

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
July 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 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: Jamie Long  
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon-Public Services Director, Ralph Echtenaw-St. Louis Sentinel, Jerry Neyer- State Representative.

Member Upton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2023. 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 \$1,448,144.34. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Board Minutes.**

Members discussed the June 2023 Monthly Reports.

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

### **Audience Recognition.**

Jerry Neyer-State Representative reported on the state budget being passed through the house and senate and now it is on the governor's desk awaiting approval.

Neyer reported about possible EGLE funds becoming available for water and sewer projects.

Neyer reported on changes to the election process.

### **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Hutson for John Deere Mowers.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Orchard Hills Well Water Disconnect.
- c. Payment to GRP Engineering for Engineering Services-System Model Update and Distribution System Study.
- d. Payment to Spicer for the Drinking Water Asset Management.
- e. Payment to The Isabella Corporation for Well 12 Project.
- f. Payment to Malley Construction for Orchard Hills Water Main Extension.
- g. Payment to Ward's Excavating for Existing Well Abandonment Project.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "g." All ayes carried the motion.

### **New Business.**

#### **Temporary Street Closure.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the temporary street closure of Crawford Street on July 25, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Evening in the Park with the Historical Society.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison to approve the temporary street closure of Crawford Street on July 25, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Evening in the Park with the Historical Society. All ayes carried the motion.

#### **Casting Ballot for MML Workers Fund Trustees.**

Manager Giles requested members to cast the ballot for the MML Workers Fund Trustees with the six qualified candidates.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton to cast the ballot for the MML Workers Fund Trustees with the six qualified candidates. All ayes carried the motion.

**Water Main Line-Stopping Services/Valve Installation.**

Manager Giles requested members authorize the Water Main Line-Stopping Services/Valve Installation, not to exceed \$25,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Collison, to authorize the water main line-stopping of services and valve installation, not to exceed \$25,000. All ayes carried the motion.

**Pool Mural Project.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the Pool Mural Project with Theresa Jewell's artwork on the south exterior wall of the pool house.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Pool Mural Project with Theresa Jewell's artwork on the south exterior wall of the pool house. All ayes carried the motion.

**Resolution -Establishing Water and Wastewater Rates.**

A resolution to establish new water and wastewater rates was discussed and declined. A increase of 50% of the proposed rate was discussed and a new resolution to follow at a later date.

**City Manager Report.**

Nothing to report.

**City Clerk Report.**

Nothing to report.

**Police Chief Report.**

Chief Ramereiz reported Officer Eisenberger has wrapped up his field training and is now in the shadow phase. He will begin working as regularly scheduled patrol officer on August 7, 2023.

**Council Comments.**

Member Leonard reported a huge success for the July Festival. The dunk tank was a success for the football team and Miranda and the M-80's drew in a huge crowd.

Member Leonard thanked the co-op students along with the clerk, Jamie Long, for the goodie bags they put together, the kids loved them.

Member Collison reported a good weekend for the city.

Member Kubin received good comments from community members.

**Public Comments.**

There were none.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:46p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk