

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Collison on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Tom Reed (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Jamie Long
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:
Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Phil Hansen – DDA Director.

Roger Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$578,008.92. All Ayes Carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January 2023 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to receive the January, 2023 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were none.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Collison requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda item “a.”

- a. Payment to Michigan Municipal Electric-Annual Membership Dues.

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

New Business.

Purchase of a POP-I 2.4 HP Drop In Mixer.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a POP-I 2.4 HP Drop in Mixer for the Anaerobic Spare Tank from Landia in the amount of \$18,758.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the purchase of the Pop-I 2.4 HP Drop in Mixer for the Anaerobic Spare Tank from Landia in the amount of \$18,758. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of a PL-200 Bare Pump with MIP Radial Liners.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a PL-200 Bare Pump with MIP Radial Liners from Detroit Pump in the amount of \$14,402.07.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the purchase of a PL-200 Bare Pump with Radial Liners from Detroit Pump in the amount of \$14,402.07. All Ayes carried the motion.

Approve Fireworks Documents.

Manager Giles requested members approve the paperwork for the 2023 Fireworks.

Discussion was held regarding the July Celebration activities. Council Member Leonard and Council Member Upton will work with DDA Director Hansen to coordinate potential activities such as music performances, a craft show, dunk tank, etc.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the paperwork for the July 15, 2023 Fireworks. All ayes carried the motion.

Request for Franklin Street Closure.

Manager Giles requested a temporary street closure of Franklin Street for the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt and Family Activities on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the temporary street closure of Franklin Street for the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt and Family Activities on Saturday, April 8, 2023. All Ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed the council of the Employee Appreciation Dinner being set for March 9, 2023, with River Rock catering the event.

City Clerk Report.

Clerk Jamie Long, informed the board that she is scheduled March 12-March 19, 2023 for her first year of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Institute to begin her certification process.

Police Report.

Chief Rich Ramereiz discussed the recent false school threats. He is very thankful for the excellent relationship we have formed with St. Louis Public Schools, creating a very smooth working relationship.

He also informed the council that the courts are switching over to an all-electronic warrant system. The Police Department will have to switch to a new software system, with an estimated annual cost of around \$400.

Council Comments.

There were no comments.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel asked Chief Ramereiz of the Police Department's plans now that our recruit, Jakin Clark, resigned from his position. Chief Ramereiz reported that we do have another recruit currently in the academy, Kyle Eisenberger and we will be looking to hire another officer to fill the open positions.

Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel also asked if the city would be putting another recruit through the academy and if the city would be able to recover any of the money that was paid to put Jakin through the academy.

Chief Ramereiz responded that Jakin resigned for personal reasons and any future recruits being sponsored in the academy would be on a case-by-case basis.

Chief Ramereiz stated that the department must follow MCOLES rules for reimbursement, so the recruit can only be asked to pay back a small portion of the fees.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard supported by Upton to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk