

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
January 15, 2020

The Goal Setting Meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kubin on Tuesday, January 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger Collison, George T. Kubin, Bill Leonard, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None  
City Manager: Kurt Giles  
Deputy City Clerk: Bobbie Marr  
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

## Others in Attendance

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Mike Parsons – Electric Department, Jessica Little – Library Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Kasey Zehner – Greater Gratiot

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following items were discussed:

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### NEW BUSINESSES & IMPROVEMENTS DOWNTOWN

Blue Shamrock Pub, 4Seasons Gym & Tanning, St. Louis Optics, Flegel Tech Repair  
McDonald's, Main Street Pizza, Uptown Treasures

### NORTH MILL STREET PAVING PROJECT COMPLETED

Sidewalk and curb improvements

### SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

### CLARK STATION GRANT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

### NEW TRASH CONTAINERS DOWNTOWN STAINED

### REPLACEMENT OF MULCH IN DOWNTOWN BEDS WITH STONE

### USDA GRANT FOR FARMERS MARKET FACILITY STUDY

### LEPPIEN PARK GRANT – PLAYScape INSTALLED

Gratiot County Community Foundation grant

### PENNY PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACED - \$25,000

GREAT GRANT AWARDED AND POOL HOUSE PROJECT COMPLETED  
Pool building and surrounding area

STREET PAVING PROJECTS

PHASE II OF INSITUTHERMAL PROJECT UNDERWAY

LIBRARY UPDATES (ATTACHMENT)

MAPLE STREET PROJECT CATEGORY A GRANT AWARDED  
\$250,000

COLLABORATIVE ASSESSING WITH CITY OF ALMA

PINE STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

NET METERING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

NEW POLICE VEHICLES – USDA GRANT

ZONING MAP REVISION

SPRING CLEANUP DAY EXPANDED  
“I Love My City Day”

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

FINANCIAL/INFRASTRUCTURE/STAFFING (SEE ATTACHED)

REVISE ZONING ORDINANCE

NEW CITY HALL AREA  
Additional Shoreline projects

**PARKS & RECREATION**

SWIMMING POOL DECK MAINTENANCE  
ELECTRIC RECEPTACLES AT LEPIEN PARK PAVILION  
Lincoln Park basketball court  
Magic Square area  
County Parks millage

**SALE OF CITY PROPERTIES**

Future uses of Lentz Farm

INDUSTRIAL PARK – expansions and available properties

Plasti-Paint  
Jer-Den

Apex Marine  
Crippen

**OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS**

Building Inspector succession plan  
Expand AED cabinet placement

**AIRPORT STUDY by County**

**DIAL-A-RIDE**

County-wide transportation millage possibility

**CITY WEBSITE REVISION**

**M-46 MILL & ASPHALT OVERLAY – 2020**

From Hidden Oaks Drive to US-127 overpass

**APPLICATION FOR GREAT GRANT ROUND TWO**

**UTILITIES**

**UPDATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**ST. LOUIS WATER SUPPLY REPLACEMENT – 4<sup>th</sup> Production Well  
DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY**

**WATER SYSTEM**

Maple Street reconstruction  
Other water main replacements – M-46 ESPECIALLY  
Fire hydrants painted – ongoing rotation  
Orchard Hills area Water Main Extension (Superfund-related)  
Lead (Pb) Service Line Elimination  
Prospect and Hebron Water Main Replacement

**WASTEWATER – KEITH**

State Revolving Fund Project – Phase II – wastewater collection – athletic fields, etc.  
I & I Reduction Implementation ongoing  
Possible lining projects  
Berea Street water/sewer reconstruct  
Michigan Avenue pump station replacement  
Devon Street metering station upgrades

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

NEXT VELSICOL INSITUTHERMAL PROJECTS – PHASE II/BURN PIT  
SANDBLAST AND REPAINT BASES OF M-46 LAMP POSTS  
Spillway Gate rehabilitation

2400/4160V distribution conversion and new 12, 470V circuit  
New Prospect Street Circuit – Burn Pit  
Update Distribution System Study  
Remote Disconnect Meters  
Outage Management System  
Purchase Back Yard Pole/Bucket Machine  
Building painted to match New City Hall  
Buy new Christmas decorations annually  
Shoreline Protection Program – possibly use as grant matching funds  
Screen trees and/or new fencing around North Mill Street substation

#### **STREETS/BRIDGES/TRANSPORTATION**

Main Street Bridge replacement or rehabilitation  
Possible coordination with Small Urban and/or SRF Phase II  
Next Small Urban funded project – 2021  
State Street between Michigan & Main Streets  
Coordinated with water and wastewater needs  
Other Local/Major Streets resurfacing  
Prospect Street between Corinth and Hebron reconstruction  
Water Main being designed  
Hebron between Prospect and Olive reconstruction

REPAIR 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN STREET (BR-127)  
2016 work did not include this area – M-46 to RR tracks  
New “welcome signs” at City Limits

#### **DOWNTOWN**

RENOVATIONS OF M-46 ENHANCEMENT GRANT AREA – TREE REMOVAL, ETC.

BLIGHT, ZONING ISSUES and VACANT BUILDINGS

CLARK STATION

FARMERS MARKET STUDY GRANT

#### **MOTOR POOL**

PURCHASE NEW BUCKET TRUCK

OTHER TRUCK REPLACEMENTS

Library:

Recent Accomplishments:

Purchased 4 new armchairs as the first step in creating a new reading/seating area.  
Replaced five public access, two circulation, and three staff computers.

Went “Fine-free” on January 1, 2019.

Provided countywide VITA services without the assistance of an AmeriCorps member.

Projects in Progress:

Update our public access computer network system to improve the sign-on procedure and increase printer access (hardware and software purchased, just not installed yet).

Repaint the interior of the library.

Remodel the public bathrooms with new flooring, sink hardware, and fresh paint.

Purchase additional furniture for the reading area.

Replace two 19-year-old printers and an 11-year-old photocopier with one more efficient printer/copier that can serve the needs of both public and staff.

Replace our roadside sign.

### **Public Comments.**

There were none.

### **Adjournment.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy City Clerk