

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

February 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Public participation was made available by Zoom or call-in.

Council Members Present: Via Zoom Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed (all members participated from within the City of St. Louis).

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Mark Abbott – Public Works Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echinaw – St. Louis Sentinel

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 19, 2021.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$651,859.23.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the January, 2020 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to receive the January, 2020 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Change Order No 1 – Michigan Avenue Water Main Replacement.
- b. Final Payment to Ward’s Excavating – Michigan Avenue Water Main Replacement.
- c. Payment to Green Company for Fine Screen and Fume Hood Replacement.
- d. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
- e. Change Order No. 3 – Maple Street Reconstruction.
- f. Final Payment to Malley Construction – Maple Street Reconstruction.
- g. Payment to MMEA for 2021 Membership Dues.
- h. Energy Optimization Report – Receive.
- i. Payment to USA Blue Book for Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Equipment and Supplies.
- j. Payment to BS&A Software for Annual Service/Support Fee.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “j”.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business.

Appointment to Library Board.

Manager Giles stated the Library Board is requesting members appoint Sue Vibber to fill the vacancy on the Library Board.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the appointment of Sue Vibber to the Library Board.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Special Assessment on County Drain #218.

Manager Giles requested approval for pre-payment to Gratiot County Drain Commission for the Special Assessment on County Drain #218 in the amount of \$5,517.37. The drain is from Horse Creek and runs into the Pine River near Michigan Avenue. It is 1% of the total cost of the total cost of the drain improvement project and 5% less if paid in lump sum instead of spreading it out over 15 years.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the pre-payment to Gratiot County Drain Commission for the Special Assessment on County Drain #218 in the lump sum amount of \$5,517.37.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. There was a water main leak Friday afternoon at Main and Tyrell Street. Once located, repairs were made crews worked until after 10:00 p.m.
2. Tony's Restaurant has been demolished and they are working on filling in the basement.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief informed members of the following:

1. CPR Training has started and DPW plus the City Manager have completed their training. Working on re-certifying the rest of City staff.
2. Doug Stacer has been hired as a full-time officer. He is a retired Saginaw Officer after 23 years of service. He will be a great addition to the department.

Council Comments.

There were no comments.

Public Comments.

Ralph asked about the recent crime spree on Michigan Avenue. Chief Ramereiz stated they were juveniles.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk