

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Fares E. Azzam, Mayor Pro Tem William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton.

Council Members Absent: Kevin D. Palmer

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

Others in Attendance: Brian Buysse-resident and Manjeet Nannan-resident/business owner.

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton to approve the agenda for June 18, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing-2023/2024 Budget Amendments.

Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. and asked for public comments.

There were none.

Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Resolution 2024-15 2023-2024 Budget Amending Resolution.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, Michigan held on the 18th day of June 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Present: Azzam, Leonard, Upton, Echtenaw
Absent: Palmer

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

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2023-2024 fiscal year on June 20, 2023, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2,

Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and
WHEREAS, during the fiscal year, certain unforeseen and/or subsequently planned circumstances have arisen which has caused need to amend the budget, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date of June 18, 2024 for a public hearing at 6:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed amended budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said amended budget as represented herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such additional transfers between the various funds in accordance with the amendments to arrive at a final budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 837,558	General Government	
Federal Grants	-	Legislative	\$ 24,227
State Grants	873,840	Executive	191,111
Charges for Services	486,229	Clerk	36,343
Interest & Rents	83,491	Board of Review	1,764
Licenses & Permits	36,944	Finance	86,253
Other Revenue	22,934	Assessing	75,093
Other Financing Sources	-	Elections	26,946
		Hall & Grounds	165,165
		Corporate Council	3,200
		Public Safety	
		Building & Code Enforcement	105,394
		Public Works	
		Cemetery	114,813
		Public Works	188,765
		Community & Economic Development	
		Planning	2,251
		Economic Development	100,708
		Industrial Park	21,405
		Blight Removal	108,040
		Community Promotion	24,721
		Recreation & Culture	
		Pool	99,805
		Parks Maintenance	91,114
		Capital Outlay	68,710
		Debt	84,306
		Other Financing Uses	1,062,389
		Contingency	-
From Fund Balance	341,527	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 2,682,523	Total Expenditures	\$ 2,682,523

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Charges for Services	\$ 2,000	Other Financing Uses	\$ -
Interest & Rents	5,580		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	7,580
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 7,580</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 7,580</u>

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Federal Grants	\$ -	Highways Streets & Bridges Maint.	\$ 156,261
State Grants	615,445	Capital Improvements	237,000
Interest & Rents	29,983		
Other Revenue	16,090		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	151,428
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	116,829
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 661,518</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 661,518</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 239,269	Highways Streets & Bridges Maint.	\$ 131,640
Interest & Rents	29,000	Capital Improvements	256,546
Other Revenue	1,617		
Other Financing Sources	151,428	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	33,128
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 421,314</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 421,314</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 120,752	Police	\$ 1,098,941
State Grants	41,621	Fire	142,576
Interest & Rents	55	Capital Outlay	-
Fines & Forfeitures	1,088	Debt Service	1,169
Other Revenue	17,010	Other Financing Uses	-
Other Financing Sources	1,062,389	To Fund Balance	229
From Fund Balance	-	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,242,915
Total Revenues	\$ 1,242,915		

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 47,513	Community & Economic Development	\$ 26,923
Interest & Rents	11,329	Debt Service	-
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	31,919
Total Revenues	\$ 58,842	Total Expenditures	\$ 58,842

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 210,099	Recreation & Culture	250,145
State Grants	10,450	Capital Outlay	-
Fines & Forfeitures	59,657	Other Financing Uses	-
Interest & Rents	43,200	To Fund Balance	106,490
Other Revenue	33,229	Total Expenditures	\$ 356,635
Other Financing Sources	-		
From Fund Balance	-		
Total Revenues	\$ 356,635		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer amounts between activities or functions within a fund's budget a sum not to exceed \$ 20,000 to allow for any needed year-end adjustments from the estimates.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:
AYE: Azzam, Upton, Leonard, Echtinaw
NAY:
ABSENT: Palmer

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of June, 2024.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$788,264.06. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the May 2024 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to receive the May 2024 Monthly Reports and place them on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Brian Buysse, a resident, suggested to the council that signs be placed to remind motorcyclists of the noise ordinance that the city has in effect. Buysse does appreciate the conversations that the St. Louis Police Department has been having with motorcyclists regarding the noise.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Echtinaw requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment to OHM for DWSRF Phase 1 Engineering Services for May 2024.
- b. Payment to Rite Way Asphalt Paving, Inc. for pavement repairs.
- c. Payment to The Isabella Corporation for Well #12 Project.
- d. Payment to Malley Constructin for Orchard Hills Watermain Extension.

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

Ordinance B-242 Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds.

ORDINANCE NO. B-242

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A SERIES OF JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SYSTEM REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND THE SYSTEM.

THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) “Act 94” means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.
- (b) “Authority” means the Michigan Finance Authority.
- (c) “Authorized Officers” means the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and the Finance Director/Treasurer of the Issuer.
- (d) “Bonds” means the Series 2024 Bond, and any additional Bonds of equal standing hereafter issued.
- (e) “EGLE” means the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.
- (f) “Engineers” means OHM Advisors, Midland, Michigan.
- (g) “Issuer” means the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan.
- (h) “Junior Lien Bonds” means the Series 2024 Bond, and any additional bonds that are of equal standing with the Series 2024 Bond, and junior in standing to the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds.
- (i) “Outstanding Ordinances” means Ordinance Nos. B-227 and B-239 of the

Issuer.

(j) “Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds” means the Series 2013 Bond and the Series 2020 Bonds and any additional bonds issued that are senior in standing and priority of lien.

(k) “Project” means the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of paying all or part of the cost to acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the water supply and sewage disposal system of the Issuer, 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, together with interests in land and all related sites, structures, equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto, as described in the plans prepared by the Engineers and approved herein.

(l) “Purchase Contract” means the Purchase Contract to be entered into between the Authority and the Issuer relating to the purchase by the Authority of the Series 2024 Bond.

(m) “Revenues” and “Net Revenues” means the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to “Revenues”, the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by the Outstanding Ordinances and this Ordinance.

(n) “Series 2013 Bond” means the Issuer’s Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bond, Series 2013, dated September 1, 2013.

(o) “Series 2020 Bonds” means the Issuer’s Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, dated February 19, 2020.

(p) “Series 2024 Bond” means the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000 issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

(q) “Sufficient Government Obligations” means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the issuer, the principal and interest payments upon which without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the interest as it comes due on the Bonds and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds as it comes due whether on the stated maturity date or upon earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any of the Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call the Bonds for redemption shall be given to the paying agent.

(r) “Supplemental Agreement” means the supplemental agreement among the Issuer, the Authority and EGLE relating to the Series 2024 Bond.

(s) “System” means the entire water supply and sewage disposal system of the Issuer, including the Project and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.

Section 2. Necessity; Approval of Plans and Specifications. It is hereby determined to be a

necessary public purpose of the Issuer to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Engineers, which plans and specifications are hereby approved. The Project qualifies for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing program being administered by EGLE and the Authority, whereby bonds of the Issuer are sold to the Authority and bear interest at a fixed rate of one percent (1.00%) per annum.

Section 3. Costs; Useful Life. The cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately Twenty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$23,500,000), including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed. The period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than forty (40) years.

Section 4. Payment of Cost; Series 2024 Bond Authorized. To pay part of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Project, legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 2024 Bond, the Issuer shall borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), or such lesser amount as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to the Purchase Contract and the Supplemental Agreement, and issue the Series 2024 Bond pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The remaining cost of the Project shall be defrayed from an appropriation from the State of Michigan, grant funds and Issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Except as amended by or expressly provided to the contrary in this Ordinance, all of the provisions of the Outstanding Ordinances shall apply to the Series 2024 Bond issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance in detail; the purpose of this Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional revenue bonds of subordinate lien with respect to the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the System, additional bonds of subordinate standing with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds for such purpose being authorized by the provisions of the Outstanding Ordinances, upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully met.

Section 5. Issuance of Series 2024 Bond; Details. The Series 2024 Bond of the Issuer, to be designated **WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2024**, are authorized to be issued in the principal sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) as finally determined by order of EGLE for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2024 Bond. The Series 2024 Bond shall be payable out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 8 hereof, provided that the Series 2024 Bond shall be subordinate to the prior lien with respect to the Net Revenues in favor of the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds and of any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds hereafter issued.

The Series 2024 Bond shall be in the form of a single fully-registered, nonconvertible bond of the denomination of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable in principal installments as finally determined by the order of EGLE at the time of sale of the Series 2024 Bond and approved by the Authority and an Authorized Officer. Final determination of the principal amount of the Series 2024 Bond, the payment dates and amounts of principal installments of the Series 2024 Bond and the dates for payment of interest on the Series 2024 Bond shall be evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract, and each Authorized Officer is hereby individually authorized and

directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when it is in final form and to make the determinations set forth above; provided, however, that the first principal installment shall be due no earlier than April 1, 2025, the total number of principal installments shall not exceed forty (40), and the total principal amount shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

The Series 2024 Bond shall bear interest at a rate of one percent (1.00%) per annum on the par value thereof or such other rate as evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract, but in any event not to exceed the rate permitted by law, and any Authorized Officers as shall be appropriate shall deliver the Series 2024 Bond in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Authority.

The principal amount of the Series 2024 Bond is expected to be drawn down by the Issuer periodically, and interest on principal amount shall accrue from the date such principal amount is drawn down by the Issuer.

The Series 2024 Bond shall not be convertible or exchangeable into more than one fully-registered bond. Principal of and interest on the Series 2024 Bond shall be payable as provided in the Series 2022 Bond form in this Ordinance.

The Series 2024 Bond shall be subject to optional redemption by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

The Treasurer of the Issuer shall record on the registration books payment by the Issuer of each installment of principal or interest or both when made and the cancelled checks or other records evidencing such payments shall be returned to and retained by the Treasurer.

Upon payment by the Issuer of all outstanding principal of and interest on the Series 2024 Bond, the Authority shall deliver the Series 2024 Bond to the Issuer for cancellation.

Section 6. Execution of Series 2024 Bond. The Series 2024 Bond shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the Issuer or a facsimile thereof impressed thereon. The Series 2024 Bond bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk sold to the Authority shall require no further authentication.

Section 7. Registration and Transfer. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the transfer agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Issuer shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Series 2024 Bond contained in Section 15 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The Issuer shall give the transfer agent notice of call for redemption at

least 20 days prior to the date notice of redemption is to be given.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal office sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and upon presentation for such purpose the transfer agent shall under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, transfer or cause to be transferred on said books Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended (“Act 354”), being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond the transfer agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 8. Payment of Series 2024 Bond; Security; Priority of Lien. Principal of and interest on the Series 2024 Bond shall be payable from the Net Revenues. There is hereby recognized the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues created by this Ordinance which shall be a lien that is junior and subordinate to the lien of the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds created by the Outstanding Ordinances, to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of all Bonds of a series then outstanding, principal and interest on such Bonds to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to that series of Bonds, the holders of that series shall have no further rights under the Outstanding Ordinances or this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Bonds of that series shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under the Outstanding Ordinances or this Ordinance.

As additional security for repayment of the Series 2024 Bond, the Issuer hereby pledges the taxes collected by the State of Michigan and returned to the Issuer pursuant to Act 140, Public Acts of Michigan, 1971, as amended, to the Authority as purchaser and holder of the Series 2024 Bond, and the Issuer hereby authorizes the Authorized Officers to approve, execute and deliver a Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement between the Issuer and the Authority, authorizing the State Treasurer to transmit the revenue sharing moneys assigned and pledged therein directly to the Authority or its designee if payments on the Series 2022 Bond is not made in accordance with this Ordinance. The Issuer shall be reimbursed for any such advance from the Net Revenues of the System subsequently received which are not otherwise pledged or encumbered by this Ordinance or the Outstanding Ordinances.

Section 9. Management; Fiscal Year. The operation, repair and management of the System and the acquiring and constructing of the Project shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the Issuer. The Issuer may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems

advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The Issuer may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System. The System shall be operated on the basis of an operating year which shall coincide with the Issuer's fiscal year.

Section 10. Rates and Charges. The rates and charges for service furnished by and the use of the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 11. No Free Service or Use. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than the reasonable cost and value thereof, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

Section 12. Fixing and Revising Rates. The rates presently in effect in the Issuer are estimated to be sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2024 Bond as the same become due and payable, and the maintenance of the reserve therefor and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System required by law and this Ordinance. In addition, the rates shall be set from time to time so that there shall be produced Net Revenues in an amount equal to 100% of the principal of and interest on the Bonds coming due in each fiscal year. The rates shall be reviewed not less than once a year and shall be fixed and revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce these amounts, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed to fix and maintain rates for services furnished by the System at all times sufficient to provide for the foregoing.

Section 13. Funds and Accounts; Flow of Funds; Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Fund. The funds and accounts established by the Outstanding Ordinances are hereby continued, provided that a Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Fund shall be established as follows:

There shall be established and maintained a separate depository fund designated "Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Fund" (the "Junior Lien Fund"), the moneys on deposit therein from time to time to be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premiums (if any) and interest on the Series 2024 Bond, and any bonds of equal standing with the Series 2024 Bond.

Out of the Net Revenues remaining in the Receiving Fund after provision has been made for the Operation and Maintenance Fund and only after provision has been made for the Redemption Fund, there shall be set aside monthly in the Junior Lien Fund a sum proportionately sufficient to provide for the payment when due of the current principal of and interest on the Series 2024 Bond, less any amount in the Junior Lien Fund representing accrued interest on the Series 2024 Bond. Commencing on October 1, 2024, the amount set aside each month for interest on the Series 2024 Bond shall be 1/6 of the total amount of interest on the Series 2024 Bond next coming due. The amount set aside each month for principal on the Series 2024 Bond, commencing October 1, 2024, shall be 1/12 of the amounts of principal next coming due. If there is any deficiency in the amounts previously set aside, that deficiency shall be added to the next succeeding months' requirements.

No moneys shall be set aside and credited to the Junior Lien Fund unless and until the Issuer is current with respect to all required transfers to all other funds under the Outstanding Ordinances and there is no default in any payments or requirements under the Outstanding Ordinances.

If for any reason there is a failure to make such quarterly deposit in the amounts required, then

the entire amount of the deficiency shall be set aside and deposited in the Junior Lien Bond Redemption Account out of the Revenues first received thereafter which are not required by this Ordinance to be deposited in the Operation and Maintenance Account or the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund or the Junior Lien Bond Redemption Account, which amount shall be in addition to the regular monthly deposit required during such succeeding month or months.

Section 14. Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of the sale of the Series 2024 Bond as received by the Issuer shall be deposited in a separate account in a bank or banks qualified to act as depository of the proceeds of sale under the provisions of Section 15 of Act 94 designated 2024 WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND CONSTRUCTION FUND (the “Construction Fund”). Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely in payment of the cost of the Project and any engineering, legal and other expenses incident thereto and to the financing thereof.

Section 15. Bond Form. The Series 2024 Bond shall be in substantially the following form with such changes or completion as necessary or appropriate to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance and subject to such modifications which may be required by the Michigan Attorney General and the Authority and approved by bond counsel:

FORM OF BOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF GRATIOT

CITY OF ST. LOUIS

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND, series 2024

REGISTERED OWNER: Michigan Finance Authority

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ Dollars
(\$_____)

DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE: _____, 2024

The CITY OF ST. LOUIS, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan (the “Issuer”), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay, but only out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the Issuer’s Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System (hereinafter defined), to the Michigan Finance Authority (the “Authority”), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, or such portion thereof as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the Issuer and the Authority and a Supplemental Agreement by and among the Issuer, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid or reduced prior thereto as hereinafter provided.

During the time funds are being drawn down by the Issuer under this bond, the Authority will periodically provide the Issuer a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the Issuer of its obligation to repay the outstanding Principal Amount actually advanced (subject to any principal forgiveness as provided for in Schedule A), all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of this bond.

The Principal Amount shall be payable on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule A may be adjusted if less than \$_____ is disbursed to the Issuer or if a portion of the Principal Amount is prepaid or reduced as provided below, with interest on the principal installments from the date each installment is delivered to the holder hereof until paid at the rate of one percent (1.00%) per annum. Interest is first payable on [April] [October] 1, 202_, and semiannually thereafter and principal is payable on the first day of [April] [October] commencing [April] [October] 1, 202_ (as identified in the Purchase Contract) and annually thereafter.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of this bond, (a) this bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the Issuer agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this bond shall be given by the Issuer and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Additional Interest

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the Issuer's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the Issuer shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the Issuer's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the Issuer, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the “Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System”), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the “Net Revenues”), and a statutory lien thereon is hereby recognized and created which is junior in standing and priority of lien as to the prior lien of the Issuer’s Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bond, Series 2013 and the Issuer’s Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (the “Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds”) of the Issuer and of any additional bonds of the Issuer of equal standing and priority of lien with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds and which is equal in standing.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum indicated above issued pursuant to Ordinance Nos. B-227, B-239 and _____ duly adopted by the City Council (the “Ordinances”), and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the Issuer.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of superior and equal standing may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinances.

This bond is a self-liquidating bond, payable, both as to principal and interest, from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned. As additional security, the Issuer has pledged certain taxes collected by the State of Michigan and returned to the Issuer pursuant to a revenue sharing pledge agreement as further described in the Ordinances.

The Issuer has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of this bond and any bonds of equal standing with this bond and the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds and any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds, as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption fund (including, except for bonds of this issue, a bond reserve account) therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System as are required by the Ordinances.

Principal installments of this bond are subject to prepayment by the Issuer prior to maturity only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Issuer by the registered owner in person or the registered owner’s attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together

with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner’s attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

Capitalized terms used in this bond and not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Ordinances.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer, by its City Council has caused this bond to be executed with the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its City Clerk and the corporate seal of the City to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS

By _____
Its Mayor

(Seal)

Countersigned:

By _____

Its City Clerk

EGLE Project Number:

EGLE Approved Amt: \$*

Loan Amount Forgiven: (\$)

Loan Amount to be Repaid: \$

SCHEDULE A

Based on the schedule provided below unless revised as provided in this paragraph, repayment of the principal of the bond shall be made until the full amount advanced to the Issuer is repaid. In the event the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (the “Order”) approves a principal amount of assistance less than the amount of the bond delivered to the Authority, the Authority shall only disburse principal up to the amount stated in the Order. In the event (1) that the payment schedule approved by the Issuer and described below provides for payment of a total principal amount greater than the amount of assistance approved by the Order or (2) that less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order is disbursed to the Issuer by the Authority, or

(3) that any portion of the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order and disbursed to the Issuer is forgiven pursuant to the Order, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule which shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer.

<u>Due</u>	<u>Amount of Principal Installment</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Amount of Principal Installment Due</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>1</u>	

Interest on the bond shall accrue on that portion of principal disbursed by the Authority to the Issuer which has not been forgiven pursuant to the Order from the date such portion is disbursed, until paid, at the rate of 1.00% per annum, payable [April] [October] 1, 202_, and semi-annually thereafter.

The Issuer agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository, or such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise. In the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment.

*Not to exceed amount. Loan reductions at close out will result in a proportional decrease.

Section 16. Bondholders' Rights; Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty percent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest upon the Series 2024 Bond, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Series 2024 Bond shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Series 2024 Bond and the security therefor.

Section 17. Additional Bonds. The Issuer may issue additional bonds of equal standing with the Series 2024 Bond for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:

(a) To complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor. Such bonds shall not be authorized unless the engineers in charge of construction shall execute a certificate evidencing the fact that additional funds are needed to complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and stating the amount that will be required to complete the Project. If such certificate shall be so executed and filed with the Issuer, it shall be the duty of the Issuer to provide for and issue additional revenue bonds in the amount stated in said certificate to be necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications plus an amount necessary to issue such bonds or to provide for part or all of such amount from other sources.

(b) For subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System and for the purpose of refunding part or all of the Junior Lien Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Junior Lien Bonds. Junior Lien Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (b) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the then last two (2) preceding twelve-month operating years or the Adjusted Net Revenues for the last preceding twelve-month operating year, if the same shall be lower than the average, shall be equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum amount of principal and interest thereafter maturing in any operating year on the then outstanding Senior Lien Bonds, Junior Lien Bonds and on the additional Bonds then being issued. If the additional Junior Lien Bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Junior Lien Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Junior Lien Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Junior Lien Bonds. For purposes of this subparagraph (b) the Issuer may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Junior Lien Bonds and as the next to the last preceding operating year, any operating year ending not more than twenty-eight months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Junior Lien Bonds. Determination by the Issuer as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional Junior Lien Bonds shall be conclusive. No additional Junior Lien Bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the Issuer shall then be in default in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund.

(c) For refunding a part or all of the Junior Lien Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Junior Lien Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the bond reserve account for such Junior Lien Bonds. No additional Junior Lien Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

Section 18. Negotiated Sale; Application to EGLE and Authority; Execution of Documents.

The Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to negotiate the sale of the Series 2024 Bond to the Authority because the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing program provide significant interest savings to the Issuer compared to competitive sale in the municipal bond market. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to make application to the Authority and to EGLE for placement of the Series 2024 Bond with the Authority. The actions taken by the Authorized Officers with respect to the Series 2024 Bond prior to the adoption of this Ordinance are ratified and confirmed. The Authorized Officers are each authorized to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract, the Supplemental Agreement, the Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement and the Issuer's Certificate. Any Authorized Officer is further authorized to execute and deliver such contracts, documents and certificates as are necessary or advisable to qualify the Series 2024 Bond for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Prior to the delivery of the Series 2024 Bond to the Authority, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes to the form of the Series 2024 Bond contained in Section 15 of this Ordinance as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan 1985, as amended ("Act 227"), including, but not limited to changes in the principal maturity and interest payment dates and references to additional security required by Act 227.

Section 19. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the Series 2024 Bond from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Series 2024 Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds.

Section 20. Approval of Bond Details. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing is authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including but not limited to determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters, provided that the principal amount of Series 2024 Bond issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this Ordinance, the interest rate per annum on the Series 2024 Bond shall not exceed one percent (1.00%) per annum, and the Series 2024 Bond shall mature in not more than forty (40) annual installments.

Section 21. Authorization of other Actions. The Authorized Officers are each authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and to make such other filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury or other parties, to seek long-form application for prior approval and necessary waivers to enable the sale and delivery of the Series 2024 Bond as contemplated herein. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, or Miller Canfield, or any of the Authorized Officers are each hereby severally designated responsibility on behalf of the Issuer to make such filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury or other parties, to seek long-form application for prior approval, if necessary, and necessary waivers, to enable the sale and delivery of the Series 2024 Bond as contemplated herein.

Section 22. Savings Clause. The Outstanding Ordinances shall continue in effect, except as specifically supplemented or altered herein.

Section 23. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 24. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the *Gratiot County Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Issuer qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such record authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Section 25. Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Act 94, this Ordinance shall be approved on the date of first reading and accordingly this Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 18th day of June 2024.

Signed Ralph Echtenaw
Its Mayor

Signed Jamie Long
Its City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of June, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting:

Azzam, Leonard, Upton, Echtenaw

and that the following Members were absent:

Palmer.

I further certify that Member Azzam moved for adoption of said Ordinance and that said motion was supported by Member Upton.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: Azzam, Leonard, Upton, Echtenaw.

and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Jamie Long
City Clerk

Removal and Replacement of Concrete by Seifert Concrete LLC.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Removal and Replacement of Concrete by Seifert Concrete LLC for Step #2 of the DWAM Project in the amount of \$5,832.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the Removal and Replacement of Concrete by Seifert Concrete LLC for Step #2 of the DWAM Project in the amount of \$5,832. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure-Concert in the Park.

Chief Ramereiz requested members to approve the temporary street closure on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a Concert in the Park, hosted by Parkside Assembly of God.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Upton, to approve the temporary street closure on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a Concert in the Park, hosted by Parkside Assembly of God. All ayes carried the motion.

All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure-Moose Riders Motorcycle Show.

Chief Ramereiz requested members to approve the temporary street closure on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a cruise in motorcycle show hosted by the St. Louis Moose Lodge.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the temporary street closure on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a cruise in motorcycle show hosted by the St. Louis Moose Lodge. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2024-12 To Establish Solid Waste Rates.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City of St. Louis, City Council, held on June 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Ferris Azzam, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

ABSENT: Kevin D. Palmer

The following preamble and resolution was moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard:

Solid Waste Rate Schedule

These monthly rates shall be effective as of July 1, 2024 and thereafter:

Solid Waste Collection \$17.00, Hazardous Waste Collection \$0.52 and Yard Waste Collection \$15.05.

Be it further resolved, the owners or occupants of all residential dwellings within the City of St. Louis are required to subscribe to all components of Solid Waste Service on a continual basis.

AYES: Azzam, Leonard, Upton, Echtenaw

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Resolution 2024-13 To Establish Water and Waste Water Rates.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City of St. Louis, City Council, held on June 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Ferris Azzam, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

ABSENT: Kevin D. Palmer

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Azzam, and supported by Upton:

Water Rate Schedule

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable October 1, 2024, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Commodity Charge	\$5.38

A separate meter may be installed, at the customers' expense, to measure water used FOR cooling purposes. If water is used for cooling purposes, and the water is not discharged to a sanitary sewer wastewater charges are not applicable.

(b) To the above commodity charge established in subsection (a), there shall be added a readiness to service (RTS) charge to cover fixed costs, based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly RTS Charge
5/8 inch	\$27.91
3/4 inch	\$27.91
1 inch	\$53.46
1 ¼ inch	\$75.82
1 ½ inch	\$90.14
2 inch	\$133.87
3 inch	\$225.73
4 inch	\$360.28
6 inch	\$672.14
8 inch	\$1038.73
Monthly Water Flat Fee:	\$59.10
Outside City Water (2x):	\$118.21

(c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$59.10, which shall include the monthly service charge.

(d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$118.21 per month, which shall include the monthly service charge or base rates.

(e) For customers outside the corporate limits, the charges shall be double the city commodity rate and service charge based on meter size when no other rate agreement exists between the City and the Township.

(f) All other charges in effect shall remain the same.

Sewer Rate Schedule

(a) The monthly sewer bill shall be based on the water usage at the following rates:

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 14 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City of St. Louis (City) provides for permitting, inspection and administration for building construction activities that require permitting.

WHEREAS, permitting and inspection of electrical, mechanical and plumbing portions of building construction in the City has been and continues to be performed by inspection staff from the State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, historically, the City has had their own Inspector to perform these duties who have either been an employee or had a contract labor arrangement with the City.

WHEREAS, through their Permits Office, the County of Gratiot (County) performs these services for other municipalities within Gratiot County and the County is willing and able to extend these services to the City of St. Louis.

WHEREAS, the time has come to transition from the current arrangement in which Paul Erskine has served in this capacity and contracting with the County of Gratiot is the best available alternative for providing continued building inspection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of St. Louis authorizes entering into an Agreement with the County of Gratiot for Construction Code Enforcement and Administration as presented to the City Council on June 18th, 2024.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

AYE: Upton, Azzam, Echtinaw

ABSTAIN: Leonard

NAY: None

ABSENT: Palmer

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of June, 2024.

Ratification of Electric Department IBEW Tentative Agreement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Electric Department IBEW Tentative Agreement.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the Electric Department IBEW Tentative Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that Water and Waste Water negotiations are set to begin on June 19, 2024. A

Special Meeting will be scheduled soon to finalize the agreements..

Manager Giles reported that asphalt/paving project is nearly complete around the city.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Azzam reported that he attended the Flag Day Celebration, along with Member Leonard. Azzam stated it was a good program and it was well attended.

Member Azzam reported that he would like to see some park equipment in Lions Park and plans to discuss with Parks and Recreation.

Public Comments.

Manjeet Nannan, a St. Louis resident and business owner, addressed the council on the city vehicles using his station. Nannan stated he is a local business owner and the other station in town is not a local owner. Nannan would like to see a change made and receive the city's business.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard supported by Azzam, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk