

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, November 1, 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, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, five high school students

Member Upton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 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 \$321,200.98. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council Members discussed the Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to received and place the Monthly Board Minutes 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 “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Val Matic for five Replacement Valves at the WWTP.
- b. Payment Detroit Salt for Road Salt.
- c. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- d. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Existing Well Abandonment.
- e. Payment to Delta College for Police Academy Fall Semester – Jakin Clark.

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

New Business.

Work Directive Change No. 2 – Orchard Hills Watermain.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Work Directive Change No. 2 from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Watermain which will extend the watermain along Orchard Court and run water services to existing homes, install water meters and abandon existing residential wells in the estimated amount of \$10,000.00. This project is funded by the EPA and Pine River Township.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Work Directive Change No. 2 from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Watermain which will extend the watermain along Orchard Court and run water services to existing homes, install water meters and abandon existing residential wells in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment B-241.

Manager Giles requested members set a Public Hearing on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM to consider amending Division 5 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding Planning Commission appointments.

The following Ordinance will be considered for adoption:

Section 1. Division 5 of the Ordinance of the City of St. Louis, including sections 2-14 through 2-19, inclusive, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Division 5. Planning Commission

Section 2-14, Created. There is hereby established with provision for appointment of its members, a City Planning Commission.

Section 2-15, Composition; Qualification and Appointment of Members. The Planning Commission shall consist of the Mayor and one of the administrative officials of the City who shall be selected by the Mayor, both of whom shall serve as members ex-officio of such City Planning Commission. Seven additional citizens and tax payers of the City shall be appointed by the City Council. The City Council, in appointing the seven additional members, shall cause, insofar as it possible, representation of different professions or occupations. All appointments of the members of the Planning Commission, except the ex-officio members, shall be subject to the approval by a majority vote of the members of the City Council.

Section 2-16, Compensation; Holding other City Offices. All members of the Planning Commissions shall serve as such without compensation and none of the members, except the ex-officio members, shall at any time, during his membership, hold any other municipal office.

Section 2-17, Terms of Members. The terms of the ex-officio members of the Planning Commission shall correspond to their respective official tenures; except that the term of the administrative official selected by the Mayor shall terminate with the term of the Mayor selecting him. The term of each member, except the ex-officio members, shall be three years or until his successor takes office, except that the terms of two of the members first appointed shall be for one year and two years respectively.

Section 2-18, Removal of Members; Filling Vacancies. Members of the Planning Commission may, after public hearing, be removed by the City Manager for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the City Manager in the case of members selected or appointed by him. All appointments for vacancies made by the City Manager shall be subject to the approval of the City Council.

Section 2-19, Powers and Duties. The powers and duties of the Planning Commission shall be as provided by Act 285 of the Public Acts of 1931 as amended, to effect as if the powers and duties of the City Planning Commission, as declared and provided by said Act, had been at length set forth and declared therein.

Section 2-20 through 2-25. Reserved.

Section 2. Separability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Ordinances Repealed.

All Ordinances and/or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its enactment as provided by the City Charter.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to set a Public Hearing on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM to consider amending Division 5 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding Planning Commission appointments. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the following:

- Demolition of 110 W. Jackson Road should be finished up Wednesday.
- Repaving is complete at the Saginaw Street City Parking Lot and the section on North Street. Reimbursement for North Street has been submitted to Jacobs.
- The back up generator for Well 12 will not be delivered until next May due to supply issues. Consumers pushed back the electrical work until December.
- The Orchard Hills water project is progressing. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he has three interested persons in the open position at the Police Department. He has started background checks and they have to pass the fitness test and reading and writing.

Jakin Clarke is doing well at the academy and is expected to graduate in December.

Council Comments.

Mayor Reed stated that at Coffee with the Mayor, a resident asked about reducing the deer population in neighborhoods. Chief Ramereiz stated that for the DNR to consider a Deer Cull, there has to be sufficient evidence of car deer issues. While the City does have car deer accidents, we do not meet DNR's criteria. Mayor Reed will have the resident contact the Chief.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk