

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, December 7, 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
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Fares Azzam - Resident

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 16, 2021. 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 \$724,968.74. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the November, 2021 Board Minutes.

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

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda item “a” thru “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment No 7 to Fisher Contracting for Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- b. Payment to Shults Equipment for Dump Truck Box Replacement.
- c. Payment to State of Michigan for State Street Reconstruction.
- d. Payment to City of Alma for Hazardous Waste Program.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve Consent Agenda item “a” thru “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Assignment of High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) through 1033 Program.

Manager Giles stated that the Police Department had the opportunity to take a HMMWV into our fleet for Police use. The City of Clare had two of these vehicles and only have use for one. This is an army surplus vehicle and the City will not own the vehicle. If in the future the City doesn't have a need for the vehicle, it will be turned over to the 1033 Program for re-issuance.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve accepting assignment of a police vehicle thru the Military Surplus Program.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: Collison

Motion Carried.

Member Collison was excused from the meeting at 6:35 p.m. due to another commitment.

Letter of Authorization – 2022 Clean Energy Program.

Manager Giles stated the Energy Wase Reduction Program is expiring and requested members authorize participation to continue offering the Energy Waste Reduction Program through Franklin Energy to St. Louis electric customers.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin , supported by Leonard, to authorize participation to continue offering the Energy Waste Reduction Program to St. Louis electric customers. All ayes carried the motion.

Professional Services Proposal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Rowe for Professional Services for Water Main Replacement on North Wells Road in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Proposal from Rowe for Professional Services for Water Main Replacement on North Wells Road in the amount of \$8,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Appointment to Library Board.

Manager Giles stated Cheryl Lombard and Robin Hart have expressed interest in serving on the Library Board to fill two vacancies, and requested members approve their appointment.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to appoint Cheryl Lombard and Robin Hart to the Library Board. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. The Open House for Jim Kelly is December 16th from 2 – 4 PM.
2. Gratiot County Commissioners have approved to distribute ARPA Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the City for Water Main replacement along M-46.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

The department was in the process of hiring a potential candidate to fill the Police Officer vacancy until they were informed the candidate is moving away. The search will continue.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard inquired on the status of a property on M-46.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

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

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk