

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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

Council Members Absent: Thomas L. Reed (excused)

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, Max Clever – Spicer Group, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2020. 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 \$805,090.52. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January, 2020 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to receive the January, 2020 Monthly 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 items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Payment to BS&A for Annual Service/Support Fee.
- b. Payment to T.H. Eifert for Piping & Valve Replacement at the WWTP.
- c. Resignation from Planning Commission – accept.

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

New Business.

Set Public Hearing – Plasti-Paint Industrial Facilities Exemption (IFE).

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to consider an IFE request from Plasti-Paint for the expansion of their south east side of the building.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to set a Public Hearing to consider Plasti-Paint’s request for an IFE on March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2020-06 – Street Decertification.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Collison, and supported by Member Kubin:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis does wish to decertify the entire length of Bethany Street and a portion of East Tyrell Street, and;

WHEREAS, the decertification of Bethany Street is located between M-46 (East Washington Street) and East Tyrell Street for a decertification length of 507 feet, and;

WHEREAS, the decertification of that portion of East Tyrell Street is located between Euclid Street and Bethany Street for a decertification length of 195 feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Bethany Street and East Tyrell Street between Euclid and Bethany is proclaimed decertified in the City of St. Louis.

Ayes: Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Annual Financial Commitment to MAGNET

Manager Giles stated MAGNET is requesting an annual financial commitment of \$1.00 per capita based on census figures of 7,249 as in previous years. Past practice has been to contribute \$3,000.00 due to part of this count being prison population. An increase to \$3,500.00 is being recommended

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the annual financial commitment to MAGNET in the amount of \$3,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Fireworks Permit.

Manager Giles requested members give standing approval for the Fireworks Permit and set a standing date for the Fireworks display to be held the first Saturday in July until such time it is deemed necessary for a change.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to give standing approval for the Fireworks Permit and set a standing date for the Fireworks display to be held the first Saturday in July until such time it is deemed necessary for a change. All ayes carried the motion.

Union Street Pump Station Pump Replacement.

Manager Giles requested member approve the proposal from Jett Pump & Valve for Union Street Pump Station Pump Replacement in the amount of \$47,723.06.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the proposal from Jett Pump & Valve for Union Street Pump Station Pump Replacement in the amount of \$47,723.06. All ayes carried the motion.

Michigan Avenue Pump Station Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Letter Agreement for Professional Services from Spicer Group for Michigan Avenue Pump Station Replacement in the amount \$66,750.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Letter Agreement for Professional Services from Spicer Group for Michigan Avenue Pump Station Replacement in the amount \$66,750.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Screening and Fume Hood Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Letter Agreement for Professional Services from Spicer Group for WWTP Screening and Fume Hood Replacement in an estimated amount of \$25,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the Letter Agreement for Professional Services from Spicer Group for WWTP Screening and Fume Hood Replacement in an estimated amount of \$25,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2020-07 MDOT Maintenance Contract.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2020-07, which is a contract with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction, improvements and/or maintenance of the State trunk line highways.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Collison, and supported by Member Leonard:

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Louis recognizes the need to have a contract with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction, improvements, and/or maintenance of the State trunk line highways; and

WHEREAS, 1925 PA 17 Section 2, MCL 250.61 et seq; authorizes the Department of Transportation to contract with the Municipality, subject to the approval of State Administrative Board, will do all acts or things necessary to carry out the purpose of 1925 PA 17 supra; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis designates the City Manager as Contract Administrator on state trunk line highways, who will supervise all work covered under the Contract, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis agrees to all of the conditions of the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunk Line Maintenance Contract; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Saint Louis, Michigan, County of Gratiot, hereby approves the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunk Line Maintenance Contract and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Contract on behalf of the City of Saint Louis.

Yeas: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Addition to Agenda.

Finance Department Staff.

Manager Giles requested members approve the search/hiring of an Accounting Supervisor to assist in the Finance Department. There are currently only two full time employees and a part time employee.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard to approve the advertisement for an Accounting Supervisor at the grade 3 level. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on recent Transit discussions. Another meeting is scheduled for Friday.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin explained that he will support infrastructure projects as they are necessary and important, but he isn't always willing to vote in favor of discretionary items.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk