

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

April 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Public participation was made available by Zoom or call-in.

Council Members Present: 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 except Member Kubin participated from Dimondale, Michigan).

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 Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 6, 2021.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Closed Session held on April 6, 2021.

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays:

Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$565,935.29.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the March, 2021 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the March, 2021 Monthly Reports and place on file.

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Compass Minerals for Road Salt.
- b. Payment to National Highway Maintenance System for Crack Seal.
- c. Payment to Freed Construction for Library Gazebo Repairs.
- d. Payment to Mann’s Painting for Multi-Purpose Room Flooring.
- e. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well #12.
- f. Energy Optimization Report – Receive.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “f.”

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business.

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals.

Manager Giles stated Don Burch has expressed interest in being appointed to fill one of the vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals and requested members appoint Don Burch to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to appoint Don Burch to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Purchase of GPS Locator.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a GPS Locator from Discovery Management Group in the amount of \$8,270.00, which will assist in locating infrastructure.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the purchase of a GPS Locator from Discovery Management Group in the amount of \$8,270.00.

Ayes: Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MDOT Bridge Scour Protection Project.

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Spicer Group for Professional Services for the MDOT Bridge Scour Protection and Bank Stabilization Project in the amount of \$69,900.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve the proposal from Spicer Group for the MDOT Bridge Scour Protection Project in the amount of \$69,900.00.

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-05 Acceptance of the MDOT Contract for State Street Reconstruction and Authorizing Signatures.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2021-05 accepting of the MDOT Contract for State Street Reconstruction and Authorizing Signatures.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, MDOT Contract No. 21-5079, Control Section HIPS 29000, Job Number 207331 CON 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, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Addendum to M-46 Sidewalk Contract.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Addendum to the M-46 Sidewalk Contract with Seifert Concrete that

will include a 24” x 32” concrete slab at the DPW for storage of pea stone and crushed concrete in the budgeted amount of \$5,200.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the addendum to the M-46 Sidewalk Contract with Seifert Concrete in the amount of \$5,200.00.

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Swimming Pool Repairs.

Manager Giles stated a quote for Swimming Pool repairs was received from Peters Pool Painting and we are expecting one more quote.

Manager Giles requested members authorize for repairs to the swimming pool in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the contractor to be determined by staff due to time constraints with an expected opening date of June 5th.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve authorize swimming pool repairs in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the contractor to be determined by staff.

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated he attended the Arcada Planning meeting and the site plan for well #12 was approved.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members that Officer Stacer has been offered a job at Buena Vista Township as a K-9 handler and will be leaving St. Louis.

Council Comments.

Member Collison asked on the status of the possibility of a sidewalk going to Dollar General.

Member Leonard asked about J-Turns.

Member Reed asked if there were any issues on Maple Street since No Parking signs have been installed. There are no issues.

Mayor Kelly stated he received a letter from 3rd grader, Vincint Reed inquiring if the swimming pool will open this

summer and a Wal-Mart coming to St. Louis. Mayor Kelly addressed his questions at his class and commended the 3rd grade teachers for the great job they do with the students.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw asked about the Jail Reform Act. Chief Ramereiz gave the following Summary of the Michigan Jail Reform Act:

- Effective April 1st, Appearance Tickets MUST be issued for all crimes where the maximum penalty does not exceed 1 year in jail (misdemeanor or ordinance violations).
- There are 6 identified misdemeanors where the maximum penalty does not exceed 1 year in jail where the officer can arrest and lodge OR issue an appearance ticket.
- An officer does have the DISCRETION to arrest the person, REGARDLESS of the offense if 1 of 8 specifically identified situations are present:
- There are 19 “Serious Misdemeanors” identified where the suspect must be lodged.
- There are 14 “Assaultive Crimes” identified where the suspect must be lodged.
- EFFECTIVE October 1, 2021, there will be 12 identified misdemeanor offenses that will become civil infractions.
- Traffic citations must now include a heading to write/type the suspect's cell phone number and email address.
- Traffic citations now must include instructions for the recipient of a ticket to follow if they are not able to pay the financial penalty for the ticket they have received.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk