

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, October 20, 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 6, 2020.

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

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$440,149.72.

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

Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to receive the September Monthly Reports and place on file.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Detroit Salt for Road Salt.
- b. Payment to Bader & Sons for Large Blower.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well #12.

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.

Bid Award – Well #12.

Manager Giles stated two bids were received October 6th for Well #12. Low bidder was Peerless Mid-West in the amount of \$127,488.13, which will be reimbursed by the US EPA, and Fishbeck is recommending awarding the bid to Peerless and authorizing execution of the Notice of Award.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to award Well #12 bid to Peerless Mid-West in the amount of \$127,488.13 and authorize execution of the Notice of Award.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Employment Agreement Renewal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Employment Agreement for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the renewal of the City Manager Employment Agreement for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Set Annual Goal Setting Meeting.

Manager Giles stated that members hold their Goal Setting Meeting in October, but last year due to new Council Members terms starting in January 2019, members held off until March.

Manager Giles asked members if they would like to schedule the annual meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council to hold the meeting in January, 2021.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. There have been two recent power outages. The first one was a smaller outage caused by lightning. The second one was on a large scale due to a traffic accident. Central Dispatch was overwhelmed with calls from residents. The City needs to look at a system that can notify residents and avoid Central Dispatch receiving calls.
2. There is an opportunity for another solar power purchase agreement through the MPPA. More to follow on this.

Member Collison asked about disposal of solar panels.

3. Reminder: The Transportation Millage is on the November 3rd ballot.
4. The MML held a conference call regarding OMA, which the Legislature and the Governor have approved that Governments can hold meeting virtual through the end of the year.
5. The updated Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved at the County level and on an upcoming Agenda it will be recommended to be adopted by the City by Resolution.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he received grant funds from the Luneack Foundation for CPR Training and materials.

This is also Prescription Take Back Week. A Shark Card will be given through a random drawing to a person that has returned prescriptions.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated that he is happy to renew the Managers Employment Agreement and feels he is doing an excellent job.

Member Reed asked about blight issues, the geese in Penny Park and Vandalism at the Cemetery and Clapp Park.

Chief Rameriez will research the cost to possibly purchase additional cameras for Clapp Park.

Mayor Kelly inquired on the Martin House at Penny Park. Mark Abbott stated it has been removed and will be repaired.

Public Comments.

Mark Abbott stated he did a search on his phone and disposal of solar panels is \$750.00 per ton and their life span is 25 to 30 years.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk