

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

December 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, William R. Leonard, Kevin D. Palmer, 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 and Mary Reed.

Mayor Reed 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 5, 2023. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Upton, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$401,261.78. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the November 2023 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the December 2023 Monthly Reports and place 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 OHM for DWSRF Phase 1 Engineering.
- b. Payment to The City of Alma for the Hazardous Waste Program.
- c. Payment to Rehmann for 12 Desktop Computers.
- d. Payment to Seifert Concrete for the Sidewalk Project.
- e. Payment to State of Michigan-Annual NPDES Permit Fees.

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

New Business.

Resolution 2023-27-Notice of Intent-Water System State Revolving Fund.

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

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan (the “City”), has determined that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City to acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the Water Supply System of the City (the “System”), consisting generally of the replacement of water mains, service lines, valves, and hydrants, including necessary equipment, together with interests in land, appurtenances and attachments thereto (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City has been advised by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (“EGLE”) that financial assistance to accomplish the acquisition and construction of all or a portion of the Project is available through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (“DWSRF”) loan program administered by EGLE and the Michigan Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City has made application for participation in the DWSRF loan and grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended (“Act 94”), provides a means for financing the purchase, acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, extension and repair of public improvements such as the Project through the issuance of revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of bonds payable from revenues of the System under Act 94 in a total amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of financing part of the Project, in one or more series, represents the most practical means to that end; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue revenue bonds must be published before the issuance of the Bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94; and

WHEREAS, the City intends at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the City for the Project prior to issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

2. The Notice of Intent shall be published as a display advertisement not less than one-quarter (1/4) page in size in substantially the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

3. The City Council does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is adequate notice to the electors of the City and users of the City's Water Supply System and is well calculated to inform them of the intention of the City to issue the bonds, the purpose of the bonds, the security for the bonds and the rights of referendum of the electors with respect thereto, and that the provision of forty-five (45) days within which to file a referendum petition is adequate to insure that the City's electors may exercise their legal rights of referendum.

4. The City makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

- (a) The City reasonably expects to reimburse itself with proceeds of the Bonds for certain costs of the Project which were paid or will be paid from the Water Supply System funds of the City subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to today.
- (b) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is \$5,000,000.
- (c) A reimbursement allocation of the capital expenditures described above with the proceeds of the Bonds will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid. A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the City's use of the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the City for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this resolution.

5. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is hereby confirmed as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

"AYES:" Palmer, Leonard, Collison, Upton, Reed

"NAYES:" NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Resolution Declared Adopted this 19th day of December, 2023.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles thanked Member Collison and Mayor Reed for their service to the city and wished everyone a happy holiday.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Report.

Chief Ramereiz reported the new police candidate accepted the offer and will begin the academy January 8, 2024.

Council Comments.

Member Palmer thanked Member Collison and Mayor Reed for their service to the city.

Member Upton congratulated Member Collison and Mayor Reed and wished all a happy holiday.

Member Leonard also gave congratulations and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Member Collison inquired about the plans to seed around the new sidewalks.

Member Collison thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on council.

Mayor Reed thanked the council and wished good luck to the new mayor, Ralph Echinaw and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk