

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
April 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, April 21, 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 Echinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Linda Bader – Farmers Market Manager

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2020.

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

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$416,823.89.

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

## **Monthly Reports.**

City Council discussed the March Monthly Reports.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to receive the March Monthly Reports and place on file.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

## **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- b. Maple Street Information – Receive.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve/receive Consent Agenda items “a” and “b.” All ayes carried the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **New Business.**

### **Discuss Farmers Market Start Up Date.**

Manager Giles stated Linda Bader, Market Manager has been working on the Farmers Market start up date.

Linda stated she was looking for clarification on implementation of opening. She is a member of the board and has been working closely with other board members. Some Farmers Markets are already open. Farmers Markets are considered essential. There are guidelines from the CDC on what has to be done in order to open and operate. The plan is to open in a manner that is safe for vendors, volunteers and customers.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the council that the Farmers Market's opening day will be June 4, 2020 pending any further unexpected developments.

Member Reed entered the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

**Addition to Agenda:**

**Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) Federal Catalog Number 10.766.**

Manager Giles stated as part of the pre-application for RD grants, approval is needed to apply for the police radios and a future vehicle. The intent is to apply for both currently but giving the radios priority and then hope that we get approval of radios for 2020-21 and a patrol vehicle for 2021-22.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to authorize the City Manager to execute and sign documents related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) Federal Catalog Number 10.766. Commit, as a first priority, fund balance assigned for the purchase of equipment as the City's share of match funds for the program to the extent needed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles updated members on the status of placing the transit millage on the ballot. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed.

**City Clerk Report.**

None.

**Police Chief Report.**

None.

**Council Comments.**

Member Collison inquired on a date for the budget work session and with the probability of Revenue Sharing being greatly reduced, will that be considered when putting the budget together. He would at least like a tentative date scheduled. Members agreed.

Member Reed inquired on a blight issue and asked if the Maple Street project has begun.

Mayor Kelly stated he is proud of City staff and thinks they are doing an outstanding job considering everything that is happening with the Covid-19 situation.

**Public Comments.**

There were none.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk