

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
May 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Max Clever – Spicer Group

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2020.

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

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the corrected amount of \$233,667.06.

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

**Monthly Board Minutes.**

There were no meetings held in the month of April.

**Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

**Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda item “a” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Maple Street Improvements.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda item “a.” All ayes carried the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**New Business.**

**Bid Award – Westgate Pavement Project.**

Manager Giles requested members award the Westgate Pavement Improvement Bid to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$163,987.53.

Discussion was held.

Members Reed and Kubin were reluctant to approve to have the streets where they reside paved while other streets were in worse condition.

Superintendent Abbott stated if they are not attended to at this time, they will deteriorate worse and be much more costly to repair.

Member Collison stated he does not live in the area and is in agreement with the paving project.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to award the Westgate Pavement Improvement Bid, which includes the West Essex and Chatham, leaving the only street that will not be improved in Westgate Subdivision is Surrey, to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$170,000.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Roof Replacement – DPW Garage.**

Manager Giles stated three proposals were received and requested members approve the proposal from C & D Builders for DPW Roof Replacement in the amount of \$17,715.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the proposal from C & D Builders for DPW Roof Replacement in the amount of \$17,715.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Water Utility GIS Additional Services.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Spicer for Water Utility GIS Additional Services in the amount of \$11,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the proposal from Spicer for Water Utility GIS Additional Services in the amount of \$11,500.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Assessing Agreement with the City of Alma.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the Assessing Agreement with the City of Alma for the upcoming year which includes a 1 ½ percent increase.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Assessing Agreement with the City of Alma.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles offered Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. as a date for the Budget Work Session, which could potentially have to be done by teleconference. Council Members stated they are available May 27<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the proposed budget will be available to members by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Manager Giles stated the Executive Order that relaxed the Open Meeting Act expires May 12<sup>th</sup> so the May 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and the May 27<sup>th</sup> Budget Work Session would be held at City Hall and offering remote participation.

Manager Giles stated the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> via teleconference will be discussing the 2020 Pool Season. This year's opening date would be June 6, 2020 but due to the Covid situation would like Council Members thoughts on delaying the opening.

The consensus of the Council is to delay opening the pool for the 2020 season.

Mayor Kelly requested Phil Hansen send messages out to the community and that the delay be put in the City Newsletter.

### **City Clerk Report.**

None.

### **Police Chief Report.**

None.

### **Council Comments.**

Member Collison stated the recent outbreak of Covid at the local nursing home shows just how fast the virus spreads.

Member Reed agreed and stated that is why he is concerned with the Industrial Park industries opening up too soon.

Mayor Kelly agreed and stated the Pastor from Resurrection Life Church contacted him about holding services this Thursday. He advised against it and the Pastor was in agreement.

### **Public Comments.**

There were no comments.

### **Adjournment.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk