

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, William R. Leonard

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, Elizabeth A. Upton (both excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles (excused)
Public Services Director: Keith Risdon sitting in for Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Bryan Grasso-Shonka – Business Owner, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Ferris Azzam - Resident

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2022. 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 \$760,088.76. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the August, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to receive the August, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Reed requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” as shown below:

- a. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – M-46 Watermain Project.
- b. Payment No. 4 to Crawford Contracting for – M-46 Watermain Project.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Existing Well Abandonment.
- d. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- e. Payment to Cartegraph for Annual Service.
- f. Payment to Hach for UV Water System.
- g. Change Order No. 1 from Ward’s Excavating – Well Abandonment Project.

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

New Business.

Request to Host Annual Homecoming Parade.

Chief Ramereiz explained the parade route and road closures and recommended members approve the Annual Homecoming Parade and temporary road closures to be held Friday, September 30, 2022 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Annual Homecoming Parade and temporary road closures to be held Friday, September 30, 2022 beginning at 5:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Professional Services Proposal.

Keith requested members approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for the Existing Well Abandonment Construction Phase Services in the amount of \$73,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for the Existing Well Abandonment Construction Phase Services in the amount of \$73,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

MPPA Administered Clean Energy Program in 2023 – 2025.

Keith requested members approve to participate in the MPPA administered Clean Energy Program in 2023 – 2025. MPPA would like a response by September 9, 2022, so they know who plans to participate.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to approve to participate in the MPPA administered Clean Energy Program in 2023 – 2025. All ayes carried the motion.

Block Party and Temporary Road Closure.

Chief Ramereiz stated the Block Party will basically be identical to last year and requested members approve the Block Party and Temporary Road Closure of the 200 Block of Mill Street on October 15, 2022 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Block Party and Temporary Road Closure of the 200 block of Mill Street on October 15, 2022 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing – Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (OPRAD).

Risdon requested members set a Public Hearing for September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider establishing an OPRAD at 214 North Mill Street.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to set a Public Hearing for September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider establishing an OPRAD at 214 North Mill Street. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing – OPRA Exemption Certificate.

Risdon requested members set a Public Hearing for September 20, 2022 or as soon as the Agenda Allows, to consider an Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate at 214 North Mill Street.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to set a Public Hearing for September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider an Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate at 214 North Mill Street. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda.

Power Purchase Commitment Authorization.

Risdon requested members approve the Power Purchase Commitment Authorization through MPPA in an amount not to exceed \$107,504.00 and authorize that he execute the Authorization in the absence of the City Manager.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to approve the Power Purchase commitment through the MPPA in an amount not to exceed \$107,504.00 and authorize Keith Risdon to execute the Authorization. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

The City Manager was not in attendance.

Keith stated the paving for the new watermain will be completed by Thursday.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Collison asked what was happening at the former Corner Market Building. Nothing is official yet.

Member Leonard stated he is getting questions on the new Watermain and why there are two water towers. Keith explained.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk