

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
March 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem George T. Kubin on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard

Council Members Absent: Mayor James C. Kelly, Thomas L. Reed (both 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, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Brett Baublitz – Alma Transit

Member Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 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 \$726,050.18. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Financial Reports.**

The Financial Reports were received and placed on file.

### **Monthly Reports.**

City Council discussed the February, 2020 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the February, 2020 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Audience Recognition.**

Brett Baublitz, Director of Alma Transit, initiated discussions on the possibility of a Transit Millage being placed on the August Ballot. The millage would be 0.96 mills for six years. The City of St. Louis, City of Ithaca and Pine River Township would be tie-barred together. Fares would be \$2.00 for all, no matter if they were staying inner city or going outer.

Council Members present were in consensus of placing a Resolution on the April 7<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda to consider placing this item on the August Ballot.

### **Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Pro Tem Kubin requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Altec for Electric Department Bucket Truck.
- b. Payment to Miller, Canfield for Professional Services – Bond Counsel.
- c. Payment to T.H. Eifert for WWTP Process Piping.
- d. Payment to Compass Minerals for Bulk Road Salt.
- e. Payment to Spicer for Farmers Market Study.

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

### **New Business.**

#### **Main Street Bridge Rating.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Spicer for additional services for the Main Street Bridge Load Rating in the amount of \$4,400.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the proposal from Spicer for additional services for the Main Street Bridge Load Rating in the amount of \$4,400.00. All ayes carried the motion.

#### **Michigan Avenue Pump Replacement.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Spicer for Michigan Avenue Pump Replacement – River Crossing in the amount of \$27,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve the proposal from Spicer Group for Michigan Avenue Pump Replacement – River Crossing in the amount of \$27,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

**Ordinance B-240 Rezoning of 701 Michigan Avenue.**

Manager Giles stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing March 11<sup>th</sup> to consider rezoning 701 Michigan Avenue from R-2 One and Two Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential and are recommending the zoning change.

Manager Giles also read a letter from a resident that was against the re-zoning.

Discussion was held.

**THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.**

The Zoning Map of the City of St. Louis, provided for at Section 5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended as follows:

- a. The premises described immediately below is hereby re-zoned from R-2 One and Two Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential:

Scenic Heights, City of St. Louis, Lots 1 through 7, Block 2

**Section 2. Separability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**Section 3. Ordinances Repealed.**

All Ordinances and/or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its enactment as provided by the City Charter.

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin

Nays: None

Ordinance Declared Adopted.

**City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles stated he received a call from Tom Alcamo and the Insitu-Thermal treatment at the plant site is going well.

**City Clerk Report.**

None.

**Police Chief Report.**

None.

**Council Comments.**

Member Collison inquired on the status of the burned house on the corner of Pine and Center Streets and the Blues Festival.

Member Collison also stated he is in favor of the Transit millage being placed on the ballot in August.

Member Leonard inquired on the status of the former Gas Station on Washington Street.

Member Kubin requested the Council hold off having speakers attend the meetings until the Corvid-19 Virus situation is over.

**Public Comments.**

There were none.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk