

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 6, 2022

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin,
William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Officer: Matt VanHall

Others in Attendance:

Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, two high school students

Member Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Establishment of OPRA District.

Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing to consider the establishment of an OPRA District at 201 N. Mill Street at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Reed asked for public comments.

There were no comments.

Manager Giles introduced Ryan Smith from Gemini Capital and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Reed asked what the plan was for the Commercial space.

Ryan stated he plans to completely renovate the two apartments upstairs and renovate the downstairs for commercial use.

Mayor Reed closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Resolution 2022-20 Establishment of an OPRA District for Gemini Capital Management LLC.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 146 of the Public Acts of 2000, the City Council for the City of St. Louis has the authority to establish “Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District” within the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Gemini Capital Management LLC has filed a written request with the clerk of the City of St. Louis requesting the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District on its property located in the City of St. Louis hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Louis sets forth a finding and determination that the district meets the requirements set forth in section 3(1) of Public Acts 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the proposed district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Gratiot County Herald Newspaper and/or public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022 a public hearing was held, and all residents and taxpayers of the City of St. Louis were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City of St. Louis to establish the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District as proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Louis that the following described parcel of land situated in the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, to wit:

201 North Mill Street. Parcel # 29-53-010-138-00.

DEED L 563 P 830 S 39 FT 3 IN OF LOT 4 EX E 35 FT, BLOCK 38, CITY OF ST LOUIS.

be and here is established as an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District pursuant to the provision of Act No. 146 of the Public Acts of 2000 to be known as 201 North Mill Street Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District No. 2022-02.

AYES: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Upton, Reed

NAYES: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 15, 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 \$669,417.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council Members discussed the Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to receive 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 item “a” through “d.” as listed below:

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Orchard Hills Well Water Disconnect.
- b. GAWA Financial Statements – Receive.
- c. Fire Board Financial Statements – Receive.
- d. SLIPR Financial Statements – Receive.

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

New Business.

Appointment to Parks & Recreation Commission.

Manager Giles stated the Parks Commission is recommending City Council appoint Randall Mead to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to appoint Randall Mead to the Parks Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2022-21 Establishing Regular Council Meeting Schedule.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2022-21 which establishes the regular Council Meeting Schedule for 2023.

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

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Saint Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan, pursuant to Act 261 Michigan Public Acts of 1968, and in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, hereby gives notice to the public of the regular meeting schedule for the calendar year 2023.

WHEREAS, The City Council, in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, is required to hold meetings, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of January following the regular City election, for the purpose of installation of newly elected Council Members. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice each month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the dates for holding said regular meetings shall be as follows:

January 3	April 4	*July 5	October 3
January 17	April 18	July 18	October 17
February 7	May 2	August 1	November 7
February 21	May 16	August 15	November 21
March 7	June 6	September 5	December 5
March 21	June 20	September 19	December 19

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby establishes as its place and time for holding aforesaid regular meetings as the City Council Chambers, City Office Building, 300 North Mill Street, Saint Louis, Michigan at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

Ayes: Kubin, Upton, Collison, Leonard, Reed

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted this 6th day of December, 2022.

Engineering Services Proposal.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from GRP for System Model Update and Distribution System Study. The Electric System Model Updating services in the amount of \$14,000.00 and the Distribution System Study in the amount of \$42,000.00 for a total amount of \$56,000.00. The last study was conducted in 2000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Kubin, to approve the Proposal from GRL for System Model Update and Distribution System Study in the total amount of \$56,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Police Academy Sponsorship.

Manager Giles requested members approve the next Police Academy Sponsorship in the amount of \$8,603.00.

Officer VanHall stated that Chief Ramereiz said the cost is the same as it was to send Jakin Clark.

Manager Giles stated that Jakin is graduating the academy December 16th.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the next Police Academy Sponsorship in the amount of \$8,603.00 less any grant money received.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the following:

There is an opportunity through MPPA for the purchase of power that is a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). More will follow in the future.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard stated he would like to thank the Police Chief and Police Officers for their organization at the Christmas parade. He was pleased to be able to ride in the Humvee and pass out candy.

Member Kubin thanked Phil Hansen for organizing the parade and stated Helen Hall is the one who originally started the Christmas Parade.

Member Kubin also stated the MML Conference is in April this coming year and members should think about attending.

Mayor Reed stated he contacted the school superintendent about having a student attend Council meetings as we have done in the past, but he has not heard back yet.

Mayor Reed inquired about Vehicle Charging Stations. Manager Giles stated we have a quote from one supplier in the amount of 116,000.00.

Mayor Reed thanked member Kubin for carrying the banner with him in the Christmas Parade.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk