

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Roger L. Collison

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Sergeant: Kristi Forshee

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$444,013.80. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the November, 2021 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to receive the November, 2021 Reports 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 “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment EGLE for Annual NPDES Permit.
- b. Payment to State of Michigan for State Street Reconstruction.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Existing Well Abandonment.
- d. Payment to OHM for Sewer, Water Main & Road Construction.
- e. Payment to Berger Chevrolet for Purchase of 2022 Silverado Pick Up.

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

New Business.

Appointment to Planning Commission.

Manager Giles stated Jim Horvat submitted a letter expressing interest in serving on the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Amanda Kelly.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to appoint Jim Horvat to the Planning Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Laptops for Patrol Cars.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of two laptops for the Patrol Cars to replace the two we currently have that are both over 10 years old.

The purchase will be from I.T. Right in the amount of \$7,623.20.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of two laptops from I.T. Right in the amount of \$7,623.20. All ayes carried the motion.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).

Manager Giles stated our current Logic Host, which is our meter reader software, pricing is increasing significantly. The AMI upgrade replaces Logic and saves \$3,450.00 in the first year alone and substantially more as years 2 through 5 would be invoiced.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the AMI Upgrade from Etna in the following amounts: \$5,500.00 Set up Fee, \$31,980.00 Hosting Fee from 1/29/22 thru 1/28/23, \$33,610.00 Hosting Fee from 1/29/23 thru 1/28/24, \$35,330.00 Hosting Fee from 1/29/24 thru 1/28/25, \$37,135.00 Hosting Fee from 1/29/25 thru 1/28/26, \$39,030.00 Hosting Fee from 1/29/26 thru 1/28/27. All ayes carried the motion.

Water Main Replacement Project.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Water Main Replacement Project Bidding and Construction Phase Engineering Services Proposal for Hebron, Prospect, Wells Road Extension, Berea and Tamarack Streets from Rowe in the amount of \$109,900.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Reed, to approve the Water Main Replacement Project Bidding and Construction Phase Engineering Services Proposal from Rowe in the amount of \$109,900.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. Thanks are owed to the Electric Department, with the recent high winds there were very few power outages.
2. Discussions are in progress regarding the Solid Waste Request for Proposals. Plans are to have a vendor in place by May, 2022. The authority will continue to meet.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

There were no comments.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on setting up something for the recent tornado victims in Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin to advocate and encourage donations to Red Cross Disaster relief through the City Web Site, City Newsletter and Facebook with prior City attorney review.

Member Leonard stated new computers are great for the Police and the person being detained.

Member Kubin asked on the status of hiring a Public Work Supervisor. Manager Giles stated they are close to making an announcement.

Members thanked Mayor Kelly for his years of service.

Mayor Kelly stated it has been a pleasure working with each one of you. Thank you.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk