

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, December 20, 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: Jon Rugenstien

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$704,533.21. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council Members discussed the Monthly Reports.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to receive and place the Monthly Reports on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Ralph Echtenaw asked members why they can't tear the salt shed down and re-build one.

Keith stated the building cannot be duplicated the salt will just push the back wall out again.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Reed requested approval of Consent Agenda item “a” through “i.” as listed below:

- a. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.
- b. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Sewer, Water Main and Road Construction from Mill to Pine & Pine from Center to M-46.
- c. Payment to Ward’s Excavating for Existing Well Abandonment.
- d. Payment to Isabella Corp. for Water Supply Replacement Well 12 Well House and Raw Water Main.
- e. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- f. Payment to Border States for Purchase of Light Poles.
- g. Payment to EGLE for Annual NPDES Permit.
- h. Payment to Digital Ally for Police Body Cameras.
- i. Business Risk Report – Electric Utility (receive).

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

New Business.

Appointment to Planning Commission.

Manager Giles stated the Planning Commission is recommending members appoint Diandra Messer to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to appoint Diandra Messer to the Planning Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Repair/Replacement of 2016 Police Dodge Charger.

Manager Giles stated Chief Ramereiz has obtained quotes for repairs of the 2016 Police Department Dodge Charge from Alma Chrysler. The quotes are for a new motor, a rebuilt motor and a used motor.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve repairs to the 2016 Dodge Charge by Alma Chrysler for a rebuilt motor in the amount of \$9,114.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Complete Reappraisal.

Manager Giles stated the Assessor has offered to obtain multiple quotes, a separate one for residential and one for Commercial and Industrial and asked members if they were interested in having the Assessor obtain quote for a complete reappraisal.

Members were not in favor of having a complete reappraisal done.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles asked members if they are available Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. for the Goal Setting Session.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard to set the Goal Setting Session for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Manager Giles updated members on the following:

1. The upcoming projects Bobbie referenced in her report are the Pine Street Reconstruction, Wastewater System Improvements and the Prospect/Hebron/Tamarack/Berea watermain replacement. These items will be discussed at the Goal Setting Meeting.
2. The Draft 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan is Available for members to view.

City Clerk Report.

The City Clerk informed members that she is planning to retire, and her last day will be January 27, 2023.

Police Report.

Officer Rugenstien stated the Chief will check on the time on the repairs to the Police car.

Officer Jakin has graduated from the Police Academy and has started working full time.

Council Comments.

Member Collison inquired on the Street Projects. They will be discussed at the Goal Setting Session.

Member Collison stated he has reviewed the draft Park Plan and it is well laid out.

Member Kubin asked if the Clerk's position will be posted internally first. Manager Giles stated it would.

Mayor Reed wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk