

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
April 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Conference Call.

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:

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

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2020.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$354,295.56.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

## **Monthly Board Minutes.**

City Council discussed the March Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to receive the March Monthly Board Minutes and place on file.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

## **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – Water Main.
- b. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – State Street Reconstruction.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Electric Utility GIS.
- d. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **New Business.**

### **Correction to March 17<sup>th</sup> Claims and Accounts.**

Manager Giles stated March 3, 2020 Payment was made to Auto Value in the amount of \$1,014.14 for filters for stock for spring service to DPW equipment.

This was also turned in to be included in the March 17, 2020 payables.

Also included in the March 17, 2020 Payables Payment was made to Chemical Bank for overpayment for utilities in the amount of \$308.98. A portion of this should have been retained for the final bill. Check was voided and a new check was issued on 4/7/20 for \$79.12.

March 17, 2020 payables was approved in the amount of \$726,050.18 and should have been \$724,727.06. Less the \$1,014.14 and the \$308.98.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the in the reduced amount of \$1,323.12.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **Maple Street Construction Change Order No. 1.**

Manager Giles requested members approve Change Order No. 1 from Malley Construction for Maple Street Construction Project in the increased amount of \$1,685.00 for lowering 12 inch storm crossing at State Street 2.5 feet.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve Change Order No. 1 from Malley Construction for Maple Street Construction Project in the increased amount of \$1,685.00 for lowering 12 inch storm crossing at State Street 2.5 feet.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles stated that there is an issue with the placing the Transit Millage on the ballot due to City Charter restrictions, which is a limit of 15 mills subject to the Headlee rollbacks. Pine River Township doesn't have this problem, but Ithaca has the same issue.

There is a meeting tomorrow, via web conference due to Covid-19, to discuss the development of a Transit Authority and the Authority request the ballot issue. More to follow.

Manager Giles informed members that City staff is now on altered work schedules, some are working remotely, some are staggered shifts to limit exposure of Covid-19.

Member Reed inquired about seasonal employees. Mark Abbott stated he has more applicants but has held off hiring due to exposure concerns.

Member Collison asked if developing a Transit Authority for just St. Louis has been considered in the past. Member Kubin and Mayor Kelly stated they did not believe so.

**City Clerk Report.**

Mari Anne stated she does not like working from home.

**Police Chief Report.**

Chief Ramereiz stated his department is also working altered shifts. Police Departments all across the state are doing this.

**Council Comments.**

Member Collison inquired about the saturation of water on Hazel and Lincoln. Mark Abbott stated he talked with Water Department Operator Brian Henderson he believes there may be a leak under the house. They would like to shut the water off and test but due to Covid-19 the water cannot be shut off.

Member Kubin stated he appreciates City staff working under the current circumstances.

Member Reed stated a resident is trying to get a shed installed on their property but is unable to get ahold of anyone from the Building Department. Chief Ramereiz stated that installing a shed is non-essential due to Covid and permits are not being issued at this time.

Mayor Kelly stated he is pleased with the quality control staff is providing. Good job.

**Public Comments.**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk