

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – Public Works Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Karen Aumaugher – Resident

Member Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 20, 2021. 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 \$574,558.98. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the July, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to receive the July, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Karen Aumaugher, of Gratiot Animals in need, stated the Geese are getting hit by cars, getting

killed. Suggesting a goose fence or a light may keep them from the road or signs posted to watch for geese. Possibly put it in the newsletter to stop feeding the geese and slow down.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Quarterly Payment to City of Alma for Assessing Services.
- b. Payment to Seifert Concrete for Salt Shed Concrete Addition.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Main Street Bridge Design.
- d. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- e. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – State Street Reconstruction.
- f. Change Order No. 1 from Fishbeck for Water Supply Well No. 12.
- g. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Water Supply Well No. 12.
- h. Payment to Peerless for Water Supply Well #12.
- i. Change Order No. 3 from Fisher Contracting for Michigan Avenue Pump Station.

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

New Business.

Purchase of Main Servers for City Hall.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of three main servers for City Hall from Rehmann in the amount of \$39,807.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase of three Servers for City Hall in the amount of \$39,807.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Election of Candidates to the MML Fund Trust.

Manager Giles requested members to approve to elect the five listed Candidates to the MML Fund Trust.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve to elect the five listed Candidates to the MML Fund Trust. All ayes carried the motion.

Request from Strait Gate Church.

Manager Giles stated a request was received from Strait Gate Church for permission to host a revival in Clapp Park on October 2, 2021 from noon to dusk. This would consist of worship music, a time of prayer, live music and a tent provided by the church.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the request providing Miss Dig is contacted due to the tent stakes.

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Kelly

Nayes: Leonard

Motion carried.

Cemetery Paving.

Manager Giles requested members approve paving of the Cemetery Chapel Parking Area by Central Asphalt in the amount of \$10,800.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to approve paving of the Cemetery Chapel Parking Area by Central Asphalt in the amount of \$10,800.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Decorative Concrete Re-sealing.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Power washing and re-sealing of the decorative concrete on M-46 by Seifert Concrete in the amount of \$8,802.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed to approve the Power washing and re-sealing of the decorative concrete on M-46 by Seifert Concrete in the amount of \$8,802.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. It appears we are in the fundable range for the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant.
2. The Sensus Meter Reading System base station is at the end of life and should be updated. The first quote was a bit of sticker shock so we want to look into it a bit more and make sure we are getting all the components needed.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he has finally had contact with the Old US-27 Motor Group. They are going forward with the event.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin thanked Mark Abbott for the service he provided.

Member Collison asked the time frame for sidewalk on M-46 to City limit near the Dollar General. Also, could the City offer a small stipend to the volunteer committee members. Bobbie will do some checking on allowability.

Member Collison asked about striping for the new basketball court. Abbott reported it has been delayed but coming.

Member Collison also stated he liked the comparison in the newsletter on utility rates.

Member Reed stated he is not sure on the stipend to committee members and inquired about the Electrical Car Charging Stations. Manager Giles stated it has been on the back burner but will get some attention soon..

Member Leonard stated people don't want to get involved and he is not sure on the stipend.

Member Kelly stated he has eye surgery the day before the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Kubin will fill in at the August 17th meeting.

Public Comments.

Karen Aumaugher stated she feels recognition of Board Members is more important than offering a stipend.

Superintendent Mark Abbott announced his retirement. August 13th will be his last day, and thanked Council for their support.

All members thanked Mark for his time at the City.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk