

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Conference Call. Public participation was made available by conference call or in-person at City Hall.

Council Members Present: Via Conference Call 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 – via Conference Call
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance Via Conference Call:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Jessica Little – Library Director

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 3, 2020.

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

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$391,544.96.

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

Monthly Reports.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

None

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Payment to City of Alma for Assessing Contract.
- b. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – West State Street Reconstruction Design.
- c. Payment to Rite – Way Asphalt for Asphalt Repairs on N. Main, N. Union and E. Saginaw Streets.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.”

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business.

St. Louis Boys Cross Country Championship Proclamation.

Manager Giles stated this past weekend the St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team Division 3 – Lower Peninsula won the State of Michigan Championship.

Mayor Kelly read the following Proclamation and Proclaimed November 18, 2020 as St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team Day in the City of St. Louis:

“ST. LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM DIVISION 3 - LOWER PENINSULA CHAMPIONSHIP”

**Proclamation
November 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Saint Louis City Council wishes to congratulate the Saint Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team on winning the Division 3 – Lower Peninsula Championship Title in the State of Michigan and;

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis recognizes the Saint Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team for the effort and dedication put forth and their outstanding performance in representing the Saint Louis Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I James C. Kelly, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the 18th day of November, 2020 as St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team Day in the City of St. Louis and dedicate this day to the Saint Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team for their exceptional performance and championship win.

Set Goal Setting Meeting.

Manager Giles requested members approve to set January 13, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the annual City Goal Setting Meeting.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve to set January 13, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the annual City Goal Setting Meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-16 Adoption of Gratiot County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2020-16 – Gratiot County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Discussion was held.

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

WHEREAS, Gratiot County, Michigan has experienced disasters that have damaged commercial, residential, and public properties, displaced citizens and businesses, closed streets and bridges, and presented general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Gratiot County, in collaboration with the City of St. Louis and other local governments, has prepared a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* that outlines the County’s options to reduce overall damage and impact from hazards; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been reviewed by County residents, business owners, and federal, state, and local agencies, and has been revised to reflect their concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The *Gratiot County Hazard Mitigation Plan* is hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of St. Louis, Michigan.
2. A hazard mitigation planning Committee is hereby established as a permanent county advisory body. The County Local Planning Team (LPT) shall function as the Hazard Mitigation Committee. The Committee's duties shall be designated in the *Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
3. The Hazard Mitigation Committee is charged with supervising the implementation of the Plan's recommendations within the funding limitations as provided by the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners or other sources.
4. The Hazard Mitigation Committee shall give priority attention to action items recommended by the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* as high priority.
5. The Hazard Mitigation Committee's facilitator shall convene the Hazard Mitigation Committee at least once per year. The Committee shall monitor implementation of the plan and shall submit a written progress report to the County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the following format:
 - a. A review of the original plan.
 - b. A review of any disasters or emergencies that occurred during the previous calendar year.
 - c. A review of the actions taken, including what was accomplished during the previous year.
 - d. A discussion of any implementation problems.
 - e. Recommendations for new projects or revised action items. Such recommendations shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners.

AYES: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

NAYS: None

Resolution Declared Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

Appointment of Member (s) to Solid Waste Task Force.

Manager Giles stated the Alma City Commission approved creating a task force to review our solid waste collection issues. Three Commissioners were appointed from Alma and they are requesting St. Louis appoint one or two Council Members to the task force.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to appoint Tom Reed to the Solid Waste Task Force.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement to Approve the Designated Assessor.

Manager Giles stated that PA 660 of 2018 requires every county to have a Designated Assessor on file with the State Tax Commission. Kathy Roslund would be designated by all entities in Gratiot County and will be called upon if an assessor fails to meet the standards of the State Tax Commission. The Designated Assessor has to be in place by December 31, 2020.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Interlocal Agreement to approve Kathy Roslund as the Gratiot County Designated Assessor for the City of St. Louis.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Interlocal Agreement to approve Kathy Roslund as the Designated Assessor for the City of St. Louis.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Temporary Street Closings for Christmas Parade.

Manager Giles stated at this time staff is withdrawing the request for temporary street closings for the Christmas Parade and wish to cancel the parade due to the current Covid – 19 situation.

All were in agreement.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Reed, to cancel the 2020 Christmas Parade.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Leonard, Reed, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated he had nothing further, but wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz updated members on the status of installing an additional camera at Clapp Park. There are a few more details to work out, but so far the cost is a little over \$4,000.00.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated he was contacted by a resident near the Crawford Street water tower asking if the area by the dumpster could be enhanced. Also, could Mark Abbott check into the condition of Hazel/Delaware Street next to the Library.

Member Leonard stated the Housing Commission is in the process of installing barriers around the dumpster on Crawford Street.

Mayor Kelly stated he was at the event when the Cross County Team returned from their State Championship and thanked the Police and Fire Departments. It was a wonderful event.

Members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw inquired on the vandalism that occurred at the Cemetery. Chief Ramereiz stated it has been turned over to the prosecutor.

Adjournment.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk