

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem George T. Kubin on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor James C. Kelly (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$571,876.04. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the July, 2021 Monthly Reports.

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

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Kubin requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” as shown below:

- a. Annual Payment to Core Technology for Maintenance.
- b. Payment to Seifert Concrete for Sidewalk Repairs.
- c. Payment to Seifert Concrete for Stamped Concrete Replacement.
- d. Payment to Seifert Concrete for Stamped Concrete Staining and Sealing.
- e. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – State Street Reconstruction.
- f. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Pine Street.
- g. Payment to OHM for Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

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

New Business.

Playground Safety Surface at Penny Park.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of Safety Surface for Penny Park from Rubber Cycle in the amount of \$15,200.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the purchase of Safety Surface for Penny Park from Rubber Cycle in the amount of \$15,200.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Network System.

Manager Giles requested members approve Switch Replacement for the City Network System by Rehmann in the amount of \$23,300.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve Switch Replacement for the City Network System by Rehmann in the amount of \$23,300.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Sewer Camera.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the purchase of a Sewer Camera from USA Blue Book in the budgeted amount of \$14,730.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase of a Sewer Camera from USA Blue Book in the budgeted amount of \$14,730.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Pine Street/Center Street Continuing Services Contract.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Continuing Services Contract with OHM for additional Pine Street/Center Street Work in an amount not to exceed \$35,400.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Continuing Services Contract with OHM for additional Pine Street/Center Street Work in an amount not to exceed \$35,400.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Road Closures.

Manager Giles requested members approve the temporary road closures for the Old US-27 Motor Tour on August 26, 2021 from 1:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to approve the temporary road closures for the Old US-27 Motor Tour on August 26, 2021 from 1:00 to 5:15 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Proclamation – Constitution Week.

The following Proclamation was read and proclaimed by Mayor Pro Tem George Kubin:

Proclamation
Constitution Week
September 17 – 23, 2021

WHEREAS: It is a privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I George T. Kubin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Louis, to be affixed this 17th day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty one.

Re-Appointment to the Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Manager Giles requested members re-appoint himself and Phil Hansen to the Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to re-appoint Kurt Giles and Phil Hansen to the Greater Gratiot Development Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Clapp Park Event.

Manager Giles stated a request was received from The Men of Iron Plt. 9941 asking permission to have a revival at Clapp Park on Saturday, September 25th from noon to 5:00 p.m.. This would involve live music, possibly a tent, a message and prayer.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve the request from The Men of Iron to have a revival at Clapp Park on Saturday, September 25th from noon to 5:00 p.m. providing they call Miss Dig due to tent stakes.

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin

Nays: Leonard

Motion carried.

Additional Concrete Work.

Manager Giles requested members approve additional concrete work by Seifert Concrete for Old Generation Pad Concrete Replacement in the amount of \$5,240.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve concrete work by Seifert Concrete for Old Generation Pad Concrete Replacement in the amount of \$5,240.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda:

Block Party Event.

Manager Giles requested members approve a Block Party Event on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This will involve closing the 200 block of North Mill, bringing in porta johns and picnic tables. There will be live music provided by Woody's Music.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Block Party Event and temporary street closure on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. There were power outages last week due to high winds and tree branches.
2. The Gleaners along with the Boy Scout Troop 609 are having a car wash in the South City Hall Parking lot on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz asked if DPW staff could power wash the sidewalk across from City Hall to remove the goose feces. People are walking out into the road to avoid that part of the sidewalk.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated he was contacted by a business owner regarding the pigeons in the downtown area. This has been an ongoing problem.

Member Collison stated that he thinks the Block Party is a great idea.

Member Leonard stated he feels in the future when a group wants to hold an event in the City Park, a representative of the group should attend a meeting with the request, and that the neighbors in the area should be notified of such an event.

Member Reed inquired about the kids that attend Council meetings and wearing masks. Manager Giles stated as we have done in the past and will plan to continue, we will follow the State and Federal guidelines for COVID precautions.

Mayor Pro Tem Kubin inquired how that sewer smoke testing went. Keith Risdon stated well.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk