

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, January 18, 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

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ken Berthiaume – Berthiaume & Company, Steve Warren – OHM, Robert Czachorski – OHM, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held January 3, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$660,482.08. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the December, 2021 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to receive the December, 2021 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 “c” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Berthiaume & Company – Audit for Year End June 3, 2021.
- b. Payment to City of Alma for Assessing Services.
- c. Energy Optimization Report (EO) – Receive.

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

New Business.

Audit Presentation – Ken Berthiaume.

Ken Berthiaume reported fiscal year end June 30, 2021 audit findings with the Council.

The City was given an Unmodified Opinion, which is the best opinion there is, and thanked members for his work as City Auditor.

Members thanked Ken and thanked Finance Director Bobbie Marr for the great job she and her staff do.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard to accept the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2021 Audit and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

OHM Presentation – Sanitary Sewer Study Report.

Public Services Director Keith Risdon reviewed the work that has been done to upgrade the Sanitary Sewer system.

Steve Warren from OHM presented the Sanitary Sewer Study Report and Robert Czachorski from OHM presented options for funding the project.

Discussion was held.

Members thanked them all for their work.

Set Goal Setting Meeting Date.

City Manager Giles requested members set Wednesday, February 23, 2022 for the Goal Setting Meeting from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to set Wednesday, February 23, 2022, for the Goal Setting Meeting from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Employee Appreciation Dinner.

Manager Giles asked members if they are available March 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to attend the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with planning the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the Insitu-Thermal treatment schedule at the former Velsicol site.

Manager Giles stated the Solid Waste Committee is close to having a completed RFP and expect a bid opening by February 16th.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members the Police Department has received new radios via Gratiot County ARPA funds.

Discussion was held.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin inquired on the MML Spring Conference. Staff will check into dates.

Mayor Reed stated he will be contacting the St. Louis High School on the possibility of having a student participate in the Youth in Local Government program as we have in past years.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk