

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This was a re-scheduled regular meeting.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, William R. Leonard

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, Elizabeth A. Upton

City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, L. Quinn Lincoln – Keon - Habitat for Humanity, Ferris Azzam, Justin Gargano – Residents, Ralph Echinaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 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 \$756,560.99. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the May, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes.

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

Audience Recognition.

L. Quinn Lincoln – Keon from Habitat for Humanity presented doing a Rock the Block event in October and asked members to help identify a neighborhood/block. She will need to pick up the

information in July/August so they can make arrangements with homeowners.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to approve the Rock the Block cleanup event. All ayes carried the motion.

Ferris Azzam stated the cars are speeding across the tracks, skidding to a stop etc. on Locust Street. He is concerned for children's safety and asked if a sign that says children at play or change the speed limit to 15 mph. Chief stated the speed limit is state mandated at 25 mph. will have to look into children at play sign.

Justin Gargano discussed the importance of the history of the mineral spring and thinks it should be re-opened and do something with it. Discussion was held.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Weiland Truck for 2023 International Dump Truck.
- b. Payment to MI Agri business Solution for Biosolids Application.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Main Street Bridge Design.
- d. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- e. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.

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

New Business.

Set Public Hearings.

Manager Giles requested members set the following Public Hearings on June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.: Plasti-Paint Industrial Facilities Exemption, 2021/2022 Budget Amendments and 2022/2023 Budget Adoption.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to set June 21, 2022 for the above listed Public Hearings. All ayes carried the motion.

Bid Award – Existing Well Abandonment.

Manager Giles requested members award the bid for existing well abandonment to Ward's Excavating in the amount of \$591,287.05 to be reimbursed by US EPA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to award the bid for existing well abandonment to Ward's Excavating in the amount of \$591,287.05.

Trade In of 2011 John Deere Tractor.

Manager Giles requested members approve the trade in of the Electric Departments 2011 John Deere Tractor instead of trading the Department of Public Works 2017 John Deere Tractor for a change amount of \$6,000.00. The trade will net as a \$30,000.00 purchase.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve the trade in of the Electric Departments 2011 John Deere Tractor instead of trading the Department of Public Works 2017 John Deere Tractor for a change amount of \$6,000.00. The trade will net as a \$30,000.00 purchase. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure.

No street closure is necessary as plans have changed to a motorcycle cruise-ins. Other events planned. Discussed City funding support.

Motion by Leonard supported by Collison, to create a line-item budget for \$2,000.00 for the Independence Day Celebration. All ayes carried the motion.

Salt Barn Replacement and Equipment.

Manager Giles requested member approve the Salt Barn Replacement and equipment at the Department of Public Works from Bulk Storage, Inc. in the amount of \$275,538.00.

Discussion was held.

This item will be placed on the next agenda with other members are present.

Sewer Leads/Drainage Structure Installation.

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Dice Excavating for Sewer Leads/Drainage Structure Installation in the amount of \$55,609.40.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the proposal from Dice Excavating for Sewer Leads/Drainage Structure Installation in the amount of \$55,609.40. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

The 2022 Swimming Pool plans were discussed.

Manager Giles stated we have had difficulty getting quotes for the Power Plant exterior painting and repairs. Expect this item on the next agenda.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Collison asked if the sidewalk on M-46 will be done this summer. Kurt stated we had to have a permit from MDOT and lack of quotes is a problem.

Mayor Reed stated the sunflowers on M-46 in front of the former Velsicol site are coming up and also some around the power plant.

Mayor Reed informed members the City of Alma Mayor asked about the Alma and St. Louis combining police forces.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw asked about the Exxon Sign at the gas station. No updates are known.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk