

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, March 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, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, several City Residents

Member Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Young Hero Award.

Mayor Reed presented twelve-year-old Bradynn Overla with a Young Hero Award from Gratiot County Central Dispatch and St. Louis Area Fire Department in recognition of his quick actions that saved the life of his brother, family dog and reduced property damage by closing the basement door during their house fire and importantly calling 9-1-1 providing his address and description of what was happening to 9-1-1, which in turn allowed the quick dispatch of emergency services.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 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 corrected amount of \$363,048.05. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the February, 2022 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the February, 2022 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 “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Existing Well Abandonment.
- b. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- c. MPPA Annual Credit Card (receive).
- d. Correspondence from Charter Communication (receive).

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

New Business.

Bid Award for Well 12.

Manager Giles requested members approve the recommendation from Fishbeck to award the Bid for Well 12 Well House and Raw Water Main Project to Isabella Corporation in the amount of \$2,450,000 which will be reimbursed by the US EPA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the recommendation from Fishbeck to award the Bid for Well 12 Well House and Raw Water Main Project to Isabella Corporation in the amount of \$2,450,000 which will be reimbursed by the US EPA. All ayes carried the motion.

Professional Services Proposal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for Well 12 Well House and Raw Water Main Construction Phase in the amount of \$286,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for Well 12 Well House and Raw Water Main Construction Phase in the amount of \$286,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Equipment.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a UV Water System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Hach in the amount of \$9,338.08.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of a UV Water System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Hach in the amount of \$9,338.08. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Replacement Valves for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Purchase of five 6” Replacement Valves for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Val-Matic Valves & MFG in the amount of \$5,185.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Collison, to approve the purchase of five 6” Replacement Valves for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Val-Matic Valves & MFG in the amount of \$5,185.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Purchase of Leaf Machine.

Manager Giles informed members that quotes have been received for the purchase of a 20-yard Leaf Machine to replace the thirty plus year old one we currently have. The prices have increased significantly since our last purchase in 2016. Bell Equipment submitted a quote in the amount of \$104,350.00. A quote from Old Dominion was received after the Council Packet was sent out in the amount of \$151,228.48.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of a 20-yard Leaf Machine from Bell Equipment in the amount of \$104,350.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Power Purchase Commitment Authorization.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Power Purchase Commitment Authorization through MPPA for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 in the maximum commitment amount of \$415,572.99.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Power Purchase Commitment Authorization through MPPA for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 in the maximum commitment amount of \$415,572.99. All ayes carried the motion.

Sub Recipient Agreement for ARPA Funds from Gratiot County.

Manager Giles requested members approve to enter into the Agreement for ARPA Funds with Gratiot County in the amount of \$500,000.00, which will be used to replace the water main and appurtenances along M-46 from Watson Street to Clinton Street.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve to enter into the Agreement for ARPA Funds with Gratiot County in the amount of \$500,000.00, which will be used to replace the water main and appurtenances along M-46 from Watson Street to Clinton Street and authorize execution of the agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. Granger is in the process of sending information on solid waste pickup to all customers.
2. Fire Chief Bill Coty and the area Fire Chiefs are proposing a plan to obtain ARPA Funds from the County for Gratiot area Fire Departments. Manager Giles is planning to submit a letter of support and asked members to also support this request.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton to submit a letter of support in the efforts to obtain ARPA Funds for the Gratiot Area Fire Departments. All ayes carried the motion.

Manager Giles stated Fire Chief Coty has done an exceptional job obtaining grants for the St. Louis Area Fire Department on numerous occasions.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he and his officers have had several opportunities to work alongside the St. Louis Fire Department recently and stated how his officers have mentioned that the Fire Department is very cooperative, professional and easy to work with. Chief Ramereiz commended Chief Coty and his Fire Fighters.

Also, a couple Police Officer trainings were held today at City Hall. Many of the attendees complimented him on the City Hall Facilities and wanted him to pass this on to Council and staff.

Council Comments.

Mayor Reed asked about the extra water usage that GAWA is reporting that St. Louis is using daily. Keith stated nothing has been found yet.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk