

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, April 5, 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:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Kathy Roslund – Assessor, Fares Azzam – Resident, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, three high school students

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$467,655.64. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the March, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to receive the March, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes 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 “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Water Main Replacement M-46 from Watson to Pine.
- b. Cable Consortium Minutes (receive).

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

New Business.

Resolution 2022-03 Banking Policy.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Leonard.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis maintains a number of bank accounts with a number of financial institutions, and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it best practice for the City to have multiple persons authorized to sign banking transactions; however, each transaction would require two signatures to authorize and validate opening, closing, withdrawal, draft, check or wire of or from a demand account of any financial institution with which the City does business under Employer #38-6004592, except the Saint Louis Housing Commission, and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the City of St. Louis by filing with the foregoing banking institutions a copy of this resolution the City of Saint Louis hereby institutes the above best practice and authorizes signatures of any two of the following persons occupying the following offices are authorized to transact business on its bank demand accounts:

Mayor
 Mayor Pro-Tem
 Finance Director/Treasurer

City Clerk
 City Manager

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the persons currently holding said offices are:

Thomas L. Reed, Mayor
 Kurt R. Giles, City Manager
 Bobbie J. Marr, Finance Director/Treasurer

Roger L. Collison, Mayor Pro Tem
 Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be authorized to access any and all information regarding any account held under Employer #38-6004592.

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Upton, Reed

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Proposal for Landscaping the Gazebo Area at the Library.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Twin City Landscape for Landscaping the Gazebo Area at the Library in the amount of \$13,700.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the Proposal from the Proposal from Twin City Landscape for Landscaping the Gazebo Area at the Library in the amount of \$13,700.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Appointment to DDA Board.

Manager Giles requested members approve the request from the DDA Board to appoint Manny Nannan to the DDA Board.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to appoint Manny Nannan to the DDA Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda – Temporary Street Closure.

Manager Giles requested members approve the temporary street closure of Franklin Street from Saginaw Street to the Church Parking lot for the April 16th Easter Event from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the temporary closure of Franklin Street on April 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Complete City Reappraisal.

Manager Giles stated City Assessor Kathy Roslund has obtained information on a Complete City Property Reappraisal.

Assessor Roslund gave a Power Point Presentation on the process of a Complete City Reappraisal.

Members thanked Kathy for her presentation.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members that bids were opened for the M-46 Watermain Project and they came in higher than expected. The engineer is reviewing both bids.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated training attendees appreciated the use of our City Hall.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated he appreciated the opportunity to attend the MML Conference it was very interesting. He also had a chance to express residents concerns regarding the algae in the river with Representatives.

Member Kubin stated it was interesting to find out that there are more livestock in the area than people.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk