

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

May 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, May 4, 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)

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 – Public Works Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2021.

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, 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 \$407,434.63.

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the April, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to receive the April, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file.

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

Ralph Echtenaw inquired on the status of the Sunshine Resale Store and the former Clark Gas Station.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment No. 4 to John Green Co. for Fine Screen/Fume Hood Replacement.
- b. Payment No. 5 to John Green Co. for Fine Screen/Fume Hood Replacement.
- c. Payment No. 1 to Fisher Contracting for MI Ave. Pump Station Replacement Project.
- d. Change Order No 1 to Fisher Contracting for MI Ave. Pump Station.
- e. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services - Well 12.
- f. Payment to OHM for Professional Services - Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
- g. Payment to Worthy Electric for Leppien Park Pavilion Wiring.
- h. Payment to Discovery Management for GPS Locator.
- i. A Day in the Park Event Information – Receive.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “i.”

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business.

Senior Cruise Parade and Temporary Street Closures.

Manager Giles requested approval of the request from the St. Louis High School to hold the Class of 2021 Senior Cruise Parade and for temporary street closures.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the request from the St. Louis High School to hold the Class of 2021 Senior Cruise Parade and temporary street closures May 27, 2021 at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Lincoln Park Basketball Court Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve Lincoln Park Basketball Court Replacement by All Seasons Builders in the amount of \$8,283.00 and line painting in the amount of \$750.00 for a total amount of \$9,033.00. The project is expected

to begin in June, 2021. Funds will be used from the Gratiot County Community Foundation Grant.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve Lincoln Park Basketball Court Replacement by All Seasons Builders in the amount of \$8,283.00 and line painting in the amount of \$750.00 for a total amount of \$9,033.00.

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Proclamation – Fire Chief Rich Apps

The following Proclamation was read and proclaimed by Mayor Kelly:

Fire Chief Richard L. Apps Upon His Retirement

After 38 Years of Distinguished Service

Proclamation

May 4th, 2021

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Louis wish to express their sincere appreciation to Chief Apps for his extraordinary record of service to the City of Louis and Townships of Bethany, Jasper and Pine River. Chief Apps has worked tirelessly in serving the citizens of the St. Louis area and his fellow firefighters. The Chief's service on what is now known as the St. Louis Area Fire Department began in 1982. His 38 years as a member of the Fire Department included 10 years serving as a Lieutenant and 20 years in the position of Fire Chief until his retirement in 2020.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council now wish to congratulate Chief Apps on his retirement and recognize his many years of dedicated service to his community. On the afternoon of May 10th, 2021, community members will join to congratulate Chief Apps on his retirement and his many accomplishments. This occasion provides a wonderful time to recognize the Chief's deep commitment represented by 38 years of service to his community. Chief Apps will leave a legacy of community pride in the St. Louis Area Fire Department which has been a vital part of public safety throughout his career.

NOW, THEREFORE, I James C. Kelly, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the 10th day of May, 2021 as Fire Chief Apps Day in the City of St. Louis and dedicate this day to recognize and honor his many years of exemplary community service.

All Council Members expressed their support of Proclaiming May 10, 2021 as Fire Chief Apps Day.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on union negotiations. The process has started with both IBEW groups. The Water, Wastewater and DPW group is meeting again this week. The Electric group met and after two or three hours with no progress being made, it is being sent to a mediation session.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the sidewalk project.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw inquired on the repair project at the swimming pool.

Adjournment.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk