

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed

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, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echinaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 18, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$1,077,314.18. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

There were none.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment No. 3 to Fisher Contracting for Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- c. Payment to OHM for Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
- d. Payment to Central Asphalt for 2021 Pavement Improvements.
- e. Payment to All Seasons Builders for Lincoln Park Basketball Court.
- f. Payment to Plunkett Cooney – Attorney Fees for Union Negotiations.
- g. Change Order No. 3 from Fisher Contracting for Michigan Avenue Pump Station Replacement.

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

New Business.

Discuss Electric Rates.

Manager Giles stated he did a comparison between the City of St. Louis electric rates and Consumers Energy electric rates and St. Louis consumers on the residential side pay 20% less than Consumers Energy customers.

The Resolution to increase electric rates was not passed by Council. If it were, customers that use 600 kw would pay 78 cents plus tax more than use 600 kw and customers that use 1,000 kw would see a cost increase of 30 cents plus tax.

When rate increases are suggested the next one will be a bit higher due to not increasing rates this year.

Discussion was held.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated Lifeguard training is Tuesday and Thursday this week and CPR/AED/First Aid training is Wednesday. The plan is that opening day at the pool will be Saturday, July 10th.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he was contacted by the Honda Gold Wing Light Club that is planning to have a light parade in St. Louis either the evening of August 19th or August 20th.

He has not been contacted so far about details for the August 26th US-27 Motor Tour.

He is in the process of hiring a full time Police Officer.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the construction at the gas station on Washington Avenue.

Member Kubin asked when Pine Street Reconstruction will begin. Keith Risdon stated possibly next year.

Member Collison stated the Fireworks show was nice and people seemed to enjoy it.

Mayor Kelly stated he has some health issues and will keep members informed.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk