

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, August 2, 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
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Justin Gargano - Resident

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 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 \$1,090,884.30. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the July, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to receive the July, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Justin Gargano inquired about the salt shed and said he knows a couple of people to refer for that work.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to OHM for Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.
- b. Payment to Crawford Contracting for M-46 Watermain Project.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- d. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – M-46 Watermain Project.
- e. Change Order No. 2 from Crawford Contracting for M-46 Watermain Project.

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

New Business.

Resolution 2022-14 Member Authorized Representative.

Manager Giles requested members Adopt Resolution 2022-14, which authorizes Kurt Giles to serve as its Member Authorized Representative and Keith Risdon as alternate Member.

Discussion was held.

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

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2009, the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Board of Commissioners by action in open meeting created the Energy Services Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is a Member of the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA); and

WHEREAS, a Member joining the Project, must execute an Energy Services Agreement (“ESA”) and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis entered into an Energy Services Agreement the authorized MPPA to purchase electric power supplies to meet its system demands; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the ESA requires the Member’s Governing Body to designate a Member Authorized Representative (“MAR”) and

WHEREAS, the MAR is delegated the responsibility of binding the Member into Power Purchase Commitments with MPPA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of St. Louis authorizes Kurt Giles, City Manager, to serve as its Member Authorized Representative and

Keith Risdon, Public Services Director, alternate Member Authorized Representative and to execute Power Purchase Commitments with MPPA on behalf of the City of St. Louis.

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Upton, Reed

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Professional Services Amendment from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Watermain Project.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Professional Services amendment from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Watermain Project in the amount of \$18,000.00

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Professional Services amendment from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Watermain Project in the amount of \$18,000.00 contingent on approval from Pine River Township and the US EPA. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda – Temporary Street Closure.

Manager Giles requested members approve the temporary street closure for the Gold Wing Motorcycle Light Parade on August 19, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. These will be rolling roadblocks in front of the parade route.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the temporary street closure for the Gold Wing Motorcycle Light Parade on August 19, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. M-46 watermain customers west of downtown have been notified of upcoming water interruption times.
2. Well abandonment has been ongoing.
3. Progress continues on the Electric Department exterior.
4. Nothing new to report on Well 12.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Collison inquired on the progress of the Jackson Road house. Manager Giles stated we have contracted for testing hazardous materials, solicited bids on demo that are much higher than we expected. We are attempting to get more local bids. The well is plugged, and other utility services are in the process of being terminated.

Member Kubin stated he has had some complaints on the M-46 watermain and thanked Phil Hansen for the communication.

Member Leonard inquired about the requirements on golf carts around town.

Mayor Reed commented about how the sunflowers are really starting to pop up, and at coffee with the Mayor, dog stations were suggested. They will be in Clapp and Leppien parks.

Public Comments.

Downtown Development Director Phil Hansen addressed City Council about comments that have been made regarding the July 16 Event and his responsibilities, City Staff relationships and the City Charter.

Justin Gargano asked about the graffiti under Main Street Bridge. Public works has been busy with projects will eventually get to it.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk