

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

March 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, March 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:

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

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2021.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$519,410.53.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Monthly Board Minutes.

No meetings were held in February.

Audience Recognition.

Ralph Echtenaw asked if there were any discussions about postponing utility rate increases due to the virus and because of the all the struggling people. Manager Giles stated there have been no discussions.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to John Green Company – WWTP Fine Screen and Fume Hood Replacement.
- b. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
- c. Cable Minutes – Receive.
- d. SLIPR Minutes – Receive.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.”

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business.

Assessing Agreement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Assessing Agreement between the City of Alma and the City of St. Louis, which will commence May 1, 2021 and continue until something changes. It does include an annual 1 ½% increase. Alma City Commissioners are expected to approve it at their meeting next week so it would be contingent on their approval.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Assessing Agreement between the City of Alma and the City of St. Louis, contingent on Alma’s approval.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kubin

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Purchase of Electric Meters.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of 112-200 AMP 240 Volt single phase Electric Meters from Etna Supply in the amount of \$12,936.00. These meters are stock as replacement of older meters continues.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the purchase of 112 Electric Meters from Etna Supply in the amount of \$12, 936.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Multi-Purpose Room Floor Treatment.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Multi-Purpose room Floor Treatment by Mann's Painting in the amount of \$10,506.00 that will be partially reimbursed by the City's Insurance. The restoration company cleaned and deodorized the carpet after the water leak, there was still a musty, stale smell. The carpet has been removed by City staff. The estimate to replace the carpet is \$11,772.89. The insurance company would pay \$9,418.32 after 20% depreciation. Staff has decided it would be best to have an Epoxy Chip Floor Coating system installed. It is long lasting, durable and there would be no further threat of water damage to the floor.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Multi-Purpose room floor treatment by Mann's Painting in the amount of \$10, 506.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Purchase of Crack Seal Material.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of Crack Seal Material from National Highway Maintenance System (NHMS) in the amount of \$9,480.00.

Mark Abbott stated the material will be used on local streets, the Fire Departments parking lot, City Hall parking lot and some Alleys. The majority will be used for local streets.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of Crack Seal Material from NHMS in the amount of \$9,480.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. The carpet in City Hall office area is scheduled to be replaced and all partitions will have to be disassembled and then re-assembled. City Hall is closed Friday and Monday while installation occurs.

2. The Mid-Michigan Department of Health will soon have a Mobil Vaccine Clinic and plan to use the City Hall South parking lot for vaccinations. It will be held two days, one for the first vaccine and one for the second vaccine approximately four weeks later. They are just waiting on funding. They will be vaccinating persons 60 years old and older.
3. The relaxation of the Open Meeting Act expires March 31st. Plans are the have Council Members return to meeting in person for the April 6th Council Meeting.
4. The MML virtual conference in March 16th & 17th. The cost is \$150.00 if members want to attend.
5. With the cancelation of the Employee Appreciation Dinner, Manager Giles stated he would like to publicly announce that at the end of 2020, Todd Leslie, Electric Department celebrated 20-years of service. Phil Hansen, DDA Director celebrated 20-years of service. Keith Risdon, Public Services Director celebrated 5-years of service, Officer Brett Morell celebrated 5-years of service and Allison Gregory, Library Assistant celebrated 5-years of service.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated Dori Foster is in the process of compiling a list of inoperable vehicles in the City and should complete by Friday. The list will be given to the Officers on duty this weekend.

AED's for the library and pool will be installed soon. The AED at the at the pool will be removed and used as a spare at City Hall when the pool season ends due to the building not being heated and will be reinstalled each pool season.

Council Comments.

Member Reed commended DPW staff on snow removal this winter.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw inquired on the dump truck repairs. Mark Abbott stated the truck is repaired and back in service.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk