

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, 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 – Superintendent DPW, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Bill Leonard – Candidate for City Council, Steve Mann – Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Theo Von Wallmenich & Scott Pratt – CH2M, Emma Selmon – Gratiot County Herald

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2019. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$476,519.42. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the July 2019 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the July 2019 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Municipal Attorney, Steve Mann, discussed with Council the possibility of the 2-mill Public Safety Special Assessment being made permanent by a vote of the people.

Steve Mann stated voters can approve establishing the special assessment district but not the millage rate. Under PA 33, City Council would still determine the rate annually if the district was approved. Also, the existing special assessment district would have to be terminated before the district was voted on.

Steve Mann also reviewed other ballot issue options and financing for water system improvements and street projects.

Steve Mann stated he felt the best option was selling bonds.

Public transit was also discussed.

Members Thanked Steve Mann for the information.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Rehmann for work station upgrades.
- b. Payment to CORE Technology for Annual Maintenance Agreement.
- c. Payment to Farabee Mechanical to initiate contract for radiator replacement and gas line replacement.
- d. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services Michigan Ave./Pine Water Main Replacement.
- e. Payment No. 3 to Ward’s Excavating for Michigan Ave./Pine Water Main Replacement.
- f. Payment to Presidio for Library computer upgrades.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “f” as shown above. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Purchase of Crack Seal from National Highway Maintenance Systems (NHMS).

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of Crack Seal from NHMS in the budgeted amount of \$8,920.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of Crack Seal from NHMS in the budgeted amount of \$8,920.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Items: Boots for Heroes 5/K Event.

Chief Ramereiz requested members approve temporary street closures for the Annual Boots for Heroes 5/K Event to be held September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed to approve the temporary street closures for the Boots for Heroes event. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

1. Working with Central Dispatch to allow the placement of radio equipment on Giddings Water Tower.
2. St. Louis Correctional Facility is planning to go solar.
3. Power cost adjustment practice runs have begun.
4. The Planning Commission approved a 3-year extension of the special use permit for the Hope House, with yearly reviews.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council of the following:

1. Rite Aid Pharmacy is providing free medical disposal boxes to Police Departments.
2. The new patrol cars are expected this week.
3. US-27 Motor Tour is August 22nd.

Council Comments.

Member Allen inquired on the Police Bike.

Mayor Kelly stated the Street Sign on North and Watson is bent.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk