

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – Public Works Supervisor

Council Member Church led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Kelly asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Melissa Allen was nominated by Member Kubin.

Moved by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Reed to appoint Melissa Allen as Mayor Pro Tem. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2015. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$495,419.76 with the correction of removing AIS in the amount of \$1,911.00 due to the amount being approved on December 15, 2015. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the December, 2015 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the December, 2015 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to State of Michigan for Annual NPDES Permit Fee – Approve.
- b. Payment No. 3 to Heystek Contracting for Leppien Park Project – Approve.
- c. Payment No. 6 to Maguire Iron for Water Supply/Giddings Water Tower – Approve.
- d. Payment to Gratiot Area Water Authority for 2015 Water Supply Project – Approve.
- e. Final Payment to Rowe for Main Street Reconstruction Project – Approve.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “e”, with the addition of “f.” Payment to Powerline Supply in the amount of \$5,010.00 for five Street Lamp Fixtures. All ayes carried the motion.

Recess Council Meeting.

Mayor Kelly recessed the Council Meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting – Call to Order.

Mayor Kelly called the Oak Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes.

Moved by Trustee Kubin, supported by Trustee Allen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. All ayes carried the motion.

Financials.

Cemetery Financials were discussed.

Moved by Trustee Allen, supported by Trustee Reed, to receive the Financial Reports through November 30, 2015 and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Annual Report.

The Annual 2015 Oak Grove Cemetery Report was reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Kubin, supported by Trustee Allen, to receive the 2015 Annual Oak Grove Cemetery Report and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Business.

None.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Trustee Allen, supported by Trustee Kubin, to adjourn the Oak Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting at 6:31 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Reconvene City Council Meeting.

Mayor Kelly reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

New Business.

Appointment of City Board and Commission Members.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to appoint the following Board & Commission Members:

- Sue Whitford: Board of Review, Board of Special Assessors
- Bill Leonard: Board of Review, Board of Special Assessors
- Don Kelley: Board of Review
- Tom Reed: Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals
- Steve Mephram: Building Code Board of Appeals
- Jerry Church: Building Code Board of Appeals
- Mary Anderson: DDA Board
- Bill Coty: DDA Board
- Jerry Lewis: DDA Board
- Don Burch: Housing Commission
- Holly Harris: Library Board
- Melissa Allen: Parks & Recreation
- Sally Church: Parks & Recreation
- Amanda Kelly: Parks & Recreation
- Kevin Palmer: Parks & Recreation, Planning Commission

All ayes carried the motion.

The following are vacancies on the Boards & Commissions:

Zoning Board of Appeals – 1

Planning Commission – 2

DDA Board – 1

Approve Designation of City Official Newspapers.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2016.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of Official Depositories for City Funds.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members designate St. Louis Chemical Bank & Trust, St. Louis Commercial Bank, Mercantile Bank of Alma/Ithaca, US Bank of Detroit, First of America Bank of Detroit, Isabella Bank & Trust of Breckenridge and Michigan CLASS as Official Depositories for City Funds for the Year 2016.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to designate St. Louis Chemical Bank & Trust, St. Louis Commercial Bank, Mercantile Bank of Alma/Ithaca, US Bank of Detroit, First of America Bank of Detroit, Isabella Bank & Trust of Breckenridge and Michigan CLASS as Official Depositories for City Funds for the Year 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Designation of City Attorneys.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members designate Fortino, Plaxton & Costanzo PC; Smith Boville PC; Plunkett & Cooney; Varnum LLP; Miller Canfield; and Keller, Thoma PC as the City's Attorneys for the Years 2016 and 2017.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to designate Fortino, Plaxton & Costanzo PC; Smith Boville PC; Plunkett & Cooney; Varnum LLP; Miller Canfield; and Keller, Thoma PC as the City's Attorneys for the Years 2016 and 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2016-01 Annual State Trunkline Right of Way.

City Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2016-01 for the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Right of Way Permit Application.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Allen:

This Performance Resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a municipal utility an "Individual Permit for Use of State Trunkline Right

of Way" (form 2205), or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Trunkline Right of Way" (form 2205B).

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis hereinafter referred to as the "GOVERNMENTAL BODY," periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT," for permits, referred to as "PERMIT," to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under state trunkline right of way at various locations within and adjacent to its corporate limits;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT, the GOVERNMENTAL BODY agrees that:

Each party to this Agreement shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or omissions during the performance of this Agreement, as provided by law.

This Agreement is not intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims.

This Agreement is not intended nor shall it be interpreted, as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

1. Any work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL BODY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the GOVERNMENTAL BODY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without its specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT.
2. The GOVERNMENTAL BODY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.
3. It will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State trunkline right of way resulting from the

installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY'S facilities according to a PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.

4. With respect to any activities authorized by PERMIT, when the GOVERNMENTAL BODY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.
5. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this resolution as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
6. This resolution shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the GOVERNMENTAL BODY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the GOVERNMENTAL BODY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the necessary permit to work within state trunkline right of way on behalf of the GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

Name:

Kurt Giles
Keith Risdon

Title:

City Manager
Utilities Director

Yeas: Reed, Allen, Church, Kubin, Kelly
Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted this 4th day of January, 2016.

Traffic Control Order T113.1.128.

City Manager Giles recommended adoption of Traffic Control Order #T113.1.128 which states there is no parking on the west side of Wilson Blvd. between Graham Street and Jackson Road.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve Traffic Control Order #T113.1.128.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Allen, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Cash Rent Contract.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Cash Rent Contract between the City of St. Louis and Gadde Farms, which allows Gadde Farms to rent the 81 tillable acres owned by the City that is located in Section 4 of Arcada Township in the amount of \$9,197.50 for the 2016 growing season.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Cash Rent Contract between the City of St. Louis and Gadde Farms. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2016-02 Sale of Property.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2016-02, which finalizes the sale of 310 West Washington Street.

The following resolution was offered by Church, and supported by Reed:

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of premises located at 310 West Washington Street, St. Louis, Michigan, described as WD L 585 P 427 W 73 FT OF LOT 7, W 54 FT OF LOT 8, & S 17 FT OF W 54 FT OF LOT 9, BLK 29, CITY OF ST. LOUIS and

WHEREAS, such premises are presently vacant and nonproductive and require periodic maintenance by City staff, and

WHEREAS, such premises are hereby determined “surplus property not susceptible to public use,” and that such premises are not a park, cemetery or any part thereof for purposes of city charter Sec. 15.1, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City enter into a Buy/Sell Agreement to convey the premises described above to Ronald McIvor in consideration of the payment of the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) in cash at closing, together with conveyance to Ronald McIvor (by good and valuable warranty deed conveying marketable title in fee simple) of the premises described above to the City, and

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to execute all documents necessary to conclude such transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN FAVOR:

Church, Reed, Kubin, Kelly

COUNCIL MEMBERS OPPOSED:

None

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSTAINED:

Allen

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Hidden Oaks Drive Property Discussion.

Manager Giles stated there is someone interested in the City owned property at the corner of Hidden Oaks Drive and M-46. The section of property is approximately 4.8 acres.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to have Manager Giles negotiate with the interested party and return to Council with a proposal.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

Discussions with RCL continue regarding the Police Department Overhead doors and the project should begin yet this winter.

The City is able to commence with the Clapp Park Security Camera Project. A quote from Trivalent Group for the installation is expected to be presented for approval at the next City Council meeting.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Allen commented on the purchase of bulbs that were listed on the Claims and Accounts report.

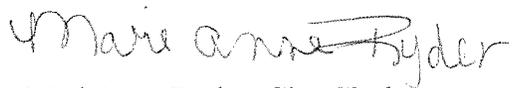
Manager Giles made mention that the City continues to switch over to the more cost effective bulbs.

Public Comments.

None

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mari Anne Ryder". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – Public Works Supervisor, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Mark Rochford – Umbaugh & Associates.

Council Member Kubin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$603,687.02. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Reports.

City Council discussed the December, 2015 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the December, 2015 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None

Umbaugh & Associates – Long Term Investing Presentation.

Mark Rochford of Umbaugh & Associates reviewed the services that are available such as, offering guidance and assistance from inception to project completion, financial analysis and long-term planning.

Discussion was held.

Council members thanked Mr. Rochford.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to FTC&H for 2015 Water Supply Projects – Approve.
- b. Payment to MDOT for Main Street Project – Approve.
- c. Payment to Falcon for Asphalt Trailer – Approve.
- d. Payment to Rowe for Prospect/Corinth Design Project – Approve.
- e. Approve Payment to Fairbanks Morse for RICE Compliance – Approve.

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

Consent Agenda Continued.

- a. Final Payment to RCL for City Hall Project – Approve.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to final payment to RCL Construction in the amount of \$10,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Ratify Diesel Engine Oil Purchase.

City Manager Giles stated the Diesel Engine oil purchase is needed for Engines #1 and #7 as they are near completion. A future purchase will need to be made for Engines #8 & #9 plus anti-freeze will also need to be purchased.

Manager Giles recommended City Council Members ratify the purchase of ten 55 Gallon Drums of Diesel Engine Oil from Scotland Oil in the amount of \$5,775.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to ratify the purchase of Diesel Engine Oil from Scotland Oil in the amount of \$5,775.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Long Term Investment Advisors/Depository.

Finance Director Marr requested Council Members approve to designate Umbaugh & Associates as Long Term Investment Advisors/Depositories.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve to designate Umbaugh and Associates as Long Term Investment Advisors/Depositories and enter into an agreement.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Allen, Reed, Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Resignation from Housing Commission.

City Manager Giles requested City Council Members accept the resignation of Housing Commission Member Judy Fulk.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to accept the resignation of Housing Commission Member Judy Fulk with regret. All ayes carried the motion.

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Update.

DDA Director Hansen stated OPRA provides for a tax incentive to encourage the redevelopment of obsolete buildings and there is interest from our downtown businesses.

Discussion was held.

DDA Director Hansen will continue to pursue the program.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project punch list items are not complete, final payment is pending.

- A few people have shown interest in old City Hall.
- The Police Department overhead door project should start next week. Discussion was held on whether to replace the current doors with less expensive raised panel doors.

It was the consensus of the Council to stay with the current design.

City Clerk Report.

City Clerk Mari Anne Ryder informed Council Members on the following:

- January 28, 2016 is the Annual Chamber Dinner, with social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 at the Masonic Chapel and need to know how many tickets will be needed.
- Congressman John Moolenaar's Aid, Karen Ruth, is scheduled to use the Multi-Purpose room on February 24, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. The Public is welcome to attend.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated there is an upcoming conference regarding Marijuana Dispensaries that he is checking into attending. There will also be information available on line and he will keep Council informed.

Council Comments.

Member Church inquired on the use of City wells and the water use from the Authority.

Manager Giles stated there are six available and the issue with metered water usage is not yet resolved.

Member Reed inquired on the status of the property on the corner of Hidden Oaks Drive and M-46.

Manager Giles stated there is still interest in the property purchase and details are still being worked out.

Member Allen inquired on the status of the DeShano Project.

Director Hansen stated DeShano Construction received their grant and the project is expected to start sometime in 2016.

Mayor Kelly inquired on the apartment building next to the Post Office.

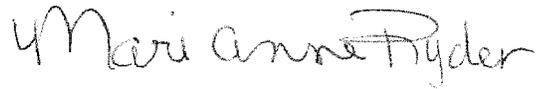
Community Services Coordinator Dori Foster stated there has been no activity, but the owner still seems interested in selling the building.

Public Comments.

None

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 8:58 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Handwritten signature of Mari Anne Ryder in cursive script.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director

Council Member Reed led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 19, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$662,769.44 less payment No. 9 to Dunigan Bros. in the amount of \$49,360.44 for a total approved payables amount of \$613,409.00. (Payment No. 9 was incorrectly reflected in Payment No. 8 so the adjustment was made). All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the January, 2015 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the January, 2015 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” as shown below:

- a. Payment to RCL for SRF Project – Approve.
- b. Payment No. 8 to Dunigan for S. Transmission Main Phase II and Giddings Reconstruction – Approve.
- c. Payment No. 9 to Dunigan for S. Transmission Main Phase II and Giddings Reconstruction to Release Retainage – Approve.
- d. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant Implementation – Approve.
- e. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- f. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- g. Annual Payment to MMEA for 2016 Membership – Approve.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” with the removal of item “c.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Letter of Authorization for Power Purchase.

City Manager Giles requested approval to purchase up to 1,500 KW of capacity through MPPA for June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2030 at a maximum purchase price of \$4.00 per KW month, which is a commitment of \$6,000.00 per month or \$720,000.00 for the entire 10-year term.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Letter of Authorization to Purchase Power through MPPA in the amount of \$720,000.00 for the 10-year term. All ayes carried the motion.

Diesel Engine Oil.

City Manager Giles requested approval to purchase twelve 55 gallon barrels of Diesel Engine Oil from Scotland Oil for Engines #8 and #9 in the amount of \$6,930.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the purchase of twelve 55 gallon barrels of Diesel Engine Oil from Scotland Oil in the amount of \$6,930.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Diesel Fuel Purchase.

City Manager Giles requested approval to purchase approximately 8,000 gallons of Diesel Fuel from Scotland Oil in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase of Diesel Fuel from Scotland Oil in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

County Commissioner Jan Bunting entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Appointment to DDA Board.

Manager Giles requested City Council approve the request from the Downtown Development Authority to appoint Corey Bailey as a DDA Board Member.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to appoint Corey Bailey to the Downtown Development Authority. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

The Employee Appreciation Celebration is going to be scheduled sometime in March, or possibly April.

There is an allowance of \$30,000.00 for sign painting on the new water tower. The Shark Logo on the west side and "St. Louis" on the east side was suggested.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Shark Logo on the west side of the Giddings Place water tower and "St. Louis" on the east side of the tower.

The old City Hall garage bays are being leased on a month to month basis with a stipulation of a 20 day notice of termination by either party, and there is interest by a couple of people to purchase the building.

The heat exchangers on diesel engines #8 and #9 need to be refurbished and are being evaluated. At some point Lube Oil Pre-Heaters may need to be purchased for diesel engines #1 and #7.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council that the conference he planned to attend regarding Marijuana Dispensaries is full and he is on a waiting list if someone cancels. Chief stated he is currently reviewing the proposed legislation.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired about the possibility of St. Louis having its own Finger Print System.

Chief Ramereiz stated the equipment is very expensive and not recommended as a priority at this time.

Member Allen asked how often Department Head Meetings are held and if Employee Evaluations have been performed.

Manager Giles stated Department Head Meetings are held monthly and Employee Evaluations have not been completed at this time.

Member Allen stated the Chamber Dinner was very nice and she is proud that Mayor Kelly was the Spirit of St. Louis Award winner.

Member Kubin asked if there was a lot of interest in renting the Community Room. Member Kubin also made mention of the old bank building, old furniture store and the deteriorating roads in the City. Member Kubin further stated he believes a street millage proposal should be considered.

Public Comments.

Commissioner Bunting informed Council that the County Drain Commission Office is near completion and will be moving at the end of the month.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Mitchell Pohl & Darren Schaub – Extreme Clean Car Wash, Randall Mead – Resident/Healthy Pine River Group

Council Member Church led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$639,337.62. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the January, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Randall Mead stated he was a member of the Healthy Pine River group and will be attending a City Council Meeting once a month to keep the City updated. Mr. Mead will also get a schedule of the group's meeting dates to Council Members.

City Council thanked Mr. Mead for his involvement with the Healthy Pine River Group.

Mitchell Pohl, owner of Extreme Clean Car Wash, stated he purchased the car wash in St. Louis three years ago. He recently received a letter from the City stating that he was being incorrectly billed for water. Since the City corrected the rate, his water bill has increased substantially. Mr. Pohl stated he owns two other car washes and the water bills are not as high. Mr. Pohl requested the City check his account and make sure he is being billed correctly now.

Council requested Mr. Pohl bring past water bills from his other two car washes to the City Manager to be reviewed.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items "a" through "e" as shown below:

- a. Payment to Farabee Mechanical Inc. for Diesel Engine Rebuild – Approve.
- b. Payment to Rowe for SRF Project Design – Approve.
- c. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – Prospect/Corinth Reconstruction – Approve.
- d. GAWA Water Use – October through December – Receive.
- e. Howard & Ivah Hoffmeyer Charitable Trust Correspondence – Receive.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "e". All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Payment to Bethany Township.

City Manager Giles stated the payment is for taxes owed, which are called for in the original 425 Agreements and recommended payment in the amount of \$20,061.06.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve payment to Bethany Township according to 425 Agreements in the amount of \$20,061.06. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal from FTC&H for Wells 10 and 11.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Professional Services Proposal from FTC&H for Wells #10 and #11 in the amount of \$591,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Professional Services Proposal from FTC&H in the amount of \$591,500.00 contingent on EPA approval. All ayes carried the motion.

Generating Facility Fuel Storage Upgrades.

Manager Giles requested approval for Generating Facility Fuel Storage Upgrades by Walker Fueling & Lube Equipment LLC in the amount of \$7,849.95 to bring the Fuel Storage Tanks in compliance with The Michigan Fire Prevention Code.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Generating Facility Fuel Storage Upgrades by Walker Fueling & Lube Equipment LLC in the amount of \$7,849.95. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2016-03 Support of Joint Planning Process.

The following resolution was offered by Kubin, and supported by Reed:

Whereas, by statute at least every five years, a planning commission shall review Master Land Use Plan and determine whether to amend the plan, adopt a new plan, or maintain the existing plan, and

Whereas, the review period for certain local units of government within Gratiot County has arrived or is about to arrive and

Whereas; there is interest in certain local units of government within Gratiot County to join efforts together to research and address areas of mutual concern and interest in land use planning, and

Whereas; two separate statutes, 1967 PA 8 and 1957 PA 200 allows these local units of government to join together to exercise this common power jointly, and

Whereas; it is in the best interest to foster a collaborative effort between these local units of government to maximize the effectiveness of limited resources.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Legislative Body of the City of St. Louis supports and authorizes its respective planning commission to jointly initiate the planning process to review

the master land use plan and to appoint a representative to a steering committee to organize such effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN FAVOR:

Kubin, Reed, Church, Kelly

COUNCIL MEMBERS OPPOSED:

None

Resolution declared adopted.

Discuss M-46 Property Sale.

City Manager Giles informed Council that a draft purchase agreement has been received from the party interested in purchasing the 4.8 acre City Parcel on M-46. The buyer has expressed interest in purchasing the whole 29 acre City owned parcel. Discussions have taken place with regard to \$6,000.00 per acre for the 29 acre with first right of refusal option.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the council for City staff to proceed with the draft contract, with a two or three year first right of refusal option.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

Three easements are needed to proceed with the transmission main for Wells #10 and #11.

The City Surplus Auction is Friday, March 4, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, BEA and Due Care are needed for the DeShano project, which will cost DeShano Construction an additional \$13,000.00.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to reduce the sales price of the corner of Mill and North Street from \$75,000.00 to 70,000.00 to help offset the cost of the needed environmental work.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Reed asked an approximate cost to resurface some of the deteriorating streets without replacing utilities or curb and gutter.

Public Services Director Risdon stated approximately \$190.00 per foot with curb and gutter and approximately \$150.00 per foot without curb and gutter.

Discussion was held.

Public Services Director Risdon and DPW Director Abbott are currently putting together a maintenance plan.

Member Church stated he has heard a lot of comments on how nice the Community Room is.

Member Kubin stated effective immediately he is resigning from the GAWA due to scheduling conflicts.

Members Reed or Church may be interested in filling the vacant position.

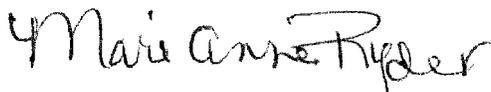
Mayor Kelly stated the resignation is accepted with regret.

Public Comments.

Community Services Coordinator Dori Foster informed Members that a new Hearing Officer will be needed in the near future as current Officer Kim Krenz is stepping down.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 8:41 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramerez, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Supervisor

Council Member Reed led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$329,004.30. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the February, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the January, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition. None Present.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes – Receive.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Professional Services for Water Project – Approve.
- c. Annual Financial Commitment to MAGNET – Approve.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c”. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Giddings Place Water Tower Paint Color.

City Manager Giles stated the enclosed Color Card shows the colors available to choose from for the Giddings Place water tower.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the color of 39BL Delft (blue) for the base, black for the shark, and making the STL and Shark’s eye white for the Giddings Place water tower. Ayes carried the motion, three to one with Member Allen casting the dissenting vote.

Consent for Access.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Consent for Access to Property between the City and the EPA for sampling and cleanup in the ANP area.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Consent for Access between the City and the EPA. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase Agreement for 4.5 Acres of the City Parcel on M-46.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Purchase Agreement for approximately 4.5 acres of the City Parcel on M-46 in the amount of \$90,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Purchase Agreement for approximately 4.5 acres of the City Parcel on M-46 in the amount of \$90,000, with changes to contract language wording related to closing costs not specifically listed to be borne by the originator of costs.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Allen, Reed, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Motion Carried.

Designation of donated funds.

Mayor Kelly suggested that the funds received from the Hoffmeyer Trust be designated for community recreation projects as in the past years.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to assign the Hoffmeyer Trust donation of \$5,350 to community recreation projects. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated Council Members on the following items:

Car Wash water bill issue. After receiving billings from the owners other sites, it was found that for water the rates were similar, however the sewer rate is significantly higher. Since sewer rates have been based on revenue requirements there is not much we can do at this time. As part of the SAW grant project a rates and their fair application will be studied.

Lead and copper sampling of the water have come back and ranged from non-detect to 7 parts per billion. 15 parts per billion is the trigger for action.

All council members have been signed up for the MML Capital Conference. If you are unable to attend, please give your registration to Clerk Ryder and we will substitute City Staff as needed.

Meetings with Apex Marine have and are occurring regarding their desire to expand. Also there has been inquiry on industrial park lots from someone shopping around.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Garage doors are complete and the cars are back in the garage. The Officers have reported positively the improvements in ease of entering and exiting.

Council Comments.

Member Church mentioned that the taco bell building in the industrial park is looking bad. Chief Ramereiz reported that the process has started that may lead to condemnation.

Member Church also inquired on the status of the apartment house on Center Street. He was informed that the parties have contacted Building Inspector Erskine and have asked for a hardship appeal for a two week extension. Then the condemnation process will begin on that property as well.

Member Church inquired about the power outages due to the storm. Manager Giles reported that there was only one significant one that was taken care of quickly. There were some blinks on and off but overall the storm did not affect people power wise. Church expressed his praise for the Electric Department.

Additionally Church commented on how well DPW did getting the streets cleared. Adding that today's storm looked like it might be as bad. DPW Supervisor Abbott reported that the guys had gone home for a break and would be back in at midnight after the storm is to let up so that they can try to get everyone plowed out before morning.

Member Reed asked a question about who can/cannot be on Board of Review (BOR). At the BOR update meeting brought question on a couple of members. Manager Giles reported that clarification was being asked from the City Attorney, however it looks like we should be fine as long as when we appoint members that we note IPOA exemption is being exercised.

Member Allen commented that she was disappointed that Chief Ramereiz could not get into the conference on the Colorado experience with marijuana. Chief Ramereiz believes that the materials are being made available and he will forward the information.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:25p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Bobbie Lo-Marr, Deputy Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Supervisor, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Linda Bader – Farmers Market Coordinator

Council Member Allen led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2016 with the following correction: Page 25 change 29 acres to approximately 4.5 acres. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$793,601.02. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the February, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the February, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Linda Bader, Coordinator of the proposed Farmers Market informed Council Members of plans for a Farmers Market from June to October on Thursday's in the City Hall South Parking Lot.

DDA Director Hansen has a list of questions that need to be address so details can be worked out.

Council Members thanked Linda for her efforts in bringing a Farmers Market to St. Louis.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items "a" through "f" as shown below:

- a. Payment to Newkirk for Switchgear Project – Approve.
- b. Payment No. 1 to Peerless Midwest for Wells 10 & 11 – Approve.
- c. Payment to Farabee Mechanical Inc. for Diesel Engine Overhaul – Approve.
- d. Payment to RCL for Police Garage Modifications – Approve.
- e. Information regarding Picture Project at City Hall – Receive.
- f. Legalization of Marijuana Presentation – Receive (saved separately on web page).

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "f". All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Appointment to GAWA.

City Manager Giles stated that due to Council Member Kubin's resignation from the GAWA, a replacement needs to be appointed

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to appoint Council Member Reed to the GAWA. All ayes carried the motion.

Mayor Kelly thanked Member Kubin for his service on the GAWA.

Heating System for the Diesel Engine Room.

Manager Giles requested approval to replace the heating system in the diesel engine room by Elite Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$9,400.00

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve to replace the heating system in the diesel engine room by Elite Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$9,400.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Alternate Location for Fire Works.

Manager Giles stated that due to the new apartment complex being built this summer an alternate location may be needed in the future for the 4th of July Fire Works.

Discussion was held.

Some suggestions were Hubble Field, the High School Football Field and the Velsicol Site.

Chief Ramereiz stated discussions will be held with the fireworks provider, Fire Chief and himself, and Council will be updated at a future meeting.

Discuss Property next to Frosty Cone.

Manager Giles stated there is interest from the owners of Frosty Cone to obtain the strip of property the City owns between Frosty Cone and the Verizon building, which is approximately 2,400 square feet in size.

There has been little interest in the property over the 14 or 15 years that the City has owned the parcel, and Manager Giles recommended a sales price of \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council that negotiations continue with Frosty Cone.

Discuss City Hall Plaque.

Manager Giles stated the draft wording for the City Hall Plaque has been put together and would like Council to decide on the wording of Option A or Option B.

Discussion was held.

Council Members recommended changes to the wording of Option B and the new draft be placed on the next Council Agenda.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that Dial-a-Ride ridership has increased and they are planning to expand service. More information will follow.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he is hosting the May 10th Liaison meeting, and also the Medical Marijuana Presentation is available on the web page for Council to view.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin made mention of the possibility of a street millage.

Public Services Director Keith Risdon stated he is working with FTC&H to come up with a plan to fix the City streets.

Member Reed stated he received a comment from the purchaser of the M-46 property on how nice it was working with the City of St. Louis.

Member Reed also commented on the recent fire in downtown Alma and expressed his concern with a couple of businesses in downtown St. Louis.

Mention was made that possibly the State Fire Marshal could be contacted.

Member Allen asked if the City had a future Assessor in mind.

Manager Giles stated yes.

Mayor Kelly thanked Linda Bader for coordinating the Farmers Market.

Public Comments.

Community Services Coordinator Dori Foster informed Council that People Link has moved to St. Louis in the Davidson Building on M-46.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Mayor James C. Kelly (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, 21 High School students

Council Member Kubin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Manager Giles stated there are two payments to Spicer Group (Item 8d) for the SAW Grant. One invoice needs to be removed in the amount of \$15,605.50 until it is submitted to the State for reimbursement.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts with the above mentioned correction in the amount of \$618,676.73. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the March, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the March, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor ProTem Allen requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Scotland Oil for Diesel Engine Oil – Approve.
- b. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- c. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- d. Payment to Spicer Group for SAW Grant – Approve.
- e. Cable Consortium Minutes – Receive.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” with the correction noted in approval of claims and accounts. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

City Hall Plaque.

City Manager Giles stated that the requested changes to the wording for the City Hall Plaque have been made and the wording is ready for approval.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the wording for the City Hall plaque including changing Mari A. Ryder to Mari Anne Ryder. All ayes carried the motion.

Bio-Solid Land Application.

Manager Giles requested approval of bio-solids land application and pond cleaning by Synagro in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve bio-solids land application and pond cleaning by Synagro in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Heating Units.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase/installation of heating units for the Union Street Pump Station and Prison Bar Screen from T.H. Eifert in the amount of \$39,980.00 of which the City portion will be \$19,633.53 and the State of Michigan's portion will be \$20,346.47.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the purchase/installation of heating units for the Union Street Pump Station and Prison Bar Screen from T.H. Eifert in the amount of \$39,980.00, of which the City portion will be \$19,633.53 and the State of Michigan's portion will be \$20,346.47. All ayes carried the motion.

Commitment of Funds for Prospect/Corinth Street Project.

Manager Giles requested approval for the commitment of funds for the Prospect/Corinth Street Project, which is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2017, with local share of participating construction costs in the amount of \$189,600.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the commitment of funds for the Prospect/Corinth Street Project in the amount of \$189,600.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase Agreement – Frosty Cone.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Purchase Agreement between the City and Frosty Cone for the City owned lot, which is 25 x 102 next to Frosty Cone in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Purchase Agreement between the City and Frosty Cone in the amount of \$1,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated Council Members on the following items:

An easement was unable to be obtained to get river crossing for the new water main for wells 10 and 11 so plans are to build along the road right-of-way.

A meeting is planned for April 18th to obtain a Special Use Permit for the well house for wells 10 & 11.

A proposal for wind energy is expected sometime in May for the purchase of power.

A draft Request for Proposals (RFP) is currently being worked on for the old City Hall building. Demolition of the radio tower and an enclosure for dumpsters still needs to be addressed.

The DeShano Project continues to move forward.

The lot split for the Seeley Auto project is scheduled to be addressed at the April 13th Planning Commission Meeting.

Preliminary work for the Apex expansion project is currently being performed.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council that he has been in contact with the Fireworks provider and if the DeShano apartments are not occupied at the time of this year's Fireworks show then there will be no issue holding the show from the Mill Street bridge as in years past. A new location will have to be decided on for the following years.

Chief Ramereiz also informed Council that the Police Department had an inspection by Jerry Grazcek from the MML Liability Fund and Mr. Grazcek was impressed with the policies and procedures the Police Department is following.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the status of contacting the Fire Inspector for a couple of downtown buildings.

Manager Giles stated discussions continue.

Public Comments.

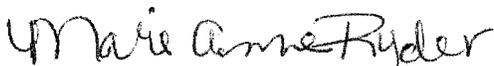
County Commissioner Jan Bunting gave Council Members a copy of the Annual Gratiot County Sheriff's Report and updated Members on County happenings.

High school student, Molly Sheets, asked Members what Bio-Solids Land Application was.

Public Services Director Keith Risdon explained the process.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Matt Schooley – City of Alma Transit Director, Linda Bader – Farmers Market Coordinator

Mayor Kelly led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 5, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$315,905.99. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the March, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the March, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- b. Payment to Walker Fueling & Lube Equipment for Diesel Fuel Storage Tank Upgrades – Approve.
- c. Payment to Spicer Group for SAW Project – Approve.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through c”. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Dial-a-Ride Transportation (DART) Presentation.

City of Alma Transit Director Matt Schooley explained the plans to expand transportation options in Gratiot County to accomplish the following: Enhance mobility within and between communities in Gratiot County, preserve individual independence and enhance the quality of life for many of our citizens, increase access to jobs and job training and allow human service agencies to focus on their primary missions instead of transportation.

Director Schooley stated this will be a one-year Pilot Program to begin either July 1, 2016 or October 1, 2016.

Discussion was held.

Council Members expressed their interest in the Pilot and thanked Director Schooley for his efforts.

Change City Council/School Board Joint Meeting Date.

Manager Giles requested Council Members change the City Council/School Board Joint Meeting date from June 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. to August 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

Discussion was held.

Members Allen and Kubin will not be able to attend.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to change the City Council/School Board Joint Meeting date from June 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. to August 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts. All ayes carried the motion.

Farmers Market Location.

Manager Giles stated the Farmers Market Committee has requested approval to hold a Farmers Market each Thursday from June through October from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with set up to begin at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall South Parking Lot.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the Farmers Market be held each Thursday from June through October from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with set up to begin at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall South Parking Lot. All ayes carried the motion.

Appointment to Housing Commission.

Manager Giles requested approval of the request from the Housing Commission to appoint Thomas Wright to fill the vacancy on the Housing Commission.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to appoint Thomas Wright to the Housing Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Additional Agenda Item.

Manager Giles requested approval of an agreement between the City and Farabee Mechanical Inc. for the installation of automatic blower bypass controllers on Diesel Engine #1, 7, 8 & 9 in the amount of \$59,650.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin to approve the Terms and Acceptance Agreement from Farabee Mechanical, Inc. for automatic blower bypass controllers on the four diesel engines in the amount of \$59,650.00, including a payment of \$8,000.00 to initiate the agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that the Special Use Permit for Wells #10 & 11 Well House was approved by Arcada Township.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Reed asked what Assessor Kirwin's plans are in terms of continuing employment for the City.

Manager Giles stated he plans to continue employment until July or August 2016.

Member Kubin was excused at 8:55 a.m.

Member Allen stated the appreciation dinner was a nice event.

Member Allen also made mention of the MML Fall Conference and suggested we consider if it is worth the cost to attend.

Mayor Kelly apologized for being sick and missing the last City Council Meeting and the dinner. He also mentioned he had taken the opportunity to read a couple of books about environmental issues and thought about what common practices at the current time will be considered unsound in the future.

Public Comments.

DPW Superintendent Abbott informed Council Members that he has arranged a Traffic Control Workshop that will be held in the Community Room on April 29th.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Joy Daniels - St. Louis Resident, 8 high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$628,390.91. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the April, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the April, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project – Approve.

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

New Business.

Police Car Lease.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the Police Car Lease.

Manager Giles stated the lease is for a 2016 Dodge Charger to be paid in three installment amounts as follows: at Closing - \$14,924.50, April 22, 2017 - \$14,574.50 and April 22, 2018 - \$14,574.50.

Chief Ramereiz described the status of the police cars currently in use and the details of the lease.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve lease payments for a 2016 Dodge Charger in three installment amounts as follows: at Closing - \$14,924.50, April 22, 2017 - \$14,574.50 and April 22, 2018 - \$14,574.50.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Other Business of the Council.

Manager Giles stated the VFW is requesting approval of the Annual Memorial Day Parade and temporary closure of the following streets: Franklin, Saginaw, Mill, Prospect and Corinth on May 30th beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is no change in the parade route and schedule from previous years.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Annual Memorial Day Parade and temporary street closures on May 30, 2016 beginning at 9:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated Council Members on the following projects:

1. This year's ANP Project has begun.
2. There is a grant opportunity for Infrastructure grants through the Economic Development Corporation and the city is qualified for 90% grant funds. It was the consensus of the council to apply for the grant for M-46 Water Main Replacement.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz updated Council Members on the following:

1. In the last three or four months, his department collected 24 pounds of unused prescription medication.
2. The Police Officer Recognition Ceremony is Sunday, May 15, 2016.
3. All officers have been trained to use the Naloxone Rescue Kit for Heroin overdoses.

Council Comments.

Member Church asked when the camera will be installed in Clapp Park. Manager Giles stated as soon as the pole is put in.

Member Church mentioned a street millage. Manager Giles stated Public Services Director Risdon is working on getting a plan put together. Members asked Manager Giles to have Director Risdon put more emphasis on getting a plan in place.

Member Allen asked if the speed trailer was going to be used this summer. Chief Ramereiz stated it was.

Public Comments.

County Commissioner Bunting joined the meeting and stated she would like to give flowers to the City for use around City Hall. Mary Reed of the Garden Club will be informed.

Joy Daniels, St. Louis resident, expressed her concern about blight and run down houses around the City. Chief Ramereiz explained the Community Services Coordinator is constantly working on blight and recommended Joy contact her with concerns.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 17, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Phil Hansen –
DDA Director, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ Superfund Project Manager

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$330,564.49. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the April, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the April, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services SAW Grant 5/31/15 thru 6/27/15 – Approve.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services SAW Grant 2/21/16 thru 3/19/16 – Approve.
- c. Payment No. 7 to Maguire Iron for Giddings Water Storage Tank – Approve.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c”. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

2016/2017 Budget.

Mayor Kelly requested a motion to receive the 2016/2017 Budget and to set a Public Hearing for June 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the 2016/2017 Budget and to set a Public Hearing for June 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Declaration of Restrictions – Leppien Park.

Manager Giles stated the Declaration of Restrictions needs to be approved for final reimbursement for the Leppien Park Project.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the Declaration of Restrictions for the Leppien Park Project.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Allen, Kubin, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Manhole Rehab Project.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Manhole Rehab Project at various locations by Advanced Rehabilitation Technologies for repair of 9 old brick sanitary manholes in the amount of \$18,640.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Manhole Rehab Project for Advanced Rehabilitation Technologies in the amount of \$18,640.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2016-04 – MERS Loan Addendum.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2016-04, which approves the Municipal Employees' Retirement System Loan Addendum.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Reed:

WHEREAS, the Employer previously adopted the MERS Defined Contribution Plan July 1, 2000 for 01-General Employees and 10-City Manager; and

WHEREAS, effective May 17, 2016 the Employer desires to amend the Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement for the 01-General Employees and 10-City Manager Employees by adding the Loan addendum; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis City Council hereby adopts the MERS Defined Contribution Loan Addendum for the 01-General Employees and 10-City Manager Employees (attached) which modifies the July 1, 2000 Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement allowing for employee loans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the Employer are authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Addendum to Option Agreement.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Addendum to Option Agreement for the DeShano Project which reduces the purchase price by \$5,000.00 for environmental work that council members agreed to at the February 16, 2016 Council Meeting and the Addendum also assigns the Option to Purchase to River View Place Apartments Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership instead of DeShano Development Corporation.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Addendum to the Option Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Authorization between the City of St. Louis and Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA).

Manager Giles requested approval of the Letter of Authorization between the City and MPPA for the purchase of power.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Letter of Authorization. All ayes carried the motion.

Sidewalk Project.

Manager Giles requested approval for the sidewalk project in the budgeted amount not to exceed \$26,000.00 to a yet to be determined contractor.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Sidewalk Project in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00 to a yet to be determined contractor by the City Manager, Public Services Director and Public Works Superintendent and rescind the contract with Butcher Excavating. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Contract Award for Well Closures.

Manager Giles stated Peerless Midwest has submitted a quote to abandon Wells 1 and 4 in the amount of \$31,905.00, pending DEQ Approval.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles requested approval of an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 to include the Mineral Spring.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to Award the contract to Peerless Midwest for abandoning Wells #1, #4 and the Mineral Spring in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 pending DEQ Approval.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Pavement Lane Marking on South Main (BR-127).

Manager Giles stated an e-mail was received from MDOT asking if the City is interested in doing a lane conversion along Main Street from where the four Lane section starts, just south of

State Street, to M-46 to restripe the road for three lanes with bike lanes on each side. MDOT will schedule a date to gather public input.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the concept of pavement markings along main street. All ayes carried the motion.

Additional Agenda Item.

Manger Giles requested Council Set a Budget Work Session for Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to set a Budget Work Session for May 31st at 7:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated that the monthly meetings with the US EPA and MDEQ on the Superfund activities have begun.

The M-46 Water main replacement project estimate was much higher than expected for the ICE Grant. The project will be from Watson to Mill Street in the amount of \$900,000.00.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated the Police Memorial Ceremony went well with approximately 114 in attendance. Four Students of Influence gave speeches.

Chief Ramereiz warned members of an IRS Scam that is currently happening.

Council Comments.

Member Church stated the Police Memorial Ceremony was a nice event.

Member Reed inquired about a couple of blighted properties.

Mayor Kelly stated the Police Memorial Ceremony was well done, and he was pleased with the Students of Influence speeches.

Public Comments.

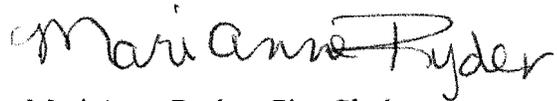
Matt Baltusis, MDEQ Superfund Project Manager gave an update of the project status and a briefing on the artesian wells.

Member Kubin was excused at 8:55 a.m.

Member Reed was excused at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 9:04 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

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Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 31, 2016

The special meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
George T. Kubin

Council Members Absent: Thomas L. Reed (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Jessica Little – Library Director

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Kelly joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Steve Mepham – Water/Wastewater Superintendent joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Member Kubin was excused at 8:45 a.m.

Discuss 2016/2017 Budget.

Manager Giles reviewed the projected 2016/2017 proposed budget with City Council Members.

The 2016/2017 Budget will be presented for adoption at the June 7, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 10:17 a. m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Allen on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Mayor James C. Kelly (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ Superfund Project Manager, Tom Alcamo – US EPA, Diane Russell – US EPA Community Involvement, Theo VonWallmenich – CH2M Hill, Daniel Morden – Gratiot County Emergency Management Coordinator, Caroline Ross – Citizen, 5 high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2016.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council discussed the Special Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2016.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 31, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$437,809.43. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the May, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the May, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Public Hearing – 2016-2017 Budget Adoption.

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen asked for Public Comment regarding the 2016/2017 Budget.

Member Kubin commented on having to use Reserve Funds and funding for local street replacement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution 2016-05 Budget Adoption.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted and filed with the City Council a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2016-2017 fiscal year on May 17, 2016, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date June 7, 2016 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 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 budget as represented herein and fixes the tax of fifteen (15) mills for general operating purposes, to be raised by a general ad valorem tax upon owners of real and personal property in the City, by the authority granted, and in accordance with the Michigan Constitution, the General Property Tax Act 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended, and City Charter, Chapter VII, subject to limitations therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such transfers between the various funds in accordance with the adoption of the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 632,825	General Government	\$ 598,654
License & Permits	14,100	Public Safety	911,430
Intergovernmental	523,210	Public Works	131,200
Charges for Services	679,887	Community & Economic Development	125,080
Fines & Forfeitures	1,600	Recreation & Culture	142,922
Interest & Rents	18,270	Unfunded Pension Liability	75,000
Other Revenue	7,000	Debt Service	84,650
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	192,044	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,068,936</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,068,936</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Interest & Rents	\$ 15	General Government	\$ -
Other Revenue	3,000	Other Financing Uses	-
Other Financing Sources	-	To Fund Balance	3,015
From Fund Balance	-	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,015</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,015</u>		

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 408,605	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 231,202
Interest & Rents	350	Other Financing Uses	99,650
Other Revenue	12,780	To Fund Balance	90,883.00
Other Financing Sources	-	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 421,735</u>
From Fund Balance	-		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 421,735</u>		

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 177,690	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 347,400
Interest & Rents	225	Other Financing Uses	-
Other Revenue	-	To Fund Balance	-
Other Financing Sources	99,650	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 347,400</u>
From Fund Balance	69,835		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 347,400</u>		

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 16,950	Community & Economic Development	\$ 2,850
Interest & Rents	6,051	Debt Service	1,860
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	20,300
From Fund Balance	2,009	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 25,010</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 25,010</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ -	Recreation & Culture	173,160
Intergovernmental	165,340		
Charges for Services	600		
Fines & Forfeitures	94,700		
Interest & Rents	165		
Other Revenue	12,200		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	99,845
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 273,005</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 273,005</u>

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Kubin and supported by Council Member Church.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Reed, Allen

Nays: None

Absent: Kelly

Resolution declared adopted.

Presentation on Groundwater Study by US EPA.

Tom Alcamo stated the presentation is to help answer questions regarding the Ground Water Study.

Discussion was held regarding the monitoring of well water levels.

Council Members thanked Theo for the presentation.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “c” as shown below:

- a. Payment No. 8 to Maguire Iron for Giddings Water Tower – Approve.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project – Approve.
- c. Payment to Rowe for Prospect/Corinth Reconstruction – Approve.

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

New Business.

Wedge Repairs – Local Streets.

Manager Giles recommended approval of wedge repairs to local streets by Rite-Way Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve wedge repairs to local streets in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Out Door Camera – Clapp Park.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase/installation of a Security Camera for Clapp Park by Trivalent Group in the amount of \$8,693.00 to be paid for by Luneack Grant Funds.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the purchase/installation of a Security Camera for Clapp Park by Trivalent Group in the amount of \$8,693.00 to be paid for by Luneack Grant Funds. All ayes carried the motion.

Use of Clapp Park.

Manager Giles stated a request has been received from D-Tails Pet Grooming to use Clapp Park on June 25, 2016 for a Pet-A-Palooza with proceeds going to “Dalis-to-the-Rescue Pet Rescue”, but the event has been cancelled at this time.

Additional Agenda Items.

Increase in Sludge Hauling.

Manager Giles requested approval for an increase in an overage in sludge hauling for the Wastewater Treatment Plant increasing from the approved \$28,000 to \$48,000.00.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the increase in sludge hauling in an estimated amount of \$20,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Sidewalk Replacement.

Manager Giles also requested approval for Sidewalk Replacement at the Cemetery Chapel by Ward Excavating in the amount of \$5,600.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the requested sidewalk replacement by Ward Excavating in the amount of \$5,600.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Public Hearing – 2015/2016 Budget Amendments.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for 2015/2016 Budget Amendments to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to set the Public Hearing for Budget Amendments for June 21, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated the electric and infrastructure improvements needed for the US EPA cleanup project revenue and expense are not budgeted for since the schedule is uncertain and infrastructure costs are proposed to be borne by the Superfund Project.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Member that the school will be having the summer meal program again this year, June to August.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members of a recent incident where a citizen performed CPR on a baby and saved the baby's life.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to present a lifesaving award for the citizen at a yet to be determined Council Meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

Council Comments.

Member Church inquired about the police car repair.

Member Kubin asked members to think about changing the morning meeting to an evening meeting.

Public Comments.

Carolyn Ross thanked the City for the new Pavilion in Leppien Park and asked Council to consider Reserving/Charging for the use of the Pavilion.

Daniel Morden introduced himself as the newly hired Gratiot County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mari Anne Ryder". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Angie Thompson – Candidate for County Clerk, Chuck Sandro – Healthy Pine River Committee

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$944,445.28. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the May, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the May, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Angie Thompson introduced herself and stated she was running for the County Clerk position.

Public Hearing – 2015-2016 Budget Amendments.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 a.m.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comment regarding the 2015/2016 Budget Amendments.

There being none, Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 a.m.

Resolution 2016-06 Budget Amendments.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Reed:

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2015-2016 fiscal year on June 2, 2015 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 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 21, 2016 for a public hearing at 7:30 o'clock AM, 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, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer amounts between activities/functions within a fund's budget a sum not to exceed \$ 20,000.

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

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 655,715.00	General Government	\$ 571,797
License & Permits	12,865	Public Safety	847,987
Intergovernmental	672,597	Public Works	123,395
Charges for Services	580,851	Community & Economic Development	119,470
Fines & Forfeitures	1,150	Recreation & Culture	353,220
Interest & Rents	13,515	Unfunded Pension Liability	63,200
Other Revenue	62,554	Debt Service	61,849
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	187,000
From Fund Balance	<u>328,671</u>	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,327,918</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,327,918</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Interest & Rents	\$ 15	General Government	\$ -
Other Revenue	3,000	Other Financing Uses	
Other Financing Sources	-	To Fund Balance	<u>3,015</u>
From Fund Balance	<u>-</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,015</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,015</u>		

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 320,060	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 612,839
Interest & Rents	435	Other Financing Uses	-
Other Revenue	19,100	To Fund Balance	-
Other Financing Sources	100,000	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 612,839</u>
From Fund Balance	<u>173,244</u>		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 612,839</u>		

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 167,500	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 164,520
Interest & Rents	225	Other Financing Uses	126,060
Other Revenue	475	To Fund Balance	-
Other Financing Sources	55,900	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 290,580</u>
From Fund Balance	<u>66,480</u>		
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 290,580</u>		

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 18,446	Community & Economic Development	\$ 2,800
Interest & Rents	5,911	Debt Service	2,175
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	20,300
From Fund Balance	918	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 25,275</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 25,275</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	22,387	Recreation & Culture	159,230
Intergovernmental	166,219		
Charges for Services	600		
Fines & Forfeitures	106,050		
Interest & Rents	165		
Other Revenue	14,925		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	42,280
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	108,836
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 310,346</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 310,346</u>

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Reed, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Resolution declared adopted.

Healthy Pine River Organization.

Chuck Sandro introduced himself and provided information regarding the health of the Pine River and requested consideration of financial assistance with conducting a Sediment Survey of the impoundment area behind the Alma dam heading upstream to Honeyoey Creek.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to review the financial assistance from the surrounding communities and revisit the matter in the near future.

Council Members thanked Chuck for the information.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” as shown below:

- a. Final Payment to Farabee Mechanical for Diesel Engine Rebuild – Approve.
- b. Approve Project/Payment to Rite-Way Asphalt for Asphalt Repairs.
- c. Payment to Ward’s Excavating for Sidewalk Replacement at the Cemetery Chapel.
- d. Payment to Advanced Rehabilitation for Manhole Rehab.
- e. Final Payment to Davis for SRF Project.
- f. Payment to Ward Excavating for Sidewalk Repairs.
- g. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “g”. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Temporary Street Closure Request from American Legion.

Manager Giles stated the American Legion is requesting approval of temporary street closures and permission to hold the 2nd annual Boots for Heroes 5K Run/Walk on September 11, 2016 starting at 8:46 a.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the temporary street closures for the 5K Run/Walk. All ayes carried the motion.

Abandonment of Wells.

Manager Giles requested approval for the closure of Well #7 in the amount of \$17,232.00 and authorization to accept the proposal for the abandonment of the mineral springs in the amount of \$2,920.00 from Peerless Midwest to be paid for with EPA Grant Funds.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the closure of Well #7 in the amount of \$17,232.00 and authorization to accept the proposal for the abandonment of the mineral springs in the amount of \$2,920.00 from Peerless Midwest subject to MDEQ approval. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Sensus Meters.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of 96 Sensus Meters from Etna Supply in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase of 96 Meters from Etna Supply in the amount of \$12,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

2016 Dodge Ram Pickup.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 4 x 4 pickup truck for the Electric Department from My Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the amount of \$37,599.50, which is a budgeted item in the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 4 x 4 pickup truck for the Electric Department from My Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the amount of \$37,599.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2016-07 Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2016-07 Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule in accordance with the 2016/2017 Budget.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to raise rates for water and sewer usage to the following:

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable September 1, 2016, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Min.	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Base		\$15.07
	First 20,000		\$3.01
	Next 180,000		\$2.84
	Over 200,000		\$2.73

A separate meter may be installed, at the customer's 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 monthly service charge to cover billing costs, installation and maintenance of meters, based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly Charge
5/8 inch	\$3.39
3/4 inch	\$3.87
1 inch	\$4.43
1 ¼ inch	\$4.76
1 ½ inch	\$5.20
2 inch	\$8.45
3 inch	\$11.35
4 inch	\$19.71
6 inch	\$30.60
8 inch	\$42.70

- (c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$35.78, which shall include the monthly service charge.
- (d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$71.57 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 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:

Base	\$7.08 minimum \$5.52 per 1,000 gallons
Non-metered customers	\$36.93

Non-metered, non-City residents,
When no rate agreement exists between
the City and Township \$66.35

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Church, Reed, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2016-08 Electric Service Rates.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2016-08 Electric Service Rates effective September 1, 2016.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Church:

Residential Service

Rate A-1

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$6.87	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$0.05065	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charge:	@ \$.06647	per kwh
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Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$.00225	per kwh
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Residential Water Heater Service

Rate A-2

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$6.87	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$0.05065	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges:

First 250 kwh	@ \$0.06647	per kwh
Next 400 kwh	@ \$0.05898	per kwh
Over 650 kwh	@ \$0.06647	per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$.00225 per kwh

Residential Electric Heat Service

Rate A-3

Distribution Charge

Customer Charge	@ \$6.87	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$0.05065	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges

First 600 kwh	@ \$0.06647	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (Nov.-May)	@ \$0.05898	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (June-Oct.)	@ \$0.06647	per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$.00225 per kwh

Residential All Electric Service

Rate A-4

Distribution Charge

Customer Charge	@ \$6.87	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$0.05065	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges:

First 250 kwh	@ \$0.06647	per kwh
Next 400 kwh	@ \$0.05898	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (Nov.-May)	@ \$0.06043	per kwh
Over 600 kwh (June-Oct.)	@ \$0.06647	per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$.00225 per kwh

General Service

Rate B

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$15.83	per month
Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$4.09	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$.02566	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service:
 Energy Charge @ \$.11761 per kwh

**General Service
 Rate C**

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$33.01 per month
 Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$70.20 per month
 Demand Charge:
 First 100 kw @ \$2.67 per billing kw
 Over 100 kw @ \$.44469 per billing kw
 Energy Charge
 First 180 kWh per kw @ \$.04305 per kWh
 Over 180 kWh per kw @ \$.02964 per kWh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Demand Charge:
 All kw @ \$ 10.01 per billing kw
 Energy Charge:
 All kw @ \$.04008 per kWh

Large Power

Rate D

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$33.01 per month
 Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$452.02 per month
 Demand Charge @ \$7.94 per billing kw
 Primary Service Discount @ \$1.49 per billing kw
 Energy Charge @ \$.01038 per kWh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Demand Charge
 First 100 kw @ \$4.83 per billing kw
 Next 1,900 kw @ \$2.60 per billing kw
 Over 2,000 kw @ \$.47466 per billing kw

Energy Charge

First 180 kWh per kw @ \$.06745 per kWh
 Over 180 kWh per kw @ \$.05918 per kWh

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Reed

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Absent: Kubin

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2016-09 Ethics Policy.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2016-09 Ethics Policy.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Allen:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis finds it necessary to clarify and establish procedure to document its ethics compliance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby establishes the following policy regarding ethics.

Scope

This policy applies to all public officials, employees, boards, committees, appointed positions, consultants, vendors, contractors, or outside agencies doing business with employees and /or other parties with a business relationship with the City of St. Louis.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all City Employees and Representatives are conducting themselves in a manner which upholds the public trust. This policy will outline the minimal levels of integrity expected of all affected individuals. This policy is not intended to replace any other policy governing employee behavior or rights and/or remedies guaranteed under a collective bargaining agreement.

Policy

1. Public officials and Employees are required to report any potential conflict of interests. If an employee is part of a decision-making process to any financial transaction and there is conflict of interest, that employee should report it as a conflict and recuse themselves from the decision.
2. Public officials and Employees may accept gifts or services from current or potential vendors with a de minimis value. However, such gifts or services received must be reported to the Finance Department and such activities will be logged.
3. Public officials and Employees will not engage in fraudulent behavior.
4. Public officials and Employees will be honest, fair and respectful of all persons and property with which they have contact. Employees will treat individuals in an equitable manner free of any partisanship. Above all, employees should avoid conduct which may

undermine respect for organizational officials, employees, and the organization as a whole.

5. Public officials and Employees shall not divulge to any unauthorized person, confidential information acquired in the course of employment in advance of the time prescribed for the authorized release to the public.
6. Public officials and Employees shall not use their position to secure, request, or grant unreasonably any special consideration, privilege, exemption, advantage, contract or preferential treatment for themselves or others, beyond that which is available to every other citizen.

Reporting

Employees are required to report violations of the ethics policy to the City Manager using the prescribed form. Names of individuals reporting violations will be kept confidential.

Violations

An employee found to be in violation of this policy will be disciplined from a verbal warning up to and including termination in accordance with the City's policies and contracts.

Definitions

Conflict of Interest – A conflict of interest exists if an employee has a direct or indirect financial interest (money, property, or thing of value or benefit) in a matter in which the employee has some influence either directly or indirectly. Indirect financial interest includes members of his immediate family (spouse, parents, children, grandparent as well as respective step or in-law relationship).

Fraudulent Behavior – Fraudulent behavior includes, but is not limited to: a) any dishonest or fraudulent act; b) forgery or alteration of any document or account belonging to the City; c) forgery or alteration of a check, bank draft, or any other financial document; d) misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies or other assets; impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions; e) Profiteering as a result of insider knowledge as a result of employment with City; f) disclosing confidential and proprietary information for gain to outside parties; g) accepting or seeking anything of material value from contractors, vendors or persons providing services/materials to the City contrary to federal, state, or local law or City policy; h) destruction, removal or inappropriate use of records, furniture, fixtures, supplies, and equipment; i) any similar inappropriate conduct as determined by the City Manager.

OTHER:

Any clarification of this policy shall be directed to the City Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said policy shall be implemented immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of June, 2016.

Additional Agenda Items.

Addendum to Purchase Agreement with PT Auto Properties, L.L.C.

Manager Giles stated the Addendum amends the closing date in Section 5, of the original agreement and includes the addition stating the Utility Easement Agreement will be executed at Closing.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Addendum with a date change of “no later than July 15, 2016.” All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Resignation from Library Board Member.

Manager Giles stated a Letter of Resignation has been received from Library Board Member Dave McMacken.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed to accept the Letter of Resignation with regret. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Dave from the Mayor. All ayes carried the motion.

Fireworks/Street Closure.

Manager Giles stated the Middle of the Mitten Association is requesting approval of the Fireworks Permit for the 4th of July Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 2, 2016 and the temporary closure of North Mill Street at Prospect and North Streets at 4 p.m. that day in preparation.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church to approve the Fireworks Permit and temporary Street closure. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated Council Members on the progress of Apex Marine expansion project.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz updated members on the resident that recently fell in the downtown area.

Council Comments.

Member Reed asked for discussion on the meeting time change that Member Kubin asked Members to consider at the last Council Meeting.

Discussion was held.

Conclusion: The meeting dates and times are set by Resolution for the entire year and the time change can be revisited when it is time to approve the 2017 meeting dates and times.

Member Allen expressed her understanding of the importance of staff training and stated she also thinks it is important for City Council to receive training.

Member Allen also asked if any word has been received from the EPA regarding the In-Situ Thermal Treatment (ISTT) Grant Funds. Manager Giles stated not yet.

Member Church inquired about the leaves at a Clinton Street residence. It is believed the resident cleaned them up.

Member Church also inquired on how the Farmers Market was going. Director Hansen stated it is being well attended and there were approximately five new vendors at the last event.

Mayor Kelly asked that the Manhole on M-46 near East Street be looked at, and when the City Hall Plaque would be hung. Superintendent Abbott will check on the manhole and Foreman Parsons plans to hang the plaque yet this week.

Mayor Kelly also questioned Member Church's comment in the previous meeting minutes regarding the Police Car. Chief Ramereiz explained and stated the car is repaired and back in service.

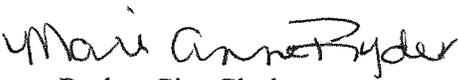
Public Comments.

DDA director asked Council Members to act cautiously regarding the Healthy Pine River contributions making sure all Gratiot County Communities and Townships are on board.

Member Reed was excused at 9:19 a.m.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Charles Mulholland – Candidate for State Representative, 70th District, Dale Reyburn – Candidate for State Representative, 70th District, Jan Bunting – County Commissioner, Lisa Jonaitis – Morning Sun, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, 6 Residents

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Presentation of Life Saving Award.

Chief Ramereiz presented a Life Saving Award to Megan Johnson for performing CPR on a baby. Had it not been for Megan it is the feeling of both the Fire Department and the Police Department that the baby would not have survived.

Council Members praised Megan for her efforts.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$589,896.67. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the June, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes.

Member Kubin requested the letter from Roger Collison be included with the Parks & Recreation Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the June, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Charles Mulholland introduced himself and stated he was a candidate on the August 2, 2016 Ballot for State Representative for the 70th District.

Dale Reyburn introduced himself and stated he was also a candidate on the August 2, 2016 Ballot for State Representative for the 70th District.

Council Members thanked both candidates.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Farabee Mechanical for Heat Exchanger Rebuild.
- b. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project.
- c. Payment to Rite-Way for Asphalt Wedges.
- d. Payment to Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep Ram for Pick Up Truck.
- e. Correspondence regarding Missionary Work.

Discussion was held.

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

New Business.

Temporary Street Closure Request from Historical Society.

Manager Giles requested approval for the temporary street closure request from the Historical Society to close Crawford Street between Franklin and Main on July 22, 2016 from 6 PM until 9 PM.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the temporary street closure for the Evening in the Park on July 22 from 6 PM until 9 PM. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure Request from DDA.

Manager Giles requested approval for the temporary street closure request from the DDA to close Mill Street between M-46 and Center Street on July 13, 2016 and August 10, 2016 from 5 PM to 8 PM for the Classic Car Cruise In.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the temporary street closures for the Cruise In on July 13, 2016 and August 10, 2016 from 5 PM until 8 PM. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure Request from DDA.

Manager Giles requested approval for the temporary street closure request from the DDA to close Mill Street between Prospect and Washington Ave. on August 25, 2016, from 3:15 PM to 5:15 PM for the Annual Old 27 Auto Tour.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the temporary street closure for the Old 27 Auto Tour on August 25, 2016 from 3:15 PM until 5:15 PM. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure Request from St. Louis Youth Football Organization (SLYFO).

Manager Giles requested approval for the temporary street closure request from the SLYFO to close Saginaw Street between Main and Franklin Street on July 13, 2016, from 5 PM to 8 PM for a Carnival Fundraiser.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the temporary street closure for the SLYFO Carnival on July 13, 2016 from 5 PM until 8 PM. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of ODB Leaf Vacuum Trailer.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of a Leaf Vacuum Trailer from Old Dominion Brush Co., Inc. in the budgeted amount of \$50,458.50.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a ODB Leaf Vacuum Trailer from Old Dominion Brush Company in the amount of \$50,458.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Ratify Water Discount to Adjacent and Nearby Properties (ANP) Customers.

Manager Giles requested approval of summer sewer averaging, applied to the water, for ANP Customers for utility billing periods ending approximately July 20, 2016 and August 20, 2016. This is in an effort to promote lawn watering and minimize costs to property owners within the ANP cleanup project.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church to ratify the discount to ANP Customers.

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: Allen

Motion carried

Discuss Lions Park Area Property.

Manager Giles stated he was contacted by the property owner next to Lions Park inquiring if the City would be interested in purchasing the property to add to Lions Park. Manager Giles also stated that purchasing additional property for parking was noted in the 5-year Plan.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council that there is no interest in purchasing the property.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following:

1. Chuck Sandro of the Healthy Pine River Group informed him that the City of Alma has pledged \$2,000.00 towards the sediment survey.
2. The Closing has taken place on the Seeley Auto Property Purchase.
3. Consumers Energy will be replacing Gas Lines and will be renting the western part of the M-46 property from the City July to November for \$2,000.00.
4. In the "Review" magazine there is a nice article about the City Hall project.

The DeShano Project was discussed. They are close to Closing on the property purchase from the City.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None

Council Comments.

Council Member Church commended Chief Ramereiz for presenting the Life Saving Award.

Members Church, Kubin and Allen will be out of town for the August 2nd Council Meeting.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen to hold the Meeting August 9th at 6:00 p.m. All ayes.
Motion carried

Member Reed shared a residents concern with the Firemen rate of speed entering the Fire Department on South Mill Street.

Member Reed also expressed his concern with fixing the streets.

Member Reed inquired on how the Fireworks went. Chief Ramereiz stated there were no real issues.

Manager Giles stated the City did not receive grant funds for the ICE project but will be reapplying.

Member Allen inquired if there is any word on the EPA Funding for In-Situ Grant Funds. Manager Giles stated there is no word yet.

Member Allen inquired about the Pool staff. Director Risdon explained the pool staff hiring process.

Member Allen stated she did not intend to run for Council Member again once her term is up.

Mayor Kelly stated he also enjoyed the Fireworks.

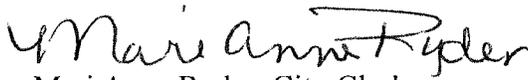
Mayor Kelly made mention of an e-mail received from a concerned resident regarding his utility bill. Finance Director Marr explained the resident's utility usage history.

Public Comments.

County Commissioner Bunting updated Council of the County's search for an Administrator and County staff.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman,

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$549,640.24. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the June, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the June, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “e” as shown below:

- a. Final Payment No. 10 to Dunigan Bros. for Water Supply Project.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- c. Payment to Synagro for Bio Solids Land Application.
- d. Payment to T.H. Eifert for Heating Units.
- e. Township Association Meeting Correspondence.

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

New Business.

Appoint Officer, Employee and Alternate Delegates for MERS Conference.

Manager Giles requested the appointment of Bobbie Marr as Officer Delegate and Steve Mepham as Alternate Officer and Jeff Fisher as Employee Delegate and Teresa Ward as Alternate Employee for the MERS Conference.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to appoint Bobbie Marr as Officer Delegate, Steve Mepham as Alternate Officer and Jeff Fisher as Employee Delegate, Teresa Ward as Alternate Employee for the MERS Conference. All ayes carried the motion.

Park Shelter Rental Policy.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Park Shelter Rental Policy for Clapp Park Gazebo and Leppien Park Large Pavillion.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Park Shelter Rental Policy. All ayes carried the motion.

2016 Load Trailer Purchase.

Manager Giles requested approval for the Purchase of a 2016 Load Trailer for the Electric Department from USA Trailers in the amount of \$5,799.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of a 2016 Load Trailer from USA Trailers in the amount of \$5,799.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Terms for Property Sale to Apex Marine

Manager Giles requested approval of the Terms for Industrial Park Property Sale to Apex Marine for their expansion project, which includes Lot 4, 5 and approximately the West 860 feet of the Northern parcel.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the Terms for Property Sale to Apex Marine.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Church, Reed, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ratify POAM Tentative Agreement.

Manager Giles requested approval for the ratification of the POAM Tentative Agreement.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to ratify the POAM Tentative Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Contribution to Healthy Pine River for Sediment Study.

Manager Giles requested the City contribute \$1,500.00 to the Healthy Pine River Project for the Sediment Study.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to contribute \$1,500.00 to the Healthy Pine River Project.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Allen, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Addition to Agenda.

Repair Bearings on Generator to Diesel Engine #9.

Manager Giles requested approval for the replacement of the failed bearing assembly on the Generator on Diesel Engine #9 by Farabee Mechanical, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin to approve the replacement of the bearing assembly on the Generator on Diesel Engine #9 by Farabee Mechanical, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that he and Public Services Director Risdon have to attend the Arcada Township Board Meeting on August 9, 2016, and they will need to leave the Council Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None

Council Comments.

Member Kubin asked if the funds for the ICE Grant match was a budgeted item. Manager Giles stated the match was budgeted for in 2017.

Member Kubin stated he would like a designated road fund established with property sales funds if the funds are not restricted.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin to establish a designated road fund. Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Church, Kelly. Nays: Allen. Motion carried.

Member Allen asked when the speed trailer would be put to use. Chief Ramereiz stated it is scheduled to be put out today.

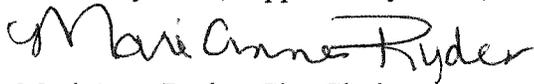
Mayor Kelly made mention of the Mackinaw Island Fall Conference. It was the consensus of Council Members not to attend due to the expense and possibly try to attend the March Conference in Lansing.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 8:57 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mari Anne Ryder". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 9, 2016

The Special Meeting of the St. Louis City Council and the St. Louis Public School Board was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Don Kelley – School Board Member, John Pavlik– School Board Member, Kristi Teall – School Superintendent, Shane Brooks – Middle School Principal, Randall Mead, Charles Clevenger, Stephanie Binder, Eugene Binder, Scott Hemker, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Supervisor

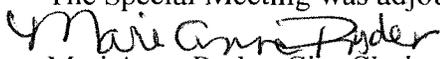
Superintendent Teall introduced St. Louis Public School Board Members and Staff.

The following topics were discussed:

- a. St. Louis Virtual Learning Center
- b. Summer Feeding Program
- c. School Bond Issue Construction Projects
- d. Students of Influence program
- e. Homecoming Events
- f. Steel Drum Band
- g. Community Tailgate
- h. SLPS Goals
- i. State Champions signs, water tower, promotion/advertising, events, newsletters
- j. City Projects
- k. Other
- l. Student Delegates.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Mark Abbott – DPW Supervisor, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Theo VonWallmenich – CH2M, Sean & Amanda Kelly - Residents

Member Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$378,925.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the July, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Sean & Amanda Kelly stated they would like the two monthly City Council Meetings to both be

evening meetings instead of one being a morning meeting because it would be more convenient for residents that work to attend.

Member Kubin stated discussions have taken place on changing the morning meeting to an evening meeting. The meetings are set for the current calendar year by Resolution.

Member Allen noted that there are only a few morning meetings left for the year.

Tom Alcamo gave an update on the cleanup project.

Sean Kelly stated he was pleased with the new sod placed in his yard due to the ANP Project and appreciated the City giving residents a reduced water rate to water during the summer.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items "a" through "f" as shown below:

- a. Payment to USA Trailers for 2016 Load Trailer.
- b. Purchase/Payment to Kemira for Ferris Chloride.
- c. Payment to T.H. Eifert for replacement of two MUA Units.
- d. Change Order No. 2 to Peerless for Wells 10 & 11.
- e. Cable Minutes.
- f. ICE Grant Update.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "f". All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Fire Hydrant Re-Painting Project.

Manager Giles requested approval for the re-painting of 105 fire hydrants by TOPCAT Mobile in the amount of \$6,650.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to the re-painting of 105 fire hydrants by TOPCAT Mobile in the amount of \$6,650.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Revised Quote for Repair of Generator for Diesel Engine #9.

Manager Giles requested approval of the revised quote for repair of the Generator for Diesel Engine #9 by Farabee Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$58,285.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the revised quote from Farabee Mechanical for Generator repair in the amount of \$58,285.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Manager Giles and Public Services Director Risdon were excused at 6:40 to attend the Arcada Township meeting.

Finance Director Marr sat in during his absence.

Replacement of 20” Butterfly Valve.

Finance Director Marr requested approval for the replacement of a 20” Butterfly Valve at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by Ward’s Excavating in the amount of \$16,133.70.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the replacement of the Butterfly Valve by Ward’s Excavating in the amount of \$16,133.70. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Finance Director Marr stated Manager Giles’ only item was that the Giddings Place water tower was now in service.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated he had discussions with a resident regarding sidewalk replacement.

Member Reed asked if the sign on the corner of Essex was removed due to the MDOT reconstruction project. Supervisor Abbott will check into the matter.

Member Reed stated he was contacted by a resident regarding the dust from the Walnut Street dirt road. Supervisor Abbott stated Public Works staff are preparing to brine for the last time this season.

Council Members stated they enjoyed meeting with the School Board Members and Staff.

Mayor Kelly stated he was pleased to hear that at the September 1st St. Louis Football Home Game there will be an appreciation ceremony honoring the St. Louis Police and Fire Departments.

Public Comments.

None

Adjournment.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

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Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, George T. Kubin,
Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: Jerry L. Church
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Paul Erskine – Building Inspector, Chuck Fortino – City Attorney, Jim Wheeler – Greater Gratiot Development, Jeff Arnold – Property Owner

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Special Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Special School Board/City Council Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2016.

Member Kubin requested “Student Delegates” be added to topics discussed.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 9, 2016 with the aforementioned addition. All ayes carried the motion.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2016.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$470,406.11 All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the July, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Mayor Kelly asked for public comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment No. 9 to Maguire Iron for Giddings Water Tower.
- b. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant.

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

New Business.

Order of Determination – 225 West Center Street.

Manager Giles stated a Hearing was held on May 24, 2016 regarding 225 West Center Street, and the property owner did not meet the terms of the Order of Determination. It is now the Council’s decision to either uphold or deny or modify the Order of Determination from Hearing Officer Kim Krenz.

Manager Giles also stated property owner Jeff Arnold was in attendance.

Mr. Arnold informed Council Members he has sent out 20 requests for bids for remediation of the building. Bids are being received and he is asking for more time to determine if the building is worth saving. He also currently has it for sale.

City Attorney Chuck Fortino stated at this point the Council conducts a hearing to affirm or modify the Order.

Building Inspector Paul Erskine stated the building has been uninhabited for at least the last five years. The outside looks good but the inside is full of mold and is a hazard to enter.

Members asked the property owner if a 30-day extension would allow him to meet the requirements. The owner stated yes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen to approve a 30-day extension to the Order of Determination in which the owner must supply City Council a Remediation Contract and obtain the necessary Building Permits. If the above listed terms are not met the building has to be demolished within 60 subsequent days.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Allen, Kelly

Nays: Reed

Motion Carried.

Concrete Rubble Crushing.

Manager Giles requested approval for concrete rubble crushing for the waste pile at the Wells Road storage lot by Briggs Contracting in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve concrete rubble crushing by Briggs Contracting in the amount of \$25,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase Agreement – EMD Investments.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Purchase Agreement between the City and EMD Investments for City owned lots 4 & 5 and also the West 860 feet of the parcel with tax ID 53-10-386-20 located in the Industrial Park, which is for the Apex Marine expansion project.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase Agreement between the City and EMD Investments subject to Planning Commission approval of the land division/combination. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda.

Manager Giles stated the Old US-27 Motor Tour is scheduled for August 25th. A more detailed list of plans was given to members for approval.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the detailed list of plans for the Old US-27 Motor Tour. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated the closing on the property purchase with DeShano is complete.

Manager Giles also stated the first Pre-Tag meeting of the season is scheduled for tomorrow and Member Reed is also going to attend.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Reed stated he would like the money from the DeShano property sale to go into the Street Fund.

Staff stated the funds are designated to the Electric Department but will check into the Industrial Park pending sale.

Member Allen inquired on the how the Pet-A-Palooza Event went that was held in Clapp Park. DDA Director Hansen stated he made contact and is waiting to hear back.

Mayor Kelly stated he is pleased with Council's decision to work with the property owner to save a building.

Public Comments.

DDA Director Hansen stated the School Board Members have contacted him and mentioned how much they enjoyed the recent joint meeting with Council Members.

Council Members stated they also enjoyed the meetings.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 8:39 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Matt Biolette – Republic Services, Dave Schneider – Property Owner

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$667,506.55. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the July, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Boilette introduced himself as the Municipal Services Manager for Republic Services.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Bear Truss for Energy Smart Incentive Program.
- b. Change Order No. 3 from J.R. Heineman for Well House No. 9.
- c. Payment to Sensus for Meters.
- d. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- e. Liaison Meeting Minutes – Receive.

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

New Business.

Appointment to Planning Commission.

Manager Giles requested the appointment of Sean Kelly to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church to appoint Sean Kelly to the Planning Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Community Bonfire.

Manager Giles requested approval of the request from the St. Louis Pep Club to hold a community bonfire to kick off the homecoming week for the St. Louis High School on Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the request for a community bonfire. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal for Sidewalk Replacement.

Manager Giles requested approval for sidewalk replacement in various locations in the City by Superior Concrete with additional locations added in the budgeted amount not to exceed \$32,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Proposal from Superior Concrete for sidewalk replacement in the amount not to exceed \$32,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Ground Water Monitoring.

Manager Giles requested approval of the proposal from FTC&H for Professional Services for residential groundwater monitoring in Arcada Township in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Proposal from FTC&H for groundwater monitoring in the amount of \$20,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Service Agreement for Dial-A-Ride.

Manager Giles requested the Purchase of Service Agreement be deferred as he was unable to make contact with Matt Schooley of the City of Alma Transportation Department.

The agreement will be placed on a future Council Agenda.

Water Service Replacement Program.

Manager Giles requested approval of the proposal from Ward's Excavation for Water Service Lead Replacements in an amount not to exceed \$70,500.00

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the proposal from Ward's Excavation for the Water Service Lead Replacement Program in an amount not to exceed \$70,500.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Church, Kubin Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following items:

The Purchase Agreement between the City and Apex Marine was executed last week.

Excavation has begun for the DeShano project.

The County Wide Great Plan is progressing.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council of the following items:

The start of the first day of school went well.

There were no real issues with the Old US-27 Car Tour. It is estimated that there were 310 to 315 cars were here that day.

The Recognition Ceremony at the St. Louis Football game for St. Louis Police and Fire Department was well received and the departments are very thankful for it.

The 2007 Police Car has been sold.

Central Dispatch is in the process of developing a Smart 911 System in which residents can create profiles listing personal information that will help officers considerably when responding to a call.

Council Comments.

Member Church asked for details regarding the Rail Trail connecting to St. Louis. Manager Giles stated the plans are still in the works.

Member Kubin asked when MDOT was going to complete the sidewalk ramps along M-46. Public Services Director Risdon will check with MDOT.

Member Reed asked if there has been any progress with the vacant gas station on M-46. Manager Giles stated DDA Director Hansen has been in contact with the agency.

Member Allen introduced Dave Schneider and stated he is in the process of purchasing the Arnold Apartment building.

Mayor Kelly stated he is glad the building is being saved.

Public Comments.

Matt Baltusis informed Council of the following:

The final plan for the plant site road and cleanup is close to being finalized.

Boring is expected to begin in October.

Adjournment.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, excused
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Matt Baltusis - MDEQ

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 6, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$323,623.44. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive the July, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Baltusis from MDEQ gave an update on the following items:

Velsicol Plant Site cleanup.

ANP Project.

Pine River Sampling

Water Main Project – Arcada Township.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment No. 10 to Maguire Iron for Giddings Water Tower.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “b”. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Election of MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors.

Manager Giles requested Council Members cast ballots the two Incumbent Directors to the MML Liability & Property Pool Board.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed to elect the two incumbent Directors, Penny Hill and Jean Stegeman, to the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors. All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Authorization to Purchase Power.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Letter of Authorization between the City of St. Louis and Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) for the calendar year 2019 at \$45.00 per MWh in the maximum commitment amount \$118,260.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Letter of Authorization to purchase power in a maximum commitment amount of \$118,260.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated it is time to set the Goal Setting Session meeting date.

Discussion was held on possible dates. The City Clerk will make contact with Member Kubin for his availability and then a date will be set.

Manager Giles also stated he has not been able to contact Matt Schooley, Alma Transportation Director, regarding the DART Services agreement as of yet.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz updated Council Members on the following items:

Gas Station gas spill.

Police Car Incident.

Autism Training.

Hiring a Part-Time Officer.

Council Comments.

Member Allen inquired on the following:

Location of speed trailer. Chief Ramereiz stated it is now located on the South side of town.

MDOT Project on Main Street. – Public Services Director Risdon stated MDOT would be back in two weeks to put a second coat of pavement markings on.

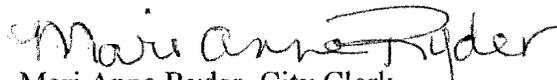
City Assessor. Manager Giles stated Teresa Ward is now the Assessor and David Kirwin will stay on until after March Board of Review to help with the transition. Member Allen commended Teresa for passing the Assessors Test.

Public Comments.

Dori Foster, Community Services Director, informed Council Members that the Arnold Building has been sold and permits for remodeling have been obtained by the new owner.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to adjourn at 8:25 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, excused
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Steve Mephram – Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Matt Schooley – Alma Transportation Director, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, John Tanner – OHM, John Kelley – OHM, Jan Bunting – County Commissioner, Sean & Amanda Kelly – Residents, 8 High School Students.

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$444,942.95. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to receive the September, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

County Commissioner Bunting informed Council Members that discussions have begun regarding County Parks Millage funds and the possibility of rewording the proposal for the next millage renewal to include local parks funding eligibility.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “f” as shown below:

- a. Payment No. 2 to Peerless-Midwest for Wells 10 & 11.
- b. Payment to MECA for 2017 Safety Dues.
- c. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant Services.
- d. Payment to Top Cat for Painting Fire Hydrants.
- e. ISO Public Protection Classification Information – Receive.
- f. Thank you from American Legion Post 256 – Receive.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “f”. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Set Goal Setting Meeting for October 18, 2016 following the regular Council Meeting.

Manager Giles stated Member Kubin is available for the Goal Setting Meeting for October 18, 2016 following the regular Council Meeting except Member Reed is not.

The City Clerk will contact Member Kubin to see what date he will be available for Goal Setting.

Proposal from OHM for Engineering Services for Union Street Lift Station Repairs.

Superintendent Steve Mephram explained the issues with the pump at the Union Street Lift Station.

Manager Giles recommended approval of the Proposal from OHM for Engineering Services for repairs to the pump at the Union Street Lift Station in the amount of \$12,968.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the Proposal from OHM in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Service Agreement.

Manager Giles introduced Matt Schooley, Alma Transportation Services Director.

Matt stated since the exploratory service has been implemented, St. Louis ridership has increased from approximately 18 riders per month to 176 per month with the open times, which are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. everyday.

Manager Giles stated the cost of the service is about the same amount as what we have been paying.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between the City of St. Louis and the City of Alma Transportation Department in an annual amount of \$5,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that himself, Keith Risdon and Mike Parsons will be attending the MMEA Conference in Holland this week.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members of the following:

He and Sgt. Forshee will be out of town for training on October 18, 2016.

Part Time Officer Crowther's last day is October 8, 2016 and a replacement will be hired.

Chief Ramereiz updated Council Members on the recent security incident that occurred at City Hall.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the possibility of property sale funds being designated to street repairs.

Member Allen stated she would like to discuss the combining of Police and Fire between St. Louis and Alma at the Goal Setting Session.

Member Allen also requested competitive bidding on future vehicle purchases between Ford, Chevy and Dodge.

Member Church stated he has had several compliments on the recent sidewalk replacement project.

Member Church inquired on abandoned cars and what could be done. Chief Ramereiz informed Member Church of the policy and procedure.

Mayor Kelly commended the Police Department for handling the incident that occurred on Sunday, October 2nd at City Hall.

Mayor Kelly also discussed the possibility of grinding off the high edges of sidewalks instead of replacement.

Discussion was held.

John Kelly of OHM stated Midland uses this process and he will contact with them for information on this process.

Members Thanked John for his help.

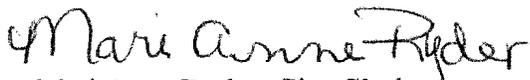
Public Comments.

Superintendent Mephram informed Council Members stated the 2nd round of lead and copper testing has been started and the results are not back yet.

Mayor Kelly thanked Commissioner Bunting for attending Council Meetings and for the County Commission Meeting updates.

Adjournment.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin, excused
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.
Student Representative: Alyx Everitt

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Matt Baltusis - MDEQ, David Eldridge – Property owner, Jan Bunting – Gratiot County Commissioner, 16 high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

Manager Giles stated the \$500.00 payment to Butcher Excavating has been denied. The corrected amount is \$384,647.57

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the revised amount of \$384,647.57. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to receive the October, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

County Commissioner Bunting expressed her appreciation for the Spirit of St. Louis medallions that were given to all past recipients at the recent open house.

Property owner David Eldridge requested the fine he received for the City having to mow his properties this past summer be excused because he did not receive the warning letter at his new place of residency.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

MDEQ Coordinator Matt Baltusis informed Council that equipment would be arriving this week at the plant site and next week the gate on M-46 will be installed. Also December 9th to the 12th Drill Rigs will begin borings.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items "a" through "c" as shown below:

- a. Payment to Peerless Midwest for Well Abandonment.
- b. Payment to Ward's Excavating for Butterfly Valve Replacement.
- c. Payment to Solomon Corp. for Transformers.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "c." All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Middle of the Mitten Association Request for Small Town Family Christmas Parade.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association for the Annual Christmas Parade request to be held Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Annual Small Town Family Christmas Parade request. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

The closing on the property sale between the City and Apex Marine is complete.

Apex also has an interest in solar panels and net metering arrangement.

The closing on the property sale between the City and Coty Properties is complete. The Generator shaft repair is complete for Diesel Engine #9 Generator.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council that he received a letter from Trooper Stadler (Michigan State Police Sex Offender Registry (SOR) Area Coordinator) congratulating the St. Louis Police Department and all Gratiot County Offices for 100% accuracy in the SOR updates and maintaining the SOR list. Trooper Stadler stated he has multiple issues with many Agencies but never with St. Louis. This is Clerk Velazco's responsibility and she is obviously doing a great job.

Chief Ramereiz also stated 12 violations/notices have been issued for inoperable vehicles since the last Council meeting.

Council Comments.

Mayor Kelly stated he was glad to have a Student Representative joining Council meetings again.

Member Church asked if the city electric rates were still lower than Consumers Energy. Manager Giles stated yes.

Member Church stated the Spirit of St. Louis Ceremony was a very nice ceremony and also the DPW is doing a great job with leaf pick up.

Member Reed asked if the DeShano project is on schedule. Manager Giles stated a permit needed from the MDEQ slowed them down but there are no other issues.

Mayor Kelly stated he also enjoyed the Spirit of St. Louis/Picture Unveiling Open House.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, George T. Kubin, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:
Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Sue Leeming – MDEQ

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 1, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$338,834.72. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the October, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Baltusis updated Council Members on the Burn Pit and the Plant Site, stating funding for the Burn Pit is at the Prioritization Panel. Funding will be announced in March.

Matt also stated the Pine River samples that were taken by MSU are being analyzed and the construction of two roads on the plant site has begun.

Discussion was held.

Council Members thanked Matt for the updates.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Replacement.
- b. Payment No. 11 to Maguire Iron for Water Storage Tank.
- c. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant.
- d. Payment to Butcher Excavating for installation of Sanitary Manhole.

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

New Business.

Resolution 2016-10 Establishing 2017 Meeting Dates and Times.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Allen, and supported by Member Reed:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Saint Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan, pursuant to Act 261 Michigan Public Acts of 1968, and in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, hereby gives notice to the public of the regular meeting schedule for the calendar year 2017.

WHEREAS, The City Council, in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, is required to hold meetings, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of January following the regular City election, for the purpose of installation of newly elected Council Members. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice each month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the dates for holding said regular meetings shall be as follows:

January 3	April 4	*July 5	October 3
January 17	April 18	July 18	October 17
February 7	May 2	August 1	November 7
February 21	May 16	August 15	November 21
March 7	June 6	September 5	December 5
March 21	June 20	September 19	December 19

*exception

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby establishes as its place and time for holding aforesaid regular meetings as the City Council Chambers, City Office Building, 300 North Mill Street, Saint Louis, Michigan at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

Ayes: Allen, Reed, Church, Kubin, Kelly
 Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted this 15th day of November, 2016.

Resignation from Planning Commission.

Manager Giles requested Council Members accept the resignation of Walt Smith from the Planning Commission.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to accept the resignation of Walt Smith with regret. All ayes carried the motion.

A letter of appreciation, signed by all Council Members will be sent to Walt.

Appointment to Planning Commission.

Manager Giles requested Council Members appoint City resident Amanda Kelly to the Planning Commission to fill the remainder of Walt Smith's term.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to appoint Amanda Kelly to the Planning Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Mayor Kelly stated there was no relation between himself, Sean Kelly, Amanda Kelly or Donna Kelley that are all Planning Commission Members.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

Fairbanks Morse are at the Electric Department extending the stacks on the Diesel Engines and testing the air quality emissions.

The Water Service Leads Replacement Project is progressing.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church asked about the design of the bicycle path on South Main Street. Manager Giles stated the layout was in the MDOT Plans that were approved.

Member Church also stated he had a complaint from a resident about a tree in the electric lines. Public Services Director stated he will talk with the Electric Foreman, Mike Parsons.

Member Kubin inquired about the location of Well 12. Manager Giles stated the location for the 4th well is being studied by FTC&H.

Member Reed asked what the plant site could be used for, and what restrictions there would be.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles stated at this point it is unclear.

Public Comments.

Sue Leeming, Assistant Remediation and Redevelopment Division Chief, introduced herself to Council Members.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 8:05 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Melissa A. Allen, Jerry L. Church, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Student Representative: Alyx Everitt

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Jan Bunting – County Commissioner, Harold Stevenson – Resident, 21 high school students

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$636,140.77. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive the November, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Harold Stevenson, City Resident, expressed his concern with the street condition of the intersection of Essex and York and also the condition of York.

Mayor Kelly stated the condition of the City Streets is an ongoing topic of discussion. The Council is well aware of the deteriorating streets and it is very expensive to repave even one City block.

Discussion was held.

Council Members thanked Mr. Stevenson for expressing his concerns.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “g” as shown below:

- a. Payment No. 2 to J.R. Heineman for Well 9 Well House.
- b. Payment to Farabee for Repair of Generator for Diesel Engine.
- c. Payment to Farabee for Automatic Blower Bypass Controllers.
- d. Payment to GAWA Water Supply Project.
- e. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant Implementation.
- f. Payment to Old Dominion Brush Co. for Leaf Trailer.
- g. Cable Consortium Meeting Minutes – Receive.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “g.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Formalize Consent to Appoint Assessor.

Manager Giles requested Council Members formalize consent to appoint Teresa Ward as the Assessor.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to formalize consent to appoint Teresa Ward as the Assessor. All ayes carried the motion.

Appointment of Deputy Elections Clerk.

Manager Giles requested Council Members appoint Jamie Long as Deputy Elections Clerk.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to appoint Jamie Long as Deputy Elections Clerk. All ayes carried the motion.

Approve Updated Employee Handbook.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the updated Employee Handbook.

Discussion was held

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the updated Employee Handbook. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Draft Electric Customer Net Metering Policy.

Manager Giles stated that Net Meeting is an optional program for Municipal Electric Utilities, which allows a customer to generate power for their own needs.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to include the Net Metering Policy on the Goal Setting Agenda scheduled for December 20, 2016.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

February 9, 2017 is the date chosen to hold the Employee Appreciation Celebration. Members Reed and Allen will be out of town. City Clerk will check for other possible dates.

Correspondence was received from MDEQ regarding the Wastewater Plant permitted levels of Effluent. Keith Risdon and Steve Mephram are working with MDEQ to resolve the issue.

City Clerk Report.

City Clerk Mari Anne Ryder informed Council Members that Gratiot County's General Election recount is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Clinton County Court House and herself and Deputy Election Clerk Jamie Long will be participating in the recounting of the ballots.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that area Police Officers, Fire Fighters and MMR participated in the annual Shop with a Hero Program, which was well attended and always a pleasure for all that participate.

Chief Ramereiz also updated members on Officer workload and upcoming training.

Student Representative Report.

Representative Alyx Everett informed Council Members that the National Honor Society's Kids Night is December 17, 2016 and the Adopt a Family program has started.

Council Comments.

Member Church commended DPW on the leaf pickup this season.

Member Reed stated he would be out of town for the February 6, 2017 and April 18, 2017 Council Meetings.

Member Allen inquired about the Sewer line cleaning. Discussion was held. Manager Giles stated the cleaning is part of the SAW Grant.

Member Allen also asked about the possibility of Pine River Township participating in the Solid Waste Contract between Alma and St. Louis. Manager Giles stated the contract is close to having to be renewed and he would contact Pine River Township.

Member Allen also stated the Christmas Parade was a nice event.

Mayor Kelly stated the Christmas Parade was nice and he appreciated Member Allen's assistance in carrying the banner with him in the parade.

Public Comments.

County Commissioner Bunting stated she was re-elected as Commissioner and thanked Council for the support.

Closed Session to Consider the Purchase or Lease of Real Property.

Manager Giles requested a closed session to consider the purchase or lease of Real Property.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen to go into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of Real Property at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Church, Allen, Reed, Kelly

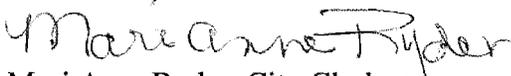
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to return to open session at 7:35 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

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Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman, Steve Mephram – Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Dori Foster – Community Services Coordinator, Jim Wheeler – Greater Gratiot, Don Schurr – Greater Gratiot

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Council Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Council discussed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2016.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Audit Presentation for Year Ended June 30, 2016.

The 2015/2016 Audit was received by Council Members. Mr. Berthiaume from Berthiaume and Company was not in attendance.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$457,113.79. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the November, 2016 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of Consent Agenda items “a” through “f” as shown below:

- a. Payment GAWA for Payment No. 7 – WWTP Expansion.
- b. Payment to GAWA for Payment No. 8 – WWTP Expansion.
- c. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- d. Payment to Berthiaume & Co. for Audit ending June 2016.
- e. Payment to MDEQ for 2017 NPDES Permit.
- f. Payment to ETNA for Annual Hosting Fee.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “f.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

None.

City Manager Report.

None.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz updated Council Members on a recent incident that occurred at the Middle School. A presentation will be held prior to the City/School Board Meeting on January 3, 2017.

Council Comments.

None.

Public Comments.

None.

Goal Setting.

The following topics were discussed:

FINANCIALS/BUDGET REVIEW
GRANTS – search for more

NEW CITY HALL
Community Room Promotion
Additional Shoreline projects

OLD CITY HALL
Progress on getting our stuff out of there
Estimates for partial demolition – how to pay for
Potential for re-use and revenue (sale/lease)

ST. LOUIS AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT
ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Possible Public Safety millage – rationale
Discuss department consolidation

Recess.

Mayor Kelly Recessed the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Reconvene.

Mayor Kelly Reconvened the meeting at 9:43.

PARKS & RECREATION – work with existing St. Louis Parks & Recreation Plan
USE OF COUNTY PARKS & REC MILLAGE FOR CITY PARKS
Promotion of swimming pool
\$30,000 in bath house replacement fund
Explore other funding for parks projects – Gratiot County Community Foundation, etc.

LIBRARY
Seal and stripe parking lot

GRANT IDEAS
CDBG eligibility – low/mod income community – no job creation needed
RRC (Redevelopment Ready Communities) designation pursued
USDA Rural Development
Request \$ from other sources – gofundme, crowdfunding, etc.

SALE OF CITY PROPERTIES – policy for Realtor Fees set
Add corner of Michigan Avenue and Cheesman Road to list
Review of what’s been sold this FY so far – uses for funds
Lentz Farm
Wilson Boulevard house

UTILITIES

WATER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT – 4th Production Well
WATER SYSTEM

Crawford Street tower painting
Other water main replacements
Fire hydrants painted – ongoing rotation

WASTEWATER

State Revolving Fund Project – Phase II
I & I Reduction Implementation
Ongoing – SAW Grant

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

NET Metering Program
Have an updated Rate Study performed
Spillway Gate rehabilitation
Shoreline Protection Program
Velsicol Site in situ thermal project
Buy new Christmas decorations annually
RICE & NESHAP and Switch Gear Upgrades
2400/4160V distribution conversion
Victorian street lights
Building painted to match New City Hall

STREETS/BRIDGES/TRANSPORTATION

Corinth/Prospect reconstruction – Prospect Street north of mill pond
Small Urban Project Spring of 2017
Penny Park parking lot as part of this
Main Street Bridge replacement – 2020
Next Small Urban funded project – 2020
State Street between Michigan & Main Streets?
Revenue from property sales
Other Local/Major Streets resurfacing
Project Act 51 funding
Discuss street millage – Alma has 2.5 mills; \$100,000 home is \$125
Clare has 3 mills for five year
Discuss sidewalk millage – \$30,000 between 2015-16 and 2016-17

100 BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN STREET IS STILL BAD AFTER 2016 PROJECT!

2018 MDOT – M-46 widening/center lane addition to Hidden Oaks or Begole Road
North Mill Street corridor improvements
New “welcome signs” at City Limits
DART ideas – Farmers Market
Update of Capital Improvement Plan
MDOT – new Enhancement Grant application possibilities

2015/2016 and 2016/2017 Budget Year Revenue from Property Sales.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church to allocate eligible revenue funds from property sales for partial demolition and improvements to the old City Hall located at 108 West Saginaw Street.

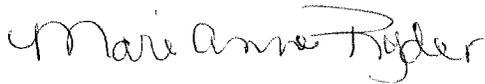
Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: Reed

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 11:39 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk