rates to be charged for water service furnished by the system shall be in accordance with the respective schedule for such charges as established by the City Council from time to time. Any changes of such charges shall be established pursuant to resolution of the Council. These rates shall consist of the following:

1. Commodity charge.
2. Readiness to service charge, intended to recover as much of the fixed operating, debt and capital costs of the system as may be deemed appropriate by the City Council.
3. A separate charge for in-city flat rate customers.

Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 3. Connection charges.

For water connections to the system, the charge to the user so connecting shall be fixed from time to time by City Council by resolution.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79; Ord. No. B-113, § 1, 10-22-96)

Section 4. Water rates outside of corporate limits.

Whenever the system is supplying water service to premises located outside the corporate limits of the City, the rates for this service shall be fixed by the City Council.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 5. Review of rates.

The adequacy of the water rates and charges shall be reviewed and adjusted annually. Water rates and charges shall be revised periodically to reflect changes in debt service or a change in operation and maintenance costs including replacement costs in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

DIVISION 3. SEWAGE

Section 6. Sewer use charges and rates.

Each premise abutting a public gravity sanitary sewer line within the City which is required to connect to said sanitary sewer line by the provisions of this chapter, shall pay a use charge based on the rates set forth in this division. Said charges shall be due and payable and commence as of the date said premises are connected to the system.
(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 7. Sewer rates and charges.

The rates to be charged for sewer service furnished by the system shall be in accordance with the respective schedule for such charges as established by the City Council from time to time. Any changes of such charges shall be established pursuant to resolution of the Council. These rates shall consist of the following:

1. Commodity Charge.
2. Readiness to service charge, intended to recover as many of the fixed operating, debt and capital costs of the system as may be deemed appropriate by the City Council.
3. Surcharge for extra strength wastewater, which exceeds the concentration limits established in Sec. 66-113 of this Ordinance.
4. A separate charge for in-city flat rate customers.

Section 8. Basis of billing charges.

The basic user charge for wastes having the following normal concentrations: (a) A five-day, 20-degree centigrade biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of 150 mg/l; (b) A suspended solids (SS) content of 225 mg/l; (c) A phosphate (as P) content of 12 mg/l shall be based on:

1. Premises with metered City water service: Water usage as recorded by water meters and/or sewage meters: or
2. Premises without metered City water service: Each premise abutting a public gravity sanitary sewer line within the City which is required to connect to said sanitary sewer line by the City water system shall be charged on the following basis: A flat rate multiplied by a factor representing a ratio of sewage use by such class of premises to normal single-family residential use, as reflected in Appendix A to this chapter;

A meter may be installed at the request of the owner, and at his expense, on the private water supply. All installation, repairs, maintenance and other service costs shall be paid by the owner.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 9. Surcharges.

The surcharge will be based on water usage as recorded by water meters and/or sewage meters for all wastes which exceed the 165 mg/l, 250 mg/l, 14 mg/l concentration for BOD, SS and P, respectively.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 10. Industrial cost recovery.

When industrial user, as defined in 40 CFR 35.905-8, requests connection to the public sewage collection and disposal system, an industrial cost recovery system must be developed in accordance with 40 CFR 35.928.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 11. Review of rates.

The adequacy of the sewer rates and charges shall be reviewed and adjusted annually. Sewer rates and charges shall be revised periodically to reflect changes in debt service or a change in operation and maintenance costs including replacement costs in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

(Ord. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 12. Connection charges, debt service charges.

In addition to the user charges established above, users of the system shall pay, for the privilege of connecting to the system, payable at the time application is made for connection to the system, connection charges to be set from time to time by resolution of the City Council. A separate charge shall be made or debt service charges, which shall be set by City Council resolution.

(Ord. No. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 13. Sewer rates outside of corporate limits.

Whenever the system is supplying sewage disposal service to premises located outside the corporate limits of the City, the rates for this service shall be fixed by the City Council.

(Ord. B-38, § 1, 12-17-79)

Section 14. Summer sewer adjustment.

The City may adjust residential customer sewer commodity charges during the period May 20 – September 20, by using the lesser of the actual monthly metered water

consumption, or the average monthly water consumption during the eight months prior to May 20. This adjustment shall not be available to non-residential sewer customers.

Section 15. Separability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 16. Ordinance repealed.

All ordinances and/or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 17. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 15 days from and after its enactment as provided by the City Charter.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Ordinance Declared Adopted.

Audience Recognition.

Tina Travis from Gratiot County Community Foundation presented to Council Members the details regarding the GREAT (Generate Real Effective Action to Transform) Communities in Gratiot County Initiative.

Members thanked Tina for the presentation.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to RS Technical Services for Union Street Lift Station.
- b. Change Order No. 3 from Peerless Mid-West for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply Project.
- c. Cable Minutes (informational).

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Set Budget Work Session.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Budget Work Session for Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed to set a Budget Work Session for Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Leppien Park Deck Repairs.

Manager Giles stated a quote was received from C & D Builders in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Leppien Park Deck Repairs. A second quote was received after the Council Packet was sent out by Freed Construction in the amount of \$6,408.00.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles recommended Council Members approve the Leppien Park Deck Repairs Quote from C & D Builders in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Leppien Park Deck Repairs by C & D Builders in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda.

Trade-In/Purchase of Gator and Watering Trailer.

Manager Giles requested Council Members Approve the trade-in of the 2004 Gator for the amount of \$3,000.00, the purchase of a 2018 Gator in the amount of \$16,600.00 and the purchase of a Watering Trailer from Bader & Sons in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a total amount of \$18,600.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the trade-in of the 2004 Gator for the amount of \$3,000.00, the purchase of a 2018 Gator in the amount of \$16,600.00 and the purchase of a Watering Trailer from Bader & Sons in the revised amount of \$5,000.00 for a total amount of \$18,600.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following: MPPA Stakeholders Meeting is May 23rd, union negotiations are scheduled to begin May 10th and the crew that is going to paint the Crawford Street water tower is on site.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he will be holding a training session on May 30th and will not be able to attend the Budget Work Session. He asked Council Members to get questions they had regarding the Police Department Budget to him prior to that date.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin asked that the water valve cover on the corner of Essex and Devon be repaired, and he encouraged members and staff to continue efforts to get the 900 feet of Main Street replaced.

Member Reed inquired about the blight issue on Saginaw/Pine.

Mayor Kelly stated he would like to declare May 19, 2018 Kevin McCreery Day in St. Louis, Michigan. A proclamation will be presented to family members at the celebration of life ceremony.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Caroline Ross – St. Louis, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Gerald Brush – St. Louis

Council Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$312,874.15. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the April, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to receive the April, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Resident Gerald Brush inquired as to why a stop sign was put at the intersection of Eden and

Prospect Streets. Chief Ramereiz stated it was placed at that intersection due to MDOT regulations.

Gerald Brush also asked why the City was not using the chipper for brush pick up. Mark Abbott stated it is an older machine and loading the brush and hauling it away it saves time.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- b. Payment to Peters for Pool Repairs.
- c. Payment to C & D Builders for Leppien Park Deck Repairs.

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

New Business.

Set Public Hearing for Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for the Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal for June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to set a Public Hearing for the Special Assessment Renewal on June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Allen, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for 2018/2019 Budget Adoption.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for the 2018/2019 Budget Adoption for June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to set a Public Hearing for the 2018/2019 Budget Adoption on June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Re-Appointment to Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve his re-appointment to the Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to re-appoint Kurt Giles to the Greater Gratiot Development Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Fishing Derby, Memorial Day Parade and Flag Day.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Fishing Derby and also the Memorial Day Parade and Flag Day.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to set a standing date for the Fishing Derby as MDNR's Free Fishing weekend in June, the Memorial Day Parade to be held each Memorial Day and Flag Day to be held each June 14th. All ayes carried the motion.

Ratify Tentative Agreement between Water/Wastewater and DPW.

Manager Giles stated a tentative agreement has been reached with IBEW Local 876 Water Wastewater, and DPW Division. The members have voted and signed the agreement, and requested Council Members approve the Agreement.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church to approve the tentative agreement between the IBEW Local #876 Water, Wastewater, DPW Division and the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion to Go into Executive Session.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Allen, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Adjourn Out of Closed Session.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed to return to open session at 7:15 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the Water Tower Painting Project and the Swimming Pool Painting Project.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he attended training and had discussions regarding the Truck Route and he also updated members on blight issues.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin inquired on blight/possible fire hazard buildings in the downtown area.

Member Allen inquired on the former Corner Market, Mayor Kelly inquired on the former Marathon Station.

Public Comments.

Caroline Ross commended the St. Louis Area Fire Department for their assistance with her husband's recent medical issue.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 30, 2018

The special meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Jessica Little – Library Director

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Discuss 2018/2019 Budget.

Finance Director Marr reviewed the projected 2018/2019 proposed budget with City Council Members.

Mayor Kelly recessed the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Mayor Kelly reconvened the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

The 2018/2019 Budget will be presented for adoption at the June 5, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Adjournment.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to adjourn at 11:13 a. m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, several high school students, 2 residents

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing – Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

There being none, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Public Hearing – 2018/2019 Budget.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments on the proposed 2018/2019 Budget.

There being none, Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 15, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session on May 30, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$622,006.44. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the May, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the May, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

A resident asked if woodchucks could be trapped in the City and what to do with it once it is caught.

Discussion was held.

Joseph Wells and Julee Stowers entered the meeting.

Mr. Wells asked the difference between a millage and special assessment. Manager Giles explained and stated the assessment was proposed to remain as it was last year at 2%.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items "a" through "d" as shown below:

- a. Payment No. 6 to JR Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- b. Payment to Spicer for GIS Updates.
- c. Payment to AR Peters for Pool Repairs.
- d. Payment to Dixon Engineering for Crawford Water Tower Painting.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "d." All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2018-09 Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt the following Resolution:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Allen, and supported by Church:

Water Rate Schedule

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable July 1, 2018, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Commodity Charge	\$4.23

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 a 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	\$22.77
3/4 inch	\$22.77
1 inch	\$56.93
1 ¼ inch	\$91.09
1 ½ inch	\$113.86
2 inch	\$182.18
3 inch	\$341.58
4 inch	\$569.31
6 inch	\$1,138.61
8 inch	\$1,821.78
Monthly Water Flat Fee:	\$43.92
Outside City Water (2x):	\$87.84

(c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$43.92, which shall include the monthly service charge.

- (d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$87.84 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 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	\$3.97/1,000 gallons
Monthly RTS Charge Based on Water Meter Size:	
5/8 inch	\$13.18
3/4 inch	\$13.18
1 inch	\$15.74
1 ¼ inch	\$16.39
1 ½ inch	\$16.84
2 inch	\$21.12
3 inch	\$23.86
4 inch	\$32.16
6 inch	\$69.13
8 inch	\$92.73
Non-metered customers	\$33.03
Non-metered, non-City residents, when no rate agreement exists between the City and Township	\$66.06

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Resolution declared adopted this 5th day of June, 2018.

Resolution 2018-10 2018/2019 Budget Adoption.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted and filed with the City Council a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2018-2019 fiscal year on May 30, 2018, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date June 5, 2018 for a public hearing at 6:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said budget as represented herein and fixes the tax of fifteen (15) mills for general operating purposes, to be raised by a general ad valorem tax upon owners of real and personal property in the City, by the authority granted, and in accordance with the Michigan Constitution, the General Property Tax Act 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended, and City Charter, Chapter VII, subject to limitations therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such transfers between the various funds in accordance with the adoption of the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 694,320	General Government	\$ 509,388
License & Permits	14,650	Public Safety	94,520
Intergovernmental	538,746	Public Works	184,695
Charges for Services	697,473	Community & Economic Development	146,121
Fines & Forfeitures	-	Recreation & Culture	159,454
Interest & Rents	14,000	Unfunded Pension Liability	39,606
Other Revenue	20,200	Debt Service	74,600
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	791,495
		Contingency	126,000
From Fund Balance	146,490	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,125,879</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,125,879</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE/POLICE) FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 9,649	Public Safety	\$ 915,899
Fines & Forfeitures	1,950		
Interest & Rents	-		
Other Revenue	99,805		
Other Financing Sources	791,495	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	13,000	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 915,899</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 915,899</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Charges for Services	\$ 2,500	Other Financing Uses	\$ -
Interest & Rents	1,900		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	4,400
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,400</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,400</u>

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 453,175	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 348,814
Interest & Rents	2,200		
Other Revenue	12,780		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	110,790
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	8,551
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 468,155</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 468,155</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 174,938	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 346,464
Interest & Rents	850		
Other Revenue	-		
Other Financing Sources	110,790	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	59,886	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 346,464</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 346,464</u>

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 21,700	Community & Economic Development	\$ 14,832
Interest & Rents	6,108	Debt Service	1,168
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	<u>11,808</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 27,808</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 27,808</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 167,761	Recreation & Culture	242,500
Charges for Services	-		
Fines & Forfeitures	72,628		
Interest & Rents	1,320		
Other Revenue	14,320		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	<u>13,529</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 256,029</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 256,029</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to direct transfers between function levels of up to \$5,000 and to allocate contingency to functions as needs arise.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Church, and supported by Council Member Kubin.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Church, Kubin, Allen, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Interlocal Agreement – M-46 Sidewalk.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Inter Local Agreement for the M-46 Sidewalk between the City and Pine River Township.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Inter Local Agreement for the M-46 Sidewalk between the City and Pine River Township, subject to Pine River Township's approval in June.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-11 MDOT Contract for M-46 Sidewalk.

Manager Giles requested Council Members Adopt the following Resolution.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by member Kubin, and supported by member Reed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Contract No. 18-5291, Control Section HSIP 29012, Job Number 118951A by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of St. Louis is hereby accepted and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the following Officials are authorized to sign the said contract:

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk
James C. Kelly, Mayor

Yeas: Kubin, Reed, Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted this 5th day of June, 2018

Set Public Hearing for 2017/2018 Budget Amendments.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for 2017/2018 Budget Amendments for June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to set a Public Hearing for 2017/2018 Budget Amendments for June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure for Historical Society Event.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the request for the Historical Society for the temporary closure of Crawford Street on June 26, 2018 from 6 to 9 p.m. for an Evening in the Park Event.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the temporary street closure of Crawford Street on June 26, 2018 from 6 to 9 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Farmers Market Week Proclamation.

Mayor Kelly proclaimed the week of August 5 – 11, 2018 as City of St. Louis Farmers Market week.

Set 2nd Public Hearing for June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to receive Public Comment on the Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

Manager Giles requested members set a 2nd Public Hearing for June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to receive Public Comment on the Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to set a 2nd Public Hearing for June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to receive Public Comment on the Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal. All ayes carried the motion.

2018 Bridge MDOT Audit Resolution Proposal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the 2018 Bridge MDOT Audit Resolution Proposal from Spicer Group in the amount of \$6,900.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin to approve the 2018 Bridge MDOT Audit Resolution Proposal from Spicer Group in the amount of \$6,900.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2018-12 Solid Waste Rates.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2018-12 Solid Waste Rates.

The following preamble and resolution was moved by Reed, supported by Church.

Solid Waste Rate Schedule

These rates shall be effective as of July 1, 2018 and thereafter:

Solid Waste Collection \$13.77, Hazardous Waste Collection 0.43 and Yard Waste Collection \$12.74.

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following: The Solid Waste Authority is having discussions with Republic Services regarding recycling. Further information will be coming. The ribbon cutting at Legacy Pizza is tomorrow. Painting of the sign on the water tower will begin tomorrow and the fishing derby is Saturday.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he will be out of state June 18th thru the 20th, there is a Health and safety fair in Alma on June 13th and the sharps disposal and prescription drop box will be available at the Farmers Market this season.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired if City vehicle were driven home by employees and inquired about the odor the other day at the plant site. Manager Giles stated City vehicles were not driven home and the odor was due to grout and steel casing getting warm. Air quality testing was fine.

Member Allen inquired on inoperable vehicles and the flower bed in the City owned lot.

Public Comment.

There was none.

Adjournment.

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

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 19, 2017

The Special Meeting of the St. Louis City Council and the St. Louis Public School Board was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Officer: Brandon Crowther

Others in Attendance:

Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent

Superintendent Teall introduced St. Louis Public School Board Members and Staff.

Council Member Kubin lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following topics were discussed:

- a. St. Louis Virtual Learning Center
- b. Agriscience Program
- c. After School Woodworking Program
- d. Summer Feeding Program
- e. School Reform Strategies
- f. Community Cleanup/VFW Flag Placement
- g. Athletic Update.
- h. Athletic Field Sewer Project
- i. City Projects
- j. Other

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Officer: Brandon Crowther

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Lisa Pijaszek – Agency on Aging, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Karen Aumaugher – Resident, Dila Boody – Resident, Heather Mills – Business owner

Public Hearing – Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

Karen Aumaugher stated she was not in favor of the millage renewal and felt it should be voted on by the people.

Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Public Hearing – 2017/2018 Budget Amendments.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments on the 2017/2018 Budget Amendments.

There being none, Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2018 with the correction of the typo on page 52. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$368,116.71. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the May, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the May, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Heather Mills asked the amount received from last year's assessment and what was proposed for this year. She also asked questions regarding the electric revenue being received.

Discussion was held.

Lisa Pijaszek gave a presentation on the services the Agency on Aging provides.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items "a" through "c" as shown below:

- a. Payment FTC&H for Water Supply Replacement Project.
- b. Payment to Bader & Sons for Watering Trailer.
- c. Cable Minutes (receive).

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

New Business.

Resolution 2018-13 Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Church:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, has created the St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment District (the "District") to pay for certain costs and expenses of fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations (the "Assessed

Costs”) and assess the costs thereof to the property specially benefitted by said fire and police protection in the District; and

WHEREAS, a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the first year's Assessed Costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed said special assessment roll, and, after due and legal notice, the City Council met on June 5, and June 19 2018, and heard objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems said special assessment roll and special assessment levy to be fair and equitable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The special assessment roll attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be designated “St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment Roll” (the “Roll”).
2. The Roll, in the total sum of \$97,304.40, is hereby confirmed and approved.
3. The assessments made in the Roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected and the City Treasurer is directed to distribute the special assessment levy on the taxable value of all of the lands and premises in the District.
4. The City Council shall annually determine the amount to be assessed in the District for fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations, shall direct the City Treasurer to distribute the special assessment levy, and shall hold a hearing on the estimated costs and expenses of fire and police protection and on the distribution of the levy. The assessment may be made either in a special assessment roll or in a column provided in the regular tax roll. The special assessment shall be distributed and shall become due and be collected at the same time as other City taxes are assessed, levied, and collected, and shall be returned in the same manner for nonpayment. If the collections received from the special assessment levied are, at any time, insufficient to meet the obligations or expenses incurred for fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations, the City Council may, by resolution, authorize the transfer or loan of sufficient money from the general fund of the City, to the special assessment fund. This money shall be repaid to the general fund of the City out of special assessment funds when collected.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT A
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Resolution 2018-14 for 2017/2018 Budget Amendments.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Church:

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2018-2019 fiscal year on June 5, 2018 as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year, certain unforeseen circumstances have arisen which has caused need to amend the budget, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date of June 19, 2018 for a public hearing at 6:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed amended budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said amended budget as represented herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer amounts between activities/functions within a fund's budget a sum not to exceed \$ 20,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such additional transfers between the various funds in accordance with the amendments to arrive at a final budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 674,903	General Government	\$ 521,325
License & Permits	32,150	Public Safety	111,139
Intergovernmental	546,211	Public Works	151,750
Charges for Services	659,336	Community & Economic Development	134,483
Fines & Forfeitures	155	Recreation & Culture	163,343
Interest & Rents	13,895	Unfunded Pension Liability	44,000
Other Revenue	83,563	Debt Service	74,285
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	678,575
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	131,313
Total Revenues	\$ 2,010,213	Total Expenditures	\$ 2,010,213

PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE/POLICE) FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 9,870
Fines & Forfeitures	2,575
Interest & Rents	25
Other Revenue	98,146
Other Financing Sources	678,575
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 789,191</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Public Safety	\$ 786,304
Other Financing Uses	-
To Fund Balance	2,887
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 789,191</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>	
Interest & Rents	\$ 1,800
Other Revenue	2,566
Other Financing Sources	-
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,366</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
General Government	\$ -
Other Financing Uses	-
To Fund Balance	4,366
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,366</u>

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 776,563
Interest & Rents	2,030
Other Revenue	12,780
Other Financing Sources	-
From Fund Balance	62,198
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 853,571</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 743,831
Other Financing Uses	109,740
To Fund Balance	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 853,571</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 219,143
Interest & Rents	1,200
Other Revenue	-
Other Financing Sources	109,740
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 330,083</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 165,525
Other Financing Uses	-
To Fund Balance	164,558
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 330,083</u>

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 18,949	Community & Economic Development	\$ 1,780
Interest & Rents	5,604	Debt Service	1,520
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	8,820
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	12,433
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 24,553</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 24,553</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 165	Recreation & Culture	228,803
Intergovernmental	168,279		
Fines & Forfeitures	80,618		
Interest & Rents	1,320		
Other Revenue	15,768		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	37,347
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 266,150</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 266,150</u>

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Interlocal Cost-Sharing Agreement.

Manager Giles requested members approve to enter into the Interlocal Cost-Sharing Agreement with Pine River Township for the M-46 sidewalk project, subject to the approval of the Pine River Township Board Members.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to enter into the Interlocal Cost-Sharing Agreement with Pine River Township subject to the township's approval.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Appointment to Housing Commission.

Manager Giles requested members approve the request from the Housing Commission to appoint Sam Miller to the Housing Commission to fill the vacancy left by Nancy Rusch.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to appoint Sam Miller to fill the vacancy on the Housing Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Catch Basin Repairs.

Manager Giles requested members approve the replacement of five catch basins by Ward's Excavating in the amount of \$21,000.00, which are needed repairs prior to the paving project.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve catch basin repairs by Ward's Excavating in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda.

Fireworks Permit.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Fireworks Permit and fireworks to be held July 7, 2018.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the 4th of July Fireworks. All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Authorization.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Letter of Authorization from MPPA to purchase power January, February and June of 2019 in a maximum commitment amount of \$34,238.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Letter of Authorization from MPPA to purchase power in a maximum commitment amount of \$34,238.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Church, Allen, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following: There is a meeting with the EPA and DEQ Thursday at 8:00 a.m. for an update on the plant site and to discuss the burn pit. Bids were opened for the street paving projects and the bid award will be on the July 3rd Agenda. Filling of the Crawford Street water tower has begun.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church mentioned brush was blocking the Convex Mirror at the Main Street Bridge.

Member Allen asked if the tax break for new home construction was still offered.

Mayor Kelly stated area residents were parking overnight at the Penny Park Parking lot and asked that when the Park is closed cars not be allowed to park in the parking lot.

Public Comment.

There was none.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen to go into an Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 7:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 27, 2018

The special meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Allen on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Mayor James C. Kelly (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Officer: Brandon Crowther

Others in Attendance: Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider Ratification of IBEW Local 876 Electrical Workers Contract.

Manager Giles requested members ratify the IBEW Electric Department Contract.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the IBEW Electric Department Contract.

Ayes: Church, Reed, Kubin

Nays: Allen

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Joint City/School Board Meeting held on June 19, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 27, 2019. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$574,626.02. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the June, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to receive the June, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to JR Heineman for Water Supply Replacement Project.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services.
- c. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Replacement.

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

New Business.

Request from Middle of the Mitten Association.

Manager Giles requested members approve the request to have a Hospitality Tent for the St. Louis Blues Festival on August 17th and 18th. Also, to approve the temporary street closures.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association. All ayes carried the motion.

Bid Award for 2018 Paving Project.

Manager Giles requested members approve the bid award for the 2018 Paving Project to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$109,285.18.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the bid award for the 2018 Paving Project to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$109,285.18. All ayes carried the motion.

Union Street Pump Station Pump Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the replacement of the Union Street Pump Station Pump by Jett Pump and Valve in the amount of \$19,640.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the replacement of the Union Street Pump Station Pump by Jett Pump and Valve in the amount of \$19,640.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Michigan Avenue Pump Station Pump Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the replacement of the Michigan Avenue Pump Station Pump by Jett Pump and Valve in the amount of \$15,885.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the replacement of the Michigan Avenue Pump Station Pump by Jett Pump and Valve in the amount of \$15,885.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

A meeting was held with the EPA for updates on the burn pit and electrical circuit plans. Another meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2018. Mayor Kelly will attend.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated the Prison inmates are knitting stuffed animals for Police and Fire to hand out to kids.

Council Comments.

Member Church stated he will be out of town through the end of July, and he has had complaints related to not having the Cruise-In Events this summer.

Public Comment.

There was none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Jerry L. Church (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Rich Apps – Fire Chief, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Jim Wheeler – Greater Gratiot, Kasey Zehner – Greater Gratiot, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Theo Von Wallmenich – CH2, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel,

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 3, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$328,753.48. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the June, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the June, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Jim Wheeler of Greater Gratiot gave a presentation on the four Proposals that are on the August 7th Primary Ballot.

Tom Alcamo updated members on the plant site and the burn pit.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Dixon for Crawford Water Tower Project.
- b. Payment to Plunkett & Cooney for Professional Services.
- c. Payment to Cartegraph for Annual Licensing & Support.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.” All eyes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2018-15 Solid Waste Rates and Conditions.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2018-15 Solid Waste Rates and Conditions, which reaffirms the Solid Waste Rates and resolves that all owners or occupants of all residential dwellings within the City of St. Louis are required to subscribe to all components of Solid Waste Service on a continual basis.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution was moved by Kubin, supported by Reed.

Solid Waste Rate Schedule

These monthly rates shall be effective as of July 1, 2018 and thereafter:

Solid Waste Collection \$13.77, Hazardous Waste Collection \$0.43 and Yard Waste Collection \$12.74.

Be it further resolved, the owners or occupants of all residential dwellings within the City of St. Louis are required to subscribe to all components of Solid Waste Service on a continual basis.

AYES: Kubin, Reed, Allen, Kelly

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Additional Business Items.

Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) Federal Catalog Number 10.766.

Manager Giles requested Council Members authorize the City Manager to execute and sign documents related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) Federal Catalog Number 10.766. Commit, as a first priority, the Public Safety Fund – Police Department – Large Equipment line Budget for 2018-19 as the City’s share of match funds for the program to the extent needed.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to authorize the City Manager to execute and sign documents related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) Federal Catalog Number 10.766. Commit, as a first priority, the Public Safety Fund – Police Department – Large Equipment line Budget for 2018-19 as the City’s share of match funds for the program to the extent needed.

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Kubin, Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: Church
Motion carried.

Michigan Avenue Pump Station.

Manager Giles requested approval for bypass pumping at the Michigan Avenue Pump Station for cleaning of the wet well by Godwin Pumps in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed to approve bypass pumping at the Michigan Avenue Pump Station by Godwin Pumps in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members that MDEQ is planning to perform another fish study.

Manager Giles thanked Council Members on behalf of himself and staff for the recent wage & salary increases.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members the Smart 911 Program will be functional soon.

Council Comments.

Member Reed stated he is pleased with the procedure for watering the downtown flowers. He also stated that the Electric Department did an excellent job with restoring power during the recent outage in his area.

Member Allen inquired on blight issues and assessing laws.

Mayor Kelly stated the Music in the Park event and the Fireworks were nice events.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy City Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Matt Baltusis - MDEQ

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 17, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$700,088.64. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the July, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the July, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Baltusis stated he was available for any questions Council might have.

Discussion was held regarding concerns about plant site discharge and other testing. Matt stated all tests are normal as expected. There are no violations.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “h” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Axon Enterprise for Tasers and Assurance Plan.
- b. Payment to Rowe for SRF Project.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Maple Street Project.
- d. Payment to Spicer for Michigan Ave/Pine Street Water Main.
- e. Partial Payment to Central Asphalt for 2018 Pavement Improvements.
- f. Change Order No. 1 for Water Tower Project.
- g. Change Order No. 2 for Water Tower Project.
- h. Cable Consortium Minutes (receive).

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “h.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Re-election of MML Board of Trustees.

Manager Giles requested members approve to re-elect the MML Board of Trustees candidates.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to re-elect the three incumbent MML Board of Trustees candidates. All ayes carried the motion.

Request from VFW to hold a Boot for Heroes Race.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the request from the VFW to hold a 4th Annual Boots for Heroes Race on September 9, 2018 at 8:46 a.m. This includes the closure of Saginaw Street between Main and Clinton Streets.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the request the request from the VFW to hold a Boots for Heroes Race on September 9, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Primary Clarifier Bypass Connection.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the proposal from Spicer Group for design services for the primary bypass connection for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen to approve the proposal from Spicer Group for design services for the primary clarifier bypass connection for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$20,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

An audit of our soil erosion sedimentation program was done last week by MDEQ. There may be issues that need to be addressed.

EPA is ramping up their efforts to move forward with the Orchard Hills water main extension.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant warranty work is coming to an end.

A meeting is scheduled with the Department of Corrections to discuss utility rates.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members of the following:

The part-time car is back in service.

A full-time officer is back from medical leave.

He will be attending Active Threat Training and Drug Training. Sgt. Forshee will be attending Child Abuse Training.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the upcoming EPA Electric Project, Apex's use of a lot in the Industrial Park and the York Street pavement improvements.

Member Allen inquired on the status of the M-46 Pavement Project.

Member Church stated MSU is looking into the birds nesting in the area. He also inquired on the status of the old bank building and the re-sale store.

Mayor Kelly stated he attended a Liaison Meeting and mentioned some issues.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Jen Lobdell – Candidate for County Commissioner

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 7, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$386,609.54. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the July, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the July, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Jennifer Lobdell introduced herself to Council and stated she is running as a write-in candidate

for District 2 County Commissioner.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “d” as shown below:

- a. Change Order No. 3 for Wells 10 & 11.
- b. Payment to Bader & Sons for John Deere Gator.
- c. Payment to Butcher Excavating for Catch Basin Replacements.
- d. Purchase/Payment to Kemira for Ferric Chloride.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Request for Homecoming Parade.

Manager Giles recommended members approve the request for the Annual Homecoming Parade to be held Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Homecoming Parade to be held Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Oxidation Ditch No. 2 at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the sludge removal from Oxidation Ditch No. 2 by R.B. Satkowiak’s Sewer Cleaning in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the sludge removal from Oxidation Ditch No. 2 by R.B. Satkowiak’s Sewer Cleaning in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the following items:

1. MML Conference Early Bird Registration.
2. Electric Rate Cost of Services Study.
3. Meeting held with MDOC.
4. Fall Goal Setting Meeting.
5. Meeting held with Historical Society.
6. 2018 Pavement Project.
7. Gratiot Community Foundation Grant Application.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Members mentioned the nice turn out at the recent Blues Festival.

Member Kelly commented on complaints from residents on York Street. The issue was promptly taken care of.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

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

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Jennifer Lobdell – Candidate for County Commissioner

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 21, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$688,137.48. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the August, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the August, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “f” as shown below:

- a. Final Payment to Seven Brothers Painting for Crawford Water Tower Project.
- b. Final Payment to Central Asphalt for 2018 Pavement Improvement Project.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – MI Ave./Pine St. Water Main Replacement.
- d. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Maple St. Infrastructure Improvements.
- e. Payment to CORE Technology for Hosting/Maintenance Fee.
- f. Payment No. 3 to Peerless Midwest for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply.
- g. Purchase/Payment to Library Design Assoc. for Furniture.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “f.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Correction to August 21, 2018 Claims and Accounts.

Manager Giles informed members that the August 21, 2018 Claims and Accounts should have had an additional payment in the amount of \$114.07. This was a purchase from Microsoft on a credit card that was accidentally coded to the Fire Department. The amount approved was \$386,609.54.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the corrected amount of \$386,723.61.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed to approve the August 21, 2018 corrected Claims and Accounts with the addition of \$114.07 in the amount of \$386,723.61. All ayes carried the motion.

MPPA Energy Services Project Transaction Authorization.

Manager Giles requested members approve the MPPA Energy Services Project Solar Power Supply Agreement with a maximum first-year rate paid to MPPA in the amount of \$43.75 per MWh, which will then escalate by 2% each year thereafter.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the MPPA Energy Services Project and authorize Representative Kurt Giles to execute the Authorization. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the following items:

1. The Grant Application for the Swimming Pool area.
2. The Net Metering Project.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members he will be out of town next week and the Old US-27 Motor Tour went well.

Council Comments.

Member Church said he was contacted by a resident that stated how nice the City is doing compared to others and they were proud to be residents of St. Louis.

Discussion was held on the Motor Tour and maintaining the Swimming Pool.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 18, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,

Council Members Absent: Thomas L. Reed (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Theo VonWallmenich – CH2M

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$393,785.92. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the August, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the August, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Tom Alcamo updated members on the burn pit, plant site and downstream river bank testing.

Consent Agenda.

There were no items.

New Business.

MML Board of Directors Election.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve to re-elect the two incumbent Directors to the MML Liability and Property Pool Board.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen to approve to re-elect the two incumbent Directors to the MML Liability and Property Pool Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Annual Homecoming Community Bonfire.

Manager Giles requested members approve the request from the St. Louis High School Pep Club to hold the Annual Homecoming Community Bonfire on Monday, September 24, 2018 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the request from the St. Louis High School Pep Club to hold the Annual Homecoming Community Bonfire on Monday, September 24, 2018 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Playground Equipment for Leppien Park.

Manager Giles requested member approve the purchase of playground equipment from GameTime for Leppien Park in the amount of \$24,996.99, of which \$12,500.00 will be paid with grant funds from Gratiot County Community Foundation.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of playground equipment from GameTime for Leppien Park in the amount of \$24,996.99, of which \$12,500.00 will be paid with grant funds from Gratiot County Community Foundation. All ayes carried the motion.

Thanks was given to Gratiot County Community Foundation for the generous grant funds.

City Manager Report.

None.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church commended staff for the recent tree removal at Clapp Park.

Member Allen inquired on the mowing of property along M-46.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 2, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Sergeant: Kristi Forshee

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, several high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$428,543.81. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the September, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the September, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to R.B. Satkowiak’s for Oxidizer Pit Cleaning.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Maple Street.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – MI Ave/Pine Water Main Replacement.
- d. Central Dispatch Minutes - Receive.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Pavement Repairs at Cemetery.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve asphalt repairs at the Cemetery by Rite-Way Asphalt in the amount of \$6,500.00. The repairs will be near the vault house, back garage and a few miscellaneous spots.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church. to approve asphalt repairs at the Cemetery by Rite-Way Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Vector Sewer Truck.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a Vector Sewer Truck from Jack Doheny Company in the budgeted amount of \$399,151.91.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a Vector Sewer Truck from Jack Doheny Company in the amount of \$399,151.91.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Allen, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Groundwater Elevation Monitoring.

Manager Giles requested members approve to extend Professional Services from FTC&H for Groundwater Elevation Monitoring for an additional six months in the amount of \$6,400.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve to extend Professional Services from FTC&H for Groundwater Elevation Monitoring. All ayes carried the motion.

Fine Screen Unit.

Manager Giles requested members approve the rebuild of the Fine Screen Unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by Parkson in the amount of \$18,893.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the rebuild of the Fine Screen Unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by Parkson in the amount of \$18,893.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members of the following items:

1. The Police Department was not awarded the Grant for two Police cars. They plan to re-apply.
2. An expansion in the Industrial Park is expected. More to follow.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Sergeant Forshee stated the gas station fire is an open investigation and is being treated as an arson.

Council Comments.

Member Allen thanked members for allowing her to attend the MML Conference and the City looked great for homecoming.

Member Church stated he thought Phil Hansen did a great job on the grant presentation.

Member Kubin stated the response time by Police and Fire at the gas station fire was amazing. Discussion was held regarding securing the open building.

Member Kelly stated what he thought was smoke at the former Plant Site is steam. He also stated the several students that attended the meeting were well behaved.

Public Comment.

A student inquired if a recent garage fire and gas station fire were connected. Sergeant Forshee stated no.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed (both excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief : Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 2, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$608,761.58. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the September, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to receive the September, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Spicer for Prof. Svc. for Bypass Connection.
- b. Payment to NutriGro for Biosolids Land Application.
- c. Payment No. 8 to JR Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- d. Correspondence from Leppien’s (receive).

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Re-Appointment to Chamber Board.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve to re-appoint DDA Director Phil Hansen to the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce Board for 2019.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve to re-appoint DDA Director Phil Hansen to the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Contract Modification No. 5 for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve Contract Modification No. 5 from JR Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply Replacement Project in the amount of \$31,142.13.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Contract Modification No. 5 from JR Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply Replacement Project in the amount of \$31,142.13. All ayes carried the motion.

Sludge Piping Modifications at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manager Giles requested members approve sludge piping modifications at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by TH Eifert in the amount of \$13,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve sludge piping modifications at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by TH Eifert in the amount of \$13,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

2018 Sidewalk Replacement Project.

Manager Giles requested members approve the 2018 Sidewalk Replacement Project by Seifert Concrete in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the 2018 Sidewalk Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members of the following items:

1. Reminder of County Parks Meeting.
2. Insitu-thermal Treatment Phase 1 at former Plant Site will be shut down this week.
3. A Meeting on the possibility of an Assessing District is scheduled for the 24th.
4. Goal Meeting is scheduled for the 23rd.
5. Proposal 18-1 regarding Marijuana is on the November 6th Ballot and the issue is being researched to see what options the City has.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church asked how the Treatment Plant is handling all the recent rain.

Member Allen inquired on the following: The Coalition on Substance Abuse Training that Chief Ramereiz attended, the possibility of a presentation for the Fire Departments K-9 Respirator that is planned to be donated.

Member Allen also stated the City is blessed to have the Leppien family's continued support in the community.

Mayor Kelly commended leaders of the St. Louis Police Department for being proactive with the Body Camera Program.

Public Comment.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Historic House Dedication on Franklin Street.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 23, 2018

The Goal Setting Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin
City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy City Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Mike Parsons – Electric Department, Jessica Little – Library Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following items were discussed:

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REPAINTING OF CRAWFORD STREET WATER TOWER

FORMER CITY HALL BUILDING – RENOVATED AND SERVING FIVE BUSINESSES
The Shop, Dragonfly Escape, LEAN, Sweet Rickeddy Redo's, Bakers Dozen

OTHER NEW BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN
Flegel Tech Repair, GIHN, Legacy Pizza

CLARK STATION GRANT AWARDED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE BEHIND FORMER CITY HALL
NEW TRASH CONTAINERS DOWNTOWN
REPLACEMENT OF MULCH IN DOWNTOWN BEDS ONGOING
IMPROVEMENT OF FLOWER PLANTERS

M-46 PAVING WITH CENTER TURN LANE AND SIDEWALK TO HIDDEN OAKS DRIVE

EMCOG GRANT FOR FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION

LINCOLN PARK RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

Gratiot County Community Foundation grant

LEPPIEN PARK GRANT AWARDED

Gratiot County Community Foundation grant

Also rebuilt wooden walkways/overlooks

RESURFACED SWIMMING POOL INTERIOR

Gratiot County Community Foundation grant

GREAT GRANT APPLICATION AND PRESENTATION MADE/MAC-TV PARTNERSHIP

Pool building and surrounding area

STREET PAVING PROJECTS

WELLS 10/11 AND RAW WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN INTO SERVICE IN EARLY 2018

IMPLEMENTED ASSET MANAGEMENT WORK ORDER SYSTEM

PHASE I OF INSITUTHERMAL PROJECT COMPLETE

COMPLETED WATER/WASTEWATER RATE STUDIES

RECEIVED SECA SETTLEMENT FROM LONG STANDING ELECTRICAL ISSUE

LIBRARY UPDATES (ATTACHMENT)

RENEWED POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING THROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

FINANCIAL

ACCOUNTING CHANGES – New State Chart/Enterprise Account Changes

ASSESSING REORGANIZATION

FEDERAL GRANTS POLICY CHANGES – New Super Rules

GRANTS – search for more

REVISE ZONING ORDINANCE

NEW CITY HALL AREA

Additional Shoreline projects

Hydro Park

AED Cabinet

PARKS & RECREATION

SWIMMING POOL BATH HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Assistance from DeShano Construction
Use some funds from bath house replacement fund
GREAT Grant results November 13
Lincoln Park basketball court
Penny Park play equipment
County Parks millage meeting of October 17

LIBRARY (SEE ATTACHED)

SALE OF CITY PROPERTIES – POLICY for Realtor Fees set

INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY

Discuss pricing to sell

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING THROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT – DISCUSSION REQUESTED

UTILITIES

UPDATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ST. LOUIS WATER SUPPLY REPLACEMENT – 4th Production Well

WATER SYSTEM

Pine Street water main replacement
Maple Street reconstruction
Other water main replacements – M-46 ESPECIALLY,
Fire hydrants painted – ongoing rotation
Orchard Hills area Water Main Extension (Superfund-related)
Lead (Pb) Service Line Elimination

WASTEWATER

State Revolving Fund Project – Phase II – wastewater collection – athletic fields, etc.
I & I Reduction Implementation ongoing
Possible lining projects
 South half of 100 block of North Mill Street
 300 block of North Mill Street
 North Street from Pine to North Mill Streets
Berea Street water/sewer reconstruct
Michigan Avenue pump station replacement
Devon Street metering station upgrades

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

NEXT VELSICOL INSITUTHERMAL PROJECTS – PHASE II/BURN PIT
ELECTRIC RATE STUDY IN PROGRESS
SANDBLAST AND REPAINT BASES OF M-46 LAMP POSTS

Net Metering Program Implementation
Spillway Gate rehabilitation
Shoreline Protection Program
2400/4160V distribution conversion and new 12, 470V circuit
Building painted to match New City Hall
Buy new Christmas decorations annually
Update Distribution System Study
Remote Disconnect Meters

UTILITIES (CONTINUED)

STREETS/BRIDGES/TRANSPORTATION

Main Street Bridge replacement – 2021 at the earliest
Possible coordination with Small Urban and/or SRF Phase II
Next Small Urban funded project – 2020
State Street between Michigan & Main Streets or North Main Street (design needed)
Coordinated with water and wastewater needs
Other Local/Major Streets resurfacing
Project Act 51 funding
Prospect Street between Corinth and Hebron reconstruction
Hebron between Prospect and Olive reconstruction

100 BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN STREET (BR-127) STILL BAD AFTER 2016 PROJECT!

North Mill Street corridor improvements
New “welcome signs” at City Limits
RENOVATIONS OF M-46 ENHANCEMENT GRANT AREA – TREE REMOVAL, ETC.

DOWNTOWN

Potential for upstairs apartments
Blight issues and empty buildings

(Attachment)

LIBRARY

We are in the process of updating the library meeting room including new, more multifunctional (and matching) furniture; a fresh coat of paint; better storage organization and a new through-wall book return.

Within the past year we have expanded our digital collection options and added ABC Mouse Home-Checkout.

We partnered with St. Louis school district (and others; I don't recall all the sponsors) to provide free lunches this summer (not sure whether or not this would be included, because this was pretty passive on our part and our numbers were low enough they probably will seek a different venue next year).

We hosted an AmeriCorps member from September 2017-March 2018 in a cooperative initiative of the Gratiot County libraries in order to provide free financial literacy workshops and volunteer income tax assistance programs throughout the county. While this was a partnership among all the libraries, T.A. Cutler Memorial Library was primary point of contact for the program.

Established a teen book club and expanded the scope of the teen advisory committee

Currently in the planning process:

Providing additional seating and either powered or charging work-stations to accommodate the increasing number of bring-your-own devices patrons.

Updating outdated components of our technology infrastructure

Implementing a fine-free policy (at least on a trial basis) to improve equitable access

Modifying our classification and organization system in the children's collection (moving away from DDC) to improve browsability and self-directed location of materials

Expanding VITA service without the assistance of an AmeriCorps member and with consideration of the new tax laws and forms

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, several high school students

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Special City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 23, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$386,258.47. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the October, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the October, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Maple Street.
- b. Payment to UFC for Rate Study.
- c. Payment to Detroit Salt for Road Salt.
- d. Central Dispatch Minutes (receive).

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Request for Christmas Parade.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association for temporary road closures for the Small-Town Family Christmas Parade to be held Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association for temporary road closures for the Small-Town Family Christmas Parade to be held Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2018-16 Poverty Exemption.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2018-06 which adopts the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines used in the determination of Poverty Exemptions.

Discussion was held.

The following resolution was offered by City Council Member Allen, and supported by City Council Member Kubin.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of St. Louis, Gratiot County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.

2) File a claim with the Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*.

3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed \$10,000.00 excluding homestead equity, cash value of one automobile and home furnishings.

Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.

4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.

5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.

6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after July 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2019 federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions

Size of Family Unit	2019 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 12,140
2	\$ 16,460
3	\$ 20,780
4	\$ 25,100
5	\$ 29,420
6	\$ 33,740
7	\$ 38,060
8	\$ 42,380
For each additional person	\$ 4,320

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:
 Ayes: Allen, Kubin, Reed, Church, Kelly
 Nays: None
 The Deputy City Clerk declared the resolution Adopted.

Purchase of Water Department Truck.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford from Krapohl Ford to replace the 2003 Water Department Truck in the amount of \$43,515.10

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford from Krapohl Ford to replace the 2003 Water Department Truck in the amount of \$43,515.10. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members that the Planning Commission was meeting next week to discuss a Special Use Permit for the homeless/transition house and Jer-Den expansion.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz displayed the new High Tactical Vests that were purchased through a grant from the Luneack Foundation. A vest was received for each patrol car.

Council Comments.

Member Church stated he will not be able to attend the November 20th Council Meeting.

Member Reed took a tour of the proposed homeless shelter at 1001 West Washington and stated it was very nice.

Member Allen discussed employee of the month spotlight.

Discussion was held regarding continued talks with legislators on revenue sharing and other funding.

Mayor Kelly stated he was thrilled with the heavy turnout for the election.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

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

Bobbie Marr, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Jerry L. Church (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, one high school student

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 6, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$300,965.94. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the October, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to receive the October, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Spicer for Primary Clarifier Bypass Connection Design at the WWTP.
- b. Correspondence from AT&T – Receive.
- c. Correspondence from Gratiot County Community Foundation – Receive.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2018-17 – Pavement Warranty Program.

Manager Giles stated the City is required by the State to adopt a Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Allen:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature (MCL 247.663) requires each city of village to adopt a Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program that was approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2018’

WHEREAS, the Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program was developed by the Local Agency Pavement Warranty Task Force for use by all 533 cities and villages in the format approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2018;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program consisting of Special Provisions (Boilerplate, Concrete, HMA, Location, Pass-Through Warranty Bond); a Warranty Bond Form and Contract Form; and Guidelines for Local Agency Pavement Warranty Programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of St. Louis hereby adopts the Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program and accompanying documents in accordance to the requirements of MCL 247.663;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution is made a part of the minutes of the City of St. Louis meeting on November 20, 2018.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution 2018-18 Council Meeting Dates for 2019

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2018-18 which set the 2019 City Council Meeting dates and time.

Discussion was held.

The following resolution was offered by City Council Member Allen, and supported by City Council Member Reed.

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 2019.

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

*exception

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.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Allen, Reed, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Purchase of Transformer.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a Transformer for Bear Truss from Solomon, Inc. in the amount of \$6,115.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of a Transformer from Solomon, Inc. in the amount of \$6,115.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

EPA will be performing river bank sampling next week.

The Special Use Permit for the Homeless Shelter was approved by the Planning Commission.

Steve Larsen does not intend to continue as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission as of January 1, 2019.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council of the changes that will be taking place with the NIXLE Program.

Also, December 6th is Internet Safety Lunch and Learn, December 1st is Shop with a Hero and the Smart 911 program is up and running.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated he will not be in attendance at the December 4th Council Meeting and asked members if they plan to attend the MML Conference in March. Member Kubin also commented on the GREAT Grant video.

Discussion was held regarding evaluation of employees.

Mayor Kelly stated he sent the GREAT Grant video to friends in other states and they also thought it was a great video.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, several high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$387,424.59. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the November, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the November, 2018 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Patty Macha addressed concerns she has with the Cemetery Rules regarding flower and decoration guidelines and also offered solutions. It was the consensus of the council that the

Cemetery Committee meet to discuss the concerns.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to MECA for 2019 Safety Dues.
- b. Payment No. 9 to JR Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- c. Payment to FTC&H for Ground Water Monitoring.
- d. Partial Payment to Parkson for Fine Screen Unit Rebuild.
- e. Payment to Game Time for Play Structure at Leppien Park.
- f. Cable Consortium Minutes – Receive.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “f.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2018-19 – Implement Local Pavement Warranty Program.

Manager Giles stated the City is required by the State to adopt a Resolution to Implement the Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Allen:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Legislature created a requirement (MCI 247.663) as part of the Transportation Funding Package of 2015 that requires each city and village to adopt a Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program that was approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2018;

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis adopted the Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program on November 20, 2018.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis agrees to consider a local pavement warranty on each project that includes \$2 million or more in paving-related items *and* includes any state or federal funds;

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program law requires each city and village to report annually on each project that includes \$2 million or more in paving-related items and includes any state or federal funds, whether or not a warranty was utilized in the project;

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis agrees to implement the Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program consistent with the Guidelines for Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program document that was approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2018;

and which the City of St. Louis adopted Implementation Policy defines the City of St. Louis' intent of its pavement warranty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of St. Louis hereby agrees to implement the Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program and annually report in accordance with the law.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Replacement of Truck #65.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge ½ ton pickup truck from Lafontaine of Lansing in an amount not to exceed \$20,392.00 to replace Truck #65 that was totaled in the Martin Chrysler Dodge Dealer fire. An insurance check in the amount of \$10,951.00 for the totaled truck is expected this week.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge ½ ton pickup truck from Lafontaine in an amount not to exceed \$20,392.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Bucket Truck.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a bucket truck for the Electric Department from Altec in the budgeted amount of \$274,112.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of a bucket truck from Altec in the amount of \$274,112.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Spare Pump for Prison Bar Screen.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a spare pump for the Prison Bar Screen from Vaughn Company in the amount of \$17,617.00 which will be reimbursed by the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of a spare pump for the Prison Bar Screen from Vaughn Company in the amount of \$17,617.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Police Vehicle.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Police Utility (Explorer) and equipment from Jim Navarre Ford in an amount not to exceed \$43,114.68.

Discussion was held.

No action was taken at this time and Chief Ramereiz will obtain an additional quote through the MI-Deal Program.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members that he, Chief Ramereiz, the Mayor and Member Allen attended the MML Presentation on Recreational Marijuana.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Reed clarified his comment at the last meeting stating he does not want to see employee evaluations, he would like to see the form.

Member Reed also asked the status of the investigation of the gas station fire. Chief Ramereiz stated there are no findings yet.

Mayor Kelly stated he felt there are valid points to Patty Macha's concerns regarding the cemetery.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjournment.

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

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 18, 2018

The Work Session of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy City Clerk: Bobbi Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Discuss Electric Rate Study

Mark Beauchamp from Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) gave a presentation on the Electric Rate Preliminary Study Results.

Discussion was held regarding the results of the study.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 18, 2018

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy City Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 4, 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$407,030. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the November, 2018 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the November, 2018 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Solomon for Purchase of Transformer.
- b. Payment to MDEQ for Annual NPDES Permit.
- c. Final Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.

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

New Business.

Set Public Hearing for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Designation.

Manager Giles stated Ryan Smith is developing property and requested members approve the designation of OPRA for 131 North Mill, property ID 29-53-010-126-00 and 133 North Mill property, ID 29-53-010-127-00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed to set a Public Hearing for January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to possibly designate 131 and 133 North Mill Street as OPRA property. All ayes carried the motion.

Ratify Letter of Authorization to Purchase Power.

Manager Giles requested members ratify the Letter of Authorization to Purchase Power in the maximum commitment amount of \$281,145.60 from March 2019 to December 2019.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to ratify the Letter of Authorization to Purchase Power in the maximum commitment amount of \$281,145.60 from March 2019 to December 2019. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Police Vehicle.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of two 2020 Ford Utility Explorers for the Police Department from Jorgensen Ford through the MiDeal Program in the amount of \$49,294.04 each.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the purchase of two 2020 Ford Utility Explorers for the Police Department from Jorgensen Ford through the MiDeal Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Discussion was held regarding the use of the Frederickson Property.

The audit is complete and is expected to be presented at the January 15th Meeting.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated the Nixel text program is no longer available because of the cost. The alerts will still be posted to social media.

Discussion was held regarding Community Service.

Council Comments.

Member Allen stated she felt this year's Christmas Parade was one of the better ones.

Public Comment.

Kevin Murphy of 520 Teaman Street stated he is disabled and has a pot belly pig.

Discussion was held.

Kevin Murphy will bring paper work to Chief Ramereiz.

DDA Director Hansen stated he wished people knew the amount of time and effort that goes into topics and decisions.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, City Clerk