

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Kathy Roslund – Assessor, Hannah Post and Grace Catlin – Assessor Assistants, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Fares Azzam – Resident, 2 high school students

Member Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 5, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$364,448.37. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the March, 2022 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to receive the March, 2022 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Etna for Annual Hosting Fee.
- b. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Existing Well Abandonment.
- d. Payment to Hach for UV Water System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- e. Payment to Val-Matic for five 6” Replacement Valves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “e.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Park Shelter Rental Policy Update.

Manager Giles stated the Parks Commission is recommending updating the Park Shelter Rental Policy.

Only minor changes were made to the rental times, electric availability at Leppien Park Pavilion and the word Reservation was changed to Rental.

Manager Giles recommended adoption of the updated policy.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the updated Park Rental Policy. All ayes carried the motion.

Reconstruction of North Pine and Center Streets.

Manager Giles stated this item will be placed on an upcoming agenda as we are not quite ready to recommend approval.

Bid Award – M-46 Water Main Project to Crawford Contracting.

Manager Giles stated two bids were received, one in the amount of \$1,804,852.50 and the other in the amount of \$1,854, 844.00. Crawford Contracting was the low bidder. OHM is recommending the bid be awarded to Crawford Contracting in the amount of \$1,804,852.50.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to award the bid for the M-46 Water Main Project to Crawford Contracting in the amount of \$1,804,852.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing for Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.

Manager Giles requested members set the Public Hearing for the Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal for May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Kubin, to set the Public Hearing for the Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal. All ayes carried the motion.

Consider Approval of a Complete City Reappraisal.

Manager Giles stated as follow up to the presentation Kathy gave at the last meeting on the City having a complete City reappraisal done, the only formal proposal obtained was in the amount of \$125,000 to reappraise all properties except property which is tax exempt.

Discussion was held.

The consensus of the Council was that they felt this is not the time to have a complete reappraisal done but will possibly look at it in the future.

No motion was made to approve the complete reappraisal.

Addition to Agenda.

Manager Giles stated the Alma Arbor, Gleaner Life Insurance Society is requesting permission to reserve the Clapp Park Gazebo on Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. to have an open community gospel music event/sing-along.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to approve the request from the Gleaners to have an open community gospel music event/sing-along. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. Tomorrow is the first meeting regarding the POAM Contract renewal.
2. The Pre-Construction Meeting for Well 12 is Friday.
3. The bid opening for the well abandonment project is May 26th.
4. There is a meeting Thursday with Point Broad Band for Fiber Optic.
5. The I Love My Clean Up is May 1st but subject to change.

Manager Giles stated he wanted to commend the Electric Department on their work with the last three significant outages and thanked them for all their hard work.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Upton stated she received a complaint about the new solid waste collection.

Member Leonard stated he did a ride along with Officer Morrell and he was an outstanding Officer.

Mayor Reed stated at his last meeting/ Coffee with the Mayor he and a lady discussed placing a pet station in Leppien Park and they are going to place one there.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk