

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, February 15, 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, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Roger Hauck – Candidate for Senator, Lydia Abbott – St. Louis High School Student

Member Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 1, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$489,278.28. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January, 2022 Monthly Reports.

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

Audience Recognition.

Candidate for State Senator, Roger Hauck introduced himself to Council Members.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Existing Well Abandonment.
- b. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Water Main Replacement.
- c. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Sewer/Water Main and Road Construction.
- d. Payment to Priority Title and Escrow for Purchase of 110 West Jackson Road Property.

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

New Business.

Purchase of Crack Seal for Annual Pavement Maintenance.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of Crack Seal for Annual Pavement Maintenance from National Highway Maintenance System (NHMS) in the amount of \$5,220.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of Crack Seal for Annual Pavement Maintenance from National Highway Maintenance System (NHMS) in the amount of \$5,220.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Appointment of Council Member to Planning Commission.

Manager Giles stated that the City Code of Ordinances states the Planning Commission shall consist of the Mayor, one Administrative Official of the City who shall be selected by the Mayor, one City Council Member who shall be selected by the City Council, all three who shall serve as members ex officio, and six additional citizens and tax payers of the City shall be appointed by the City Council.

Manager Giles requested members consider serving on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Appointment to Parks Commission.

Manager Giles stated the City Code of Ordinances states the membership of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall consist of seven persons. The Commission shall consist of one

member of the City Council, to be appointed by the Mayor, and six other persons to be appointed by the City Council.

Manager Giles stated as of today's meeting, Parks and Recreation Commission Member Liz Upton has decided to resign from the Parks Commission.

Mayor Reed stated that he currently serves on the Parks Commission and asked if he could appoint himself.

Manager Giles stated he sees nothing that states he cannot appoint himself.

Mayor Reed officially appointed himself to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. The Special Goal meeting is next Wednesday, February 23rd. Packets have been distributed and there may be a supplement added.
2. Solid Waste Bids will be opened tomorrow 2/16.
3. Craig Zeese has volunteered to fill the vacant position on the Parks Commission left by Chuck Oatten.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members there are changes in the training staff and he has ramped up training for local officers and is very appreciative for being able to hold the sessions in the City Hall complex. When St. Louis is hosting the events, St. Louis officers attend the trainings for free.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated he appreciates getting the goal session packet early so there is time to review everything prior to the meeting.

Member Kubin asked if Calvin Martyn, the new DPW Superintendent will be at the Goal Session Meeting. Keith stated he would be.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Closed Session – Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to go into closed session for negotiation strategy for Collective Bargaining Agreement at 6:26 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Upton, Reed

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Return to Open Session.

Council returned to open session at 7:13 p.m.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk