

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 3, 2017

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, January 3, 2017 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:

Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent

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

Superintendent Teall lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Life Saving Award Presentations.

Chief Ramereiz gave details of heroic actions that occurred on December 9, 2016, in which Dan Neeley – St. Louis Middle School Coach, Police Officer Sarah Chamberain, Police Officer – Matthew VanHall and Richard Prestage – Assistant Fire Chief assisted with CPR and AED application that saved the life of Maverick Giles.

Maverick Giles presented Life Saving Awards to Dan Neeley – St. Louis Middle School Coach, Police Officer Sarah Chamberain, Police Officer – Matthew VanHall and Richard Prestage – Assistant Fire Chief.

The following topics were discussed:

- a. Student Representative to City Council
- b. MAC TV Bond Issue video
- c. City Projects
- d. Virtual School
- e. Active Shooter Training
- f. Lead Testing at Schools
- g. Open Campus

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Mari Anne Ryder
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.
Student Representative: Alyx Everitt

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, 10 high school students

Audit Presentation for Year Ended June 30, 2016.

Mr. Berthiaume explained the audit process and stated there were no significant findings and the City is in full compliance with all State requirements.

The City was given a status of Unmodified Opinion, which is the best finding that is given.

Mr. Berthiaume reviewed the various accounts with City Council Members.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Berthiaume stated he appreciated the Finance Department cooperation in assisting with the audit.

City Council members thanked Mr. Berthiaume.

City Council Minutes.

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

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 20, 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 \$321,556.88. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the December, 2016 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive the December, 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 Ward’s Excavating for Sewer Lead Replacements.
- b. Cable Minutes – Receive.

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

Recess Council Meeting.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen to recess the Council Meeting at 6:25 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting – Call to Order.

Mayor Kelly called the Oak Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes.

Moved by Trustee Kubin, supported by Trustee Allen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2016. All ayes carried the motion.

Financials.

Cemetery Financials were discussed.

Moved by Trustee Allen, supported by Trustee Church, to receive the Financial Reports through November 30, 2016 and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Annual Report.

The Annual 2016 Oak Grove Cemetery Report was reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Allen, supported by Trustee Reed, to receive the 2016 Annual Oak Grove Cemetery Report and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Business.

None.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Trustee Kubin, supported by Trustee Church, to adjourn the Oak Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting at 6:28 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Reconvene City Council Meeting.

Mayor Kelly reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

New Business.

Appointment of City Board and Commission Members.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to appoint the following Board & Commission Members:

Jim Kelly - Board of Review

Sue Whitford - Board of Review, Board of Special Assesors

Bill Leonard - Board of Special Assessors, Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals

Don Kelley - Board of Review

Tom Reed - Board of Review, Planning Commission, Bldg. Code Board of Appeals

Harold McClintic - Bldg. Code Board of Appeals

Dana Saurman - DDA Board

Monica McCloskey - DDA Board

Steve Near - DDA Board

Nancy Rusch - Housing Commission

Mary Reed - Library Board

Michelle Kelly - Library Board

Dorothy Trgina - Parks & Rec.
Steve Larsen - Parks & Rec.
Dan Doepker - Planning Commission
Board & Commission Vacancies
Zoning Brd. of Ap.– 1

All ayes carried the motion.

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 2017.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to designate the Gratiot County Herald and the Morning Sun as the City's Official Newspapers for the Year 2017. 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 2017.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, 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 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-01 Annual State Trunkline Right of Way.

City Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2017-01 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 3rd day of January, 2017.

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 \$9,260.00 for the 2017 growing season.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Cash Rent Contract between the City of St. Louis and Gadde Farms in the amount of \$9,260.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Electric Customer Net Metering Policy.

Manager Giles stated there is an addition to the draft policy which adds a section regarding Customer Eligibility and a section for customer charges was also added.

Discussion was held.

Manager recommended approval of the Electric Customer Net Metering Policy.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the Electric Customer Net Metering Policy.

Ayes: Allen, Kubin, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that the apartment complex located at 225 Center Street received their Occupancy Permit.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members of upcoming Police Officer training.

Student Representative Comments.

Alyx Everitt informed Council that the Senior Prom will be held at the Comfortable Inn in Alma and exams are scheduled for next week.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin requested accommodations be made for the MML Conference that is scheduled for March.

Member Reed stated in will not be able to attend the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting.

Member Reed inquired on the following: CPR Training and demo of the old City Hall West Wing. Council Members can attend CPR Training with City Staff, and it is the consensus of the Council to continue with the demo plans due to safety and health issues in the building.

Mayor Kelly commended Chief Ramereiz on the Life Saving Awards Presentation.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
January 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 3, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Statements.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive and place the Financial Statements on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

January 3, 2017 Revised Claims & Accounts.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that a payment to T.H. Eifert was removed in the amount of \$1,085.00 because the repair was still under warranty.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the corrected amount of \$320,471.88 for January 3, 2017.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the corrected Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$320,471.88 for January 3, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts for January 17, 2017.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$360,621.91. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the December, 2016 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the December, 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 SAW Grant Implementation.
- b. Change Order from Crawford Construction.
- c. Payment to Crawford Contracting for SRF Project.

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

New Business.

Manager Giles requested Council Members change the March 21, 2017 Council meeting to Monday, March 20, 2017 due to Council Members attending the Michigan Municipal League Conference on March 21st.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to change the March 21, 2017 Council meeting to March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-01 Revised Annual State Trunkline Right of Way.

City Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt the Revised Resolution 2017-01 for the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Right of Way Permit Application, which is a revised format by MDOT.

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

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 Highway Right of Way", or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way".

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis

hereinafter referred to as the "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY," 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 Highway 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 AGENCY agrees that:

1. 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, 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.
2. If any of the work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY is performed by a contractor, the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY shall require its contractor to hold harmless, indemnify and defend in litigation, the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT and their agents and employee's, against any claims for damages to public or private property and for injuries to person arising out of the performance of the work, except for claims that result from the sole negligence or willful act of the DEPARTMENT, until the contractor achieves final acceptance of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. Failure of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY to require its contractor to indemnify the DEPARTMENT, as set forth above, shall be considered a breach of its duties to DEPARTMENT.
3. Any work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the GOVERNMENT AGENCY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without the DEPARTMENT'S specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

4. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY 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.
5. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State Highway Right of Way resulting from the installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY'S facilities according to the PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.
6. With respect to any activities authorized by PERMIT, when the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY 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.
7. 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.
8. This resolution shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY 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 AGENCY 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 DEPARTMENT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

Name:

Kurt Giles

Keith Risdon

Title:

City Manager

Utilities Director

Yeas: Church, Kubin, Allen, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted this 17th day of January, 2017.

Resolution 2017-02.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2017-02 a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities Program. Also, the City would receive more points when applying for grants if the Resolution is adopted.

Discussion was held.

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities RRC) Program to empower communities to shape their future and maximize economic potential; and

WHEREAS, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and certifies Michigan communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair and consistent processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis recognizes the value of the RRC Program and seeks to improve its redevelopment readiness via a detailed review of existing development processes; and

WHEREAS, the RRC program includes evaluating and strengthening the development-related partnerships between the City Council and stakeholder organizations such as: the MEDC, St. Louis Downtown Development Authority (DDA), St. Louis Planning Commission (PC), and Gratiot County; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is in the process of updating its Master Plan to incorporate certain elements required for RRC certification; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The St. Louis City Council is willing to participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including increased interaction and partnership with the MEDC, DDA, PC, Gratiot County and other stakeholders in the development review process.
2. It is the intention of the City of St. Louis to utilize the RRC Best Practices and evaluation process to improve our processes and communication with stakeholders.
3. City Administration is hereby authorized to proceed toward implementation of the recommendations necessary to receive RRC Certification from the MEDC.

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted this 17th day of January, 2017.

Authorization of Grant Application for Lincoln Park Playground Equipment Purchase.

Manager Giles stated the Parks Commission have been discussing improvements to Lincoln Park and they are requesting approval to apply for a grant in the amount of approximately \$10,500.00 from the Gratiot County Community Foundation to purchase playground equipment.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to authorize the Grant Application for Lincoln Park Playground Equipment Purchase.

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda.

MDOT Agreement for Prospect/Corinth Project.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Agreement between MDOT and the City for the Prospect/Corinth Project.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Agreement between MDOT and the City. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that a meeting has been scheduled with the EPA for January 18th at City Hall at 2:00 p.m.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that Michael McCreery has been hired as a part time Officer.

Chief Ramereiz updated Council Members on the Smart 911 System.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the status of the Gas Station on M-46. Manager Giles stated nothing has changed. It is still for sale.

Member Church inquired on the camera at Clapp Park. Chief Ramereiz stated there were technical issues which have been resolved.

Member Kubin complimented Finance Director Marr for the information contained in her Monthly Report.

Mayor Kelly stated he was invited to talk to a middle school class on the history of St. Louis. It was a nice experience and some of the questions were regarding the Skate Park that the City once maintained. The Skate Park was removed due to deterioration and constant vandalism.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari A. Ryder
Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 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

Council Members Absent: Thomas L. Reed (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, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Troy Grunder – Rowe, Inc., Brent DeVries – area resident, Sean Bradley – Morning Sun

Council Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2017. 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 \$705,101.14. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the January, 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the January, 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Final Payment to Maguire Iron for Giddings Water Tower.
- b. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project.
- c. Receive Mid Michigan Area Cable Minutes.

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

New Business.

Appointment to Library Board

Manager Giles stated Amanda Kelly has submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Library Board to fill the vacancy left by Dave McMacken.

Manager Giles recommended Amanda Kelly’s appointment to the Board stating she would be an excellent candidate.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the appointment of Amanda Kelly to the Library Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-03 A Resolution to Address the Collection of Payments or Refunds on Taxes Under/Over \$5.00.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Church, and supported by Member Kubin:

WHEREAS, The General Property Tax Act P.A. 206 of 1893 (as amended) requires the Treasurer of the City of Saint Louis to collect Real and Personal Property Taxes.

WHEREAS, many taxpayers and Mortgage Companies, etc. pay their taxes by personal or bank check via U.S. Postal Service.

WHEREAS, on several occasions, the Treasurer has received checks for an incorrect amount, both deficient and excess of the amount due.

WHEREAS, this has resulted in refund checks totaling less than \$5.00 and/or a request to the taxpayer to submit the balance due, often amounting to less than \$5.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Louis Treasurer will not request a secondary payment due of any tax amounts totaling \$5.00 or less, once the primary payment has been received.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the underpayments to be taken from the interest being earned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that overpayments of taxes totaling \$5.00 or less shall be handled by the Treasurer in accordance with generally accepted regional tax collection practices.

Ayes: Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: Allen

Resolution declared adopted this 7th day of February, 2017.

Prospect & Corinth Streets Reconstruction Engineering Services Proposal.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Construction Engineering Services Proposal from Rowe Professional for the Prospect/Corinth Streets Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$95,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Construction Engineering Services Proposal from Rowe Professional for the Prospect/Corinth Streets Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$95,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Bid Award for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.

Manager Giles recommended Council Members award the bid for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses to low bidder, J.R. Heineman & Sons, in the amount of \$1,365,000.00 subject to Agency approval.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to award the bid for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses to J.R. Heineman & Sons in the amount of \$1,365,000.00 subject to Agency approval.

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried

Addition to Agenda.

Resolution 2017-04 to Accept Prospect/Corinth Street Reconstruction Contract between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of St. Louis and Authorize Signatures.

Manager Giles stated the Contract between MDOT and the City was approved at the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting, but MDOT requests a resolution be adopted to accept the contract and authorize signatures.

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-04.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Contract No. 16-5567, Control Section STUL 29433, Job Number 132019A by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of St. Louis is hereby accepted and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the following Officials are authorized to sign the said contract:

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

James C. Kelly, Mayor

Yeas: Allen, Kubin, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted this 7th day of February, 2017

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that Steve Mann from Miller, Canfield will be in attendance at the February 21, 2017 Council Meeting to discuss the process of implementing a Public Safety Millage and Streets Millage.

Manager Giles also informed Council Members that SAW Grant Consultant, John Kaczor, has offered to attend a meeting in March or April to discuss rate setting.

Manager Giles gave Council Members an Employee Evaluation form to fill out on his last year's performance and requested when complete, they give them to the Mayor at the February 21st meeting. The Mayor and Member Allen will then set up a time to review the performance appraisals with the Manager.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that the recently hired part time officer has left due to having been offered a full time position elsewhere.

Chief Rameriez also asked Council Members to participate in the MCOLSE Law Enforcement Survey.

Student Representative Report.

Alyx informed Council Members that the National Honor Society’s Kids Night has been rescheduled for February 25, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Council Comments.

Member Church inquired on capping the abandoned wells. Manager Giles stated well 7 has been capped and we are currently working on capping wells 1 & 4. Wells 5, 6 and 8 are emergency back-ups until wells 10 and 11 are complete. Then they will also be capped.

Member Allen stated she enjoyed the Swiss Steak Dinner.

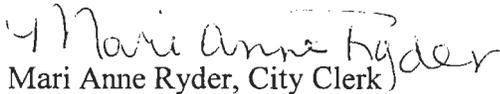
Mayor Kelly stated he attended the Hoffmeyer Trust Meeting and St. Louis was awarded \$5,100.00, and asked what the amount in the Bath House fund was. Finance Director Marr stated \$30,000.00.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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, Steven Mann – Miller Canfield, Sean Bradley – Morning Sun

Council Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2017. 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 \$494,169.37. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive the January, 2017 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 “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- c. Payment to Briggs Contracting for Concrete Crushing.
- d. Annual Financial Commitment to MAGNET.

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

New Business.

Request to Use South Parking Lot at City Hall for 2017 Farmers Market.

Manager Giles requested authorization to allow the Farmers Market to use the South parking lot at City Hall on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting May 4, 2017 and ending October 26, 2017.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to allow the Farmers Market to be held in the south parking lot of City Hall on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting May 4, 2017 and ending October 26, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Authorization.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Letter of Authorization with Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to purchase up to 900 KW of capacity at a purchase price of up to \$6.00 per KW - month for planning year June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 with a maximum commitment of \$64,800.00.

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

Bid Award for Former City Hall Demo of West Wing.

Manager Giles requested Council Members award the bid for demo of the West Wing of the former City Hall to Bierlein in the amount of \$38,300.00.

Discussion was held.

Electrical Service Relocation at former City Hall.

Manager Giles stated a revised quote from Worthy Electric has been handed out.

Manager Giles requested approval for Electrical Service Relocation at the former City Hall by Worthy Electric in the amount of \$8,800.00.

Discussion was held.

Building Restoration Contract for former City Hall.

Manager Giles requested Council Members Award the Building Restoration Contract for the former City Hall to Freed Construction in the amount of \$12,278.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to award the bid for demo of the West Wing of the former City Hall to Bierlein in the amount of \$38,300.00, to approve Electric Service Relocation at the former City Hall by Worthy Electric in the amount of \$8,800.00 and award the Building Restoration Contract for the former City Hall to Freed Construction in the amount of \$12,278.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Special Assessments & Street Millages – Miller, Canfield.

Steven Mann described the proceedings regarding the establishment of an Act 33 Special Assessment District, the procedure for amending the City Charter, the process of establishing a Road Bond Proposal and the Headlee roll back and restoration process.

Discussion was held.

Council Members thanked Steven, stating the discussion was very informative.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members of the following items:

The Gratiot Solid Waste Authority is expecting RFP's to be returned by March 8, 2017.

The electric customer that was interested in Net Metering is aware of the City's Policy and has not responded. Another customer expressed interest but decided it was not viable for their business.

Manager Giles also stated he would be on vacation and will not be able to attend the April 4, 2017 Council Meeting.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

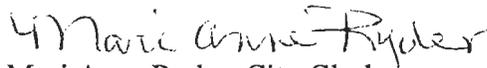
Member Church stated he will be out of town and unable to attend the May City Council Meetings.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Allen on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor James C. Kelly (excused) 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, Rich Apps – Fire Chief, Max Clever – Spicer Group, John Kaczor – Municipal Analytics, several high school students including the Pompon Team, parents and school officials

Council Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation - Pompon Proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen presented the St. Louis Pompon Team a Proclamation of Congratulations for winning the Class C/D State Championship for the State of Michigan.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$525,441.89. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the February, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to receive the February, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Fire Chief Apps gave details on the Fire Training Program and informed Council of the positive feedback he has received on the City Hall facility when training is held in the Community Room.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen requested Consent Agenda item “a” as shown below, be received and placed on file:

- a. Community Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to receive Consent Agenda item “a,” and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Phase II of Fire Hydrant Painting Project.

Manager Giles requested approval for Phase II of the Fire Hydrant Painting Project, which will consist of repainting 100 additional hydrants by Topcat Mobile in the amount of \$8,100.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the repainting of 100 Fire Hydrants by Topcat Mobile in the amount of \$8,100.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Bid Award for Raw Water Transmission Main.

Manager Giles requested Council Members award the bid for the Raw Water Transmission Main for Wells 10 & 11 to Crawford Contracting in the amount of \$4,214,098.70 plus 10% contingency, subject to Agency approvals and the approvals of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of St. Louis, the City of Alma and GAWA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to award the bid for Wells 10 & 11 Raw Water Transmission Main to Crawford Contracting in the amount of \$4,214,098.70 plus 10% contingency, subject to Agency approvals and the approvals of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of St. Louis, the City of Alma and GAWA. All ayes carried the motion.

Construction Engineering Proposal.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Construction Engineering Proposal for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses and Water Transmission Main from FTC&H in the amount of \$577,500.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Construction Engineering Proposal from FTC&H in the amount of \$577,500.00, subject to approvals of the Interlocal Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

Trivalent IT Service Agreement.

Manager Giles requested approval of the 3-year Trivalent Service Agreement for Framework in the amount of \$3,011.85 per month and the 3-year Service Agreement for Safe Vault Backup in the amount of \$485.97 per month. Also included is the IT Budget Planning Document and Inventory that is saved separate on the web page.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the 3-year Trivalent Service Agreement for Framework in the amount of \$3,011.85 per month and the 3-year Service Agreement for Safe Vault Backup in the amount of \$485.97 per month. All ayes carried the motion.

Information Regarding Asset Management Plan for SAW Grant.

Manager Giles introduced Max Clever of Spicer Group and John Kaczor from Municipal Analytics.

Max Clever provided information on the Asset Management Plan for the SAW Grant.

Proposal to Conduct Water/Sewer Rate Study.

John Kaczor explained the process of conducting a Water/Sewer Rate Study.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Proposal from Municipal Analytics to Conduct a Water Rate Study in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Proposal from Municipal Analytics to Conduct a Water Rate Study in the amount of \$5,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles gave Council Members details on the upcoming MML Conference and stated a Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 with the EPA.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated he will be out of town March 13th to March 22nd and Sergeant Forshee will attend the next Council meeting in his place.

Council Comments.

Member Reed asked if cuts to the EPA will affect clean up at the site. Manager Giles stated at this point it is uncertain.

Member Church asked when demo at the former City Hall will begin. Manager Giles stated April.

Student Representative Report.

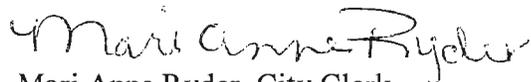
Alyx informed Council that the Spanish Club Members are going to Ecuador from March 29th to April 11th.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
March 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Allen on Monday, March 20, 2017 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 Sergeant: Kristi Forshee

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, Matt Biolette – Republic Services, John VanTholen – Granger, Sean McHugh – Granger

Council Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2017. 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 \$268,538.34. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the February, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the February, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen requested Approval of Consent Agenda items “a” and “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Spicer for Engineering Services related to SAW Grant.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to Approve Consent Agenda item “a” and “b” and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Water Supply Project Cost Sharing Agreement.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Water Supply Project Cost Sharing Agreement between GAWA, the City of Alma and the City of St. Louis.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the Water Supply Project Cost Sharing Agreement between GAWA, the City of Alma and the City of St. Louis. All ayes carried the motion.

Solid Waste Bid Award.

Manager Giles requested Council Members award the bid for the Gratiot Area Solid Waste Authority to low bidder, Republic Services for the following costs: 1st year-\$10.37 per residence, 2nd year-\$10.68 per residence, 3rd year-\$11.00 per residence, 4th year-\$11.33 and 5th year-\$11.67.

Sean McHugh of Granger thanked the City for the previous 5 years of business and explained the blue bag service.

Matt Biolette of Republic Services explained the recycling service they provide.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to award the bid for Gratiot Area Solid Waste Authority to low bidder, Republic Services. All ayes carried the motion.

Capital Improvement Program.

Public Services Director Keith Risdon explained the process and need to adopt the Capital Improvement Program.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt the 2017 – 2023 Capital Improvement Program.

Member Kubin stated the plan is very well done.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adopt the 2017 – 2023 Capital Improvement Program. All ayes carried the motion.

Engineering Services – Main Street Bridge.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Proposal from Spicer Group for Main Street Conceptual Bridge and Approach Design as well as Local Bridge Application for funding the Main Street Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Proposal from Spicer Group for Main Street Conceptual Bridge and Approach Design as well as Local Bridge Application for funding the Main Street Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$16,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Proposal from FTC&H for the ICE Grant Application Package for Water Distribution Replacement – M-46 from Watson to Mill Street in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the Proposal from FTC&H for the ICE Grant Application Package for Water Distribution Replacement – M-46 from Watson to Mill Street in the amount of \$1,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-05 CDBG Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Competitive Funding.

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its CDBG-Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis desires to request \$865,899.26 in CDBG funds to construct a new 12” water main from Watson Street to Pine Street along the north side of M-46; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis commits local funds from its Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$107,021.26; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 53 percent of the residents of the City of St. Louis are low and moderate income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Louis hereby designates the City Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Church, Allen

Nays: None

Absent: Kelly

Resolution declared adopted this 20th day of March, 2017.

Discuss Special Assessments/Street Millage.

Discussion was held regarding options for a Public Safety Special Assessment.

The item will be placed on the April 4th Agenda for a vote of the Council.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

1. There is a MPPA meeting May 11th geared toward Elected Officials.

2. Notice was received from the Gratiot County Community Foundation that the City was awarded the grant for Lincoln Park Improvements in the approximate amount of \$10,900.00. A personal donation was also received.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Sergeant Report.

Sergeant Forshee informed members that a part time officer has been hired and will begin March 27th.

Council Comments.

Member Reed made mention of blight at a residence.

Member Church inquired if there were many power outages from the recent wind storm. Manager Giles stated not many and service was restored to most customers on the same day of the windstorm.

Member Kubin stated he appreciated City staff for the Capital Improvement Plan and Special Assessment/Millage information.

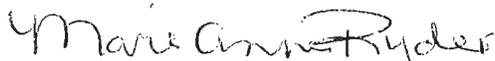
Public Comments.

Matt Biolette of Republic Services thanked Council Members for awarding the Solid Waste Bid to Republic Services.

Supervisor Abbott informed members that DPW staff are behind due to the weather, and seasonal help will be starting soon.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 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

Council Members Absent: Thomas L. Reed (excused)
Public Services Director Keith Risdon
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Dave Biehl – Resident, Richard Henry – Resident, County Commissioner Jan Bunting at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing – Proposed Application for Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Public Services Director Risdon provided an overview of the project.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

There being none, Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 27, 2017. 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 \$287,197.33. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the March, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the March, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Dave Biehl of 420 South East Street inquired about the possibility of paving a portion of Walnut Street. He is having lawn issues as well as dust and drainage issues.

Discussion was held regarding a Special Assessment.

City Council Members encouraged Dave to proceed with a petition to see if the other landowners in that location would be in support of a Special Assessment.

New Business.

Sewer Repairs.

Public Services Director Risdon requested approval for Sewer Repairs at various locations by Ward Excavating in the amount of \$22,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Sewer Repairs at various locations by Ward Excavating in the amount of \$22,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Minimize Displacement Policy.

Public Services Director Risdon requested Council Members adopt the Minimize Displacement Policy that is required as part of the ICE Grant Application process.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to adopt the Minimize Displacement Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Allen, Kubin, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Proposal from Miller, Canfield for Special Assessment.

Public Services Director Keith Risdon stated that if City Council wants to proceed with the Public Safety Special Assessment, approval of the Proposal from Miller, Canfield in the amount of \$3,500.00 for their assistance in establishment of the Public Safety Special Assessment Proceedings would be the next step.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Proposal from Miller, Canfield in the amount of \$3,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Public Services Director Risdon informed Council of the following:

1. Bids will be opened for the 2017 Pavement Improvement Project April 7th.
2. The Demolition of the West wing of the former City Hall is scheduled to start April 10th.
3. A pre-construction meeting with MDOT on the Prospect/Corinth Street Project is scheduled for April 19th.
4. Superintendent Abbott and himself attended a Michigan Roads Preservation Conference on options for paving.
5. A quote has been received on the damaged railing on the back deck at City Hall from the Farmers Market Shed being blow over and Director Marr will check with the Farmers Market Insurance Company.
6. The County Drain Commission is currently replacing a pipe in the location of Carrie Knause School and there is a detour.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that he has hired two part-time Officers.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated he had discussion with Alma City Manager Phil Moore to see if there was interest in the possibility of joining St. Louis and Alma Police Departments. Alma expressed interest.

Discussion was held.

City Council Members would like City Manager Giles to continue discussion with area Managers.

Mayor Kelly stated City resident Craig Zeese expressed interest in serving on a City Board or Commission.

Public Comments.

Resident Richard Henry of 510 Teman Street informed Council of his recent sewage back up issues.

Discussion was held.

It was suggested that an article be placed in the City Newsletter to educate residents on the sewer system.

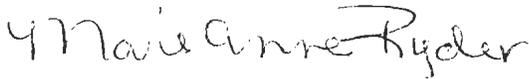
Chief Ramereiz will contact the apartment owners in that area also.

Public Services Director Risdon will contact the City's Insurance Company.

Jan Bunting entered the meeting at 7:20 and gave Council members the Gratiot County Sheriff's Office 2016 Annual Report and the Gratiot Court Cases Report.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
April 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Melissa A. Allen, Thomas L. Reed (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

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

Council Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$152,479.17. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the March, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the March, 2017 Monthly Board Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested the following Consent Agenda item be received and placed on file.

- a. Central Dispatch Report.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the Consent Agenda item and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Bio Solids Land Application.

Manager Giles requested approval of the contract for Bio Solids Land Application by NutriGro in the amount of \$0.0456 per gallon.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the contract for Bio Solids Land Application by NutriGro in the amount of \$0.0456 per gallon. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-06 New Voting Equipment.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2017-06 in support of a grant to purchase new voting equipment and to submit the grant application.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Church:

WHEREAS, the St. Louis City Council wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators (if applicable), accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

WHEREAS, full funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations, if any, are detailed in the attached Dominion quote.

WHEREAS, St. Louis City Council plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017.

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting the required State Grant Application is March 10th, 2017 for "First Use" in August 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis City Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of the City of St. Louis, Gratiot County.

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Reed

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of April, 2017.

Resolution 2017-07 Main Street Bridge Project.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2017-07 for the replacement of the Main Street Bridge through the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Church, and supported by Member Kubin:

WHEREAS, the condition of the Main Street Bridge has deteriorated to such an extent that replacement is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of St. Louis will not allow for replacement of this bridge without additional funds from other sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Louis requests Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program Funding for replacement of the Main Street Bridge for MDOT's Fiscal Year 2020.

Ayes: Church, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Reed

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of April, 2017.

Resolution 2017-08 Set Public Hearing for Special Assessment.

Manager Giles requested Council Members adopt Resolution 2017-08 to set Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for Special Assessment.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kubin and supported by Member Church:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, and Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, on its own initiative, tentatively declares its intent to create a special assessment district to pay for certain costs and expenses of fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations (the "Assessed Costs") and assess the costs thereof to the property specially benefitted by said fire and police protection in the special assessment district tentatively described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has caused to be prepared estimates of the Assessed Costs which have been received by the City Council and are on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to fix the day for a hearing on the estimates of the Assessed Costs and on the question of creating the special assessment district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

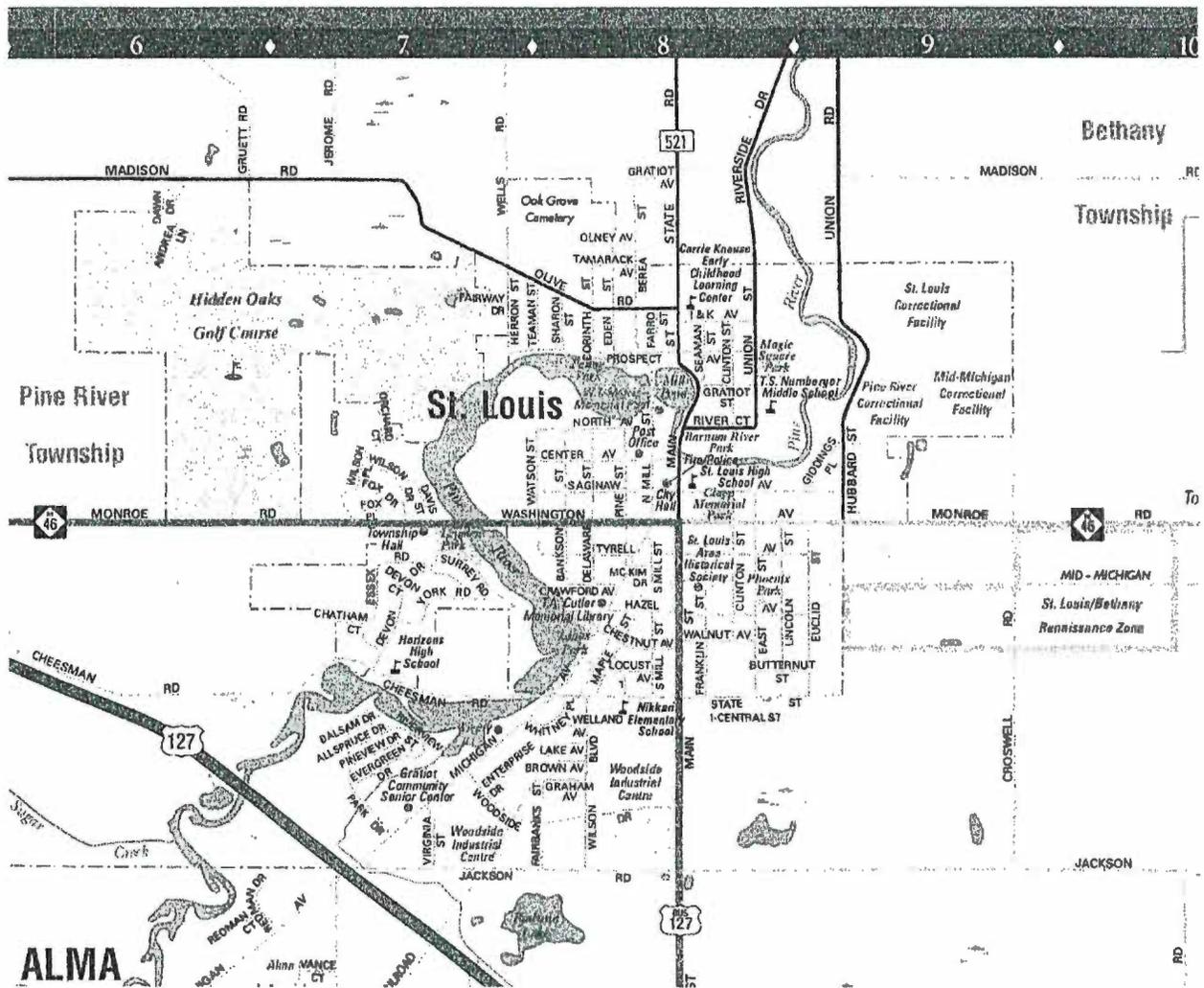
1. The preparation of the estimates of the Assessed Costs is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
2. The City Council hereby tentatively designates as the special assessment district against which the Assessed Costs are to be assessed as all of the lots and parcels of land in the City as more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The City Council shall meet at the City of St. Louis Municipal Offices, 300 North Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at which time and place the City Council shall hear suggestions and objections to the estimates of Assessed Costs and on the question of creating the special assessment district therefor.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in the *Morning Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of hearing and the second publication to be at least one (1) day before the time of the hearing, and the City Clerk shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first-class mail to all record owners of or persons in interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the last City tax assessment records of the City at least ten (10) days before the date of said hearing.
5. Said notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

EXHIBIT B

Public Hearing Notice

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
FOR FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION COSTS AND EXPENSES
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

TO ALL OWNERS OF THE
FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:



All lots and parcels of land within the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, Michigan.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, and Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the City Council has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with special assessments to cover certain fire and police protection costs and expenses.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has tentatively declared its intention to pay for such fire and police protection costs and expenses and tentatively designated all lots and parcels of land within the City of St. Louis as a special assessment district against which part of the cost of said fire and police protection costs and expenses is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused to be prepared estimates of the fire and police protection costs and expenses which have been filed with the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will meet on Tuesday, the 16th day of May, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the City of St. Louis Municipal Offices, 300 North Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan, to hear suggestions and objections regarding the estimates of the fire and police protection costs and expenses and on the question of creating the special assessment district therefor.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

Bid Award for 2017 Pavement Improvement Project.

Manager Giles requested Council Members award the 2017 Pavement Improvement Project to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$153,243.30.

Manager Giles also requested Division G of the Bid be included to include Prospect and Union Streets which if included with this project saves \$28.00 per ton when compared with previous year's projects, making the total bid \$193,243.30.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to award the bid for the 2017 Pavement Improvement Project to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$193,243.30.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Church, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Reed

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

1. Upcoming MPPA Event.
2. Demo of the former City Hall west wing.
3. Fairbanks Morse is at the Electric Plant working on the emissions issue.
4. Pre-Construction meeting was held regarding the plant site electrical service.
5. Pre-Construction meetings are scheduled for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses, Water Main and the Corinth/Prospect Project.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated Officer Chamberlain has been accepted a job in Austin, Texas.

Chief Ramereiz also stated he and the Community Services Coordinator will be working on blight issues.

Council Comments.

Mayor Kelly made mention of consolidation of police departments.

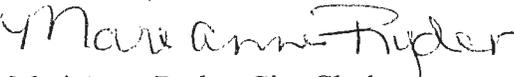
Discussion was held.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.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 (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

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

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Manager Giles stated there is a correction to the claims and accounts in the reduced amount of \$267.22, which is sales tax that was charged by Worthy Electric. The corrected amount of Claims and Accounts is \$482,207.31. This will also correct the Consent Agenda Item for payment to Worthy Electric less the sales tax.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the corrected amount of \$482,207.31. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the March, 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the March, 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Cathy Roth, a resident on Prospect Street, inquired about the upcoming construction project.

Manager Giles stated there is a Public Meeting scheduled for May 18th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “b.”

- a. Payment to Worthy Electric for Electrical Service Relocation at former City Hall.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Consent Agenda items as corrected. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Cable Consortium Presentation.

Carey Hammel from MAC TV described the services provided by MAC TV both recent and upcoming productions.

City Council thanked Carey for the presentation.

Set Budget Work Session.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Budget Work Session for the 2017/2018 Budget in May.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to set the Budget Work Session for the 2017/2018 Budget for May 24, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for June 6, 2017 at 6 PM for the 2017/2018 Budget Adoption.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to set a Public Hearing for June 6, 2017 at 6 PM for the 2017/2018 Budget Adoption. All ayes carried the motion.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for June 20, 2017 at 6 PM for 2016/2017 Budget Amendments.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to set a Public Hearing for June 20, 2017 at 6 PM for the 2016/2017 Budget Amendments. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

1. There is an informational meeting scheduled for the Corinth/Prospect Street Project to be held on May 18, 2017 4-7 p.m.
2. The Water Transmission Main Project meeting is May 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Alma Library.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated a multi-county training was held in the City Hall Training Room and all attendees were impressed with the facilities. Discussions took place regarding St. Louis P.D. hosting future trainings and in return, St. Louis Officers will receive free seating at the training events that are hosted in St. Louis.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin made mention of a resident that questioned the amount of parking spaces at the DeShano Construction Project.

Manager Giles stated there are more than the required amount of parking spaces in the approved site plan.

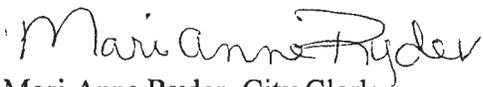
Mayor Kelly stated he attended the CPR/AED training that was recently held. There were approximately 50 people in attendance and the training was very good.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.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 (excused)

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, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Rich Apps – Fire Chief, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Steve Mann – Miller Canfield, Rosemary Horvath – Morning Sun, 33 Residents

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing – Establishing Special Assessment District.

Mayor Kelly Opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Manager Giles introduced Steve Mann of Miller Canfield.

Steve Mann gave a brief explanation of Act 33.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

Several residents asked questions regarding Act 33.

Discussion was held.

Mayor Kelly Closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Resolution 2017-09 – Establishing Special Assessment District and Calling for Public Hearing on distribution of Special Assessment Levy for June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, tentatively declared its intent to create a special assessment district to pay for certain costs and expenses of fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations (the “Assessed Costs”) and assess the costs thereof to the property specially benefitted by said fire and police protection in the special assessment district tentatively described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the City Council met on May 16, 2017, at 6:00 o’clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, and heard all persons in interest therein at said first hearing with respect to the estimates of Assessed Costs and on the question of creating the special assessment district therefor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to proceed with the establishment of the special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to fix the day for a hearing on objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council hereby determines that the provision of costs and expenses of fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City and shall be made and completed pursuant to Act 33.
2. The City Council hereby approves the plans and estimate of Assessed Costs in the total sum of \$94,200 for the first year's assessment, which shall be spread against the hereinafter named special assessment district pursuant to Act 33.
3. The City Council finally determines that said special assessment district shall consist of all of the lots and parcels of land described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, that the district shall be designated “St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment District” (the “District”), and that the existence of the District shall be maintained until all special assessments payable on the roll hereinafter described, as may be amended and continued from time to time, have been paid.
4. There has been prepared a special assessment roll in which all the parcels of land to be assessed as above set forth are described, with the names of the owners thereof, if known, and the amount of the special assessment levy for fire and police protection costs and expenses against each parcel of land is shown.
5. The assessments made in the Roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected and the City Treasurer is directed to distribute the special assessment levy on the taxable value of all of the lands and premises in the District.
6. The City Council shall meet on June 6, 2017, at 6:00 o’clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the City of St. Louis Municipal Offices, 300 North Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan, at which time and place the City Council shall hear objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy.
7. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in the *Morning Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of hearing

and the second publication to be at least one (1) day before the time of the hearing, and the City Clerk shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first-class mail to all record owners of or persons in interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the last City tax assessment records of the City at least ten (10) days before the date of said hearing.

8. Said notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.9.

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

AYES: Kubin, Allen, Reed, Kelly

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT A

Special Assessment District

The special assessment district shall consist of all lots and parcels of land within the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, Michigan.

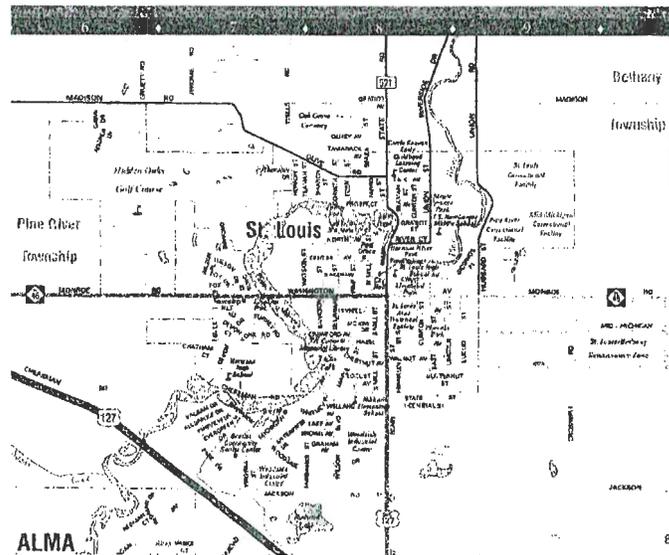


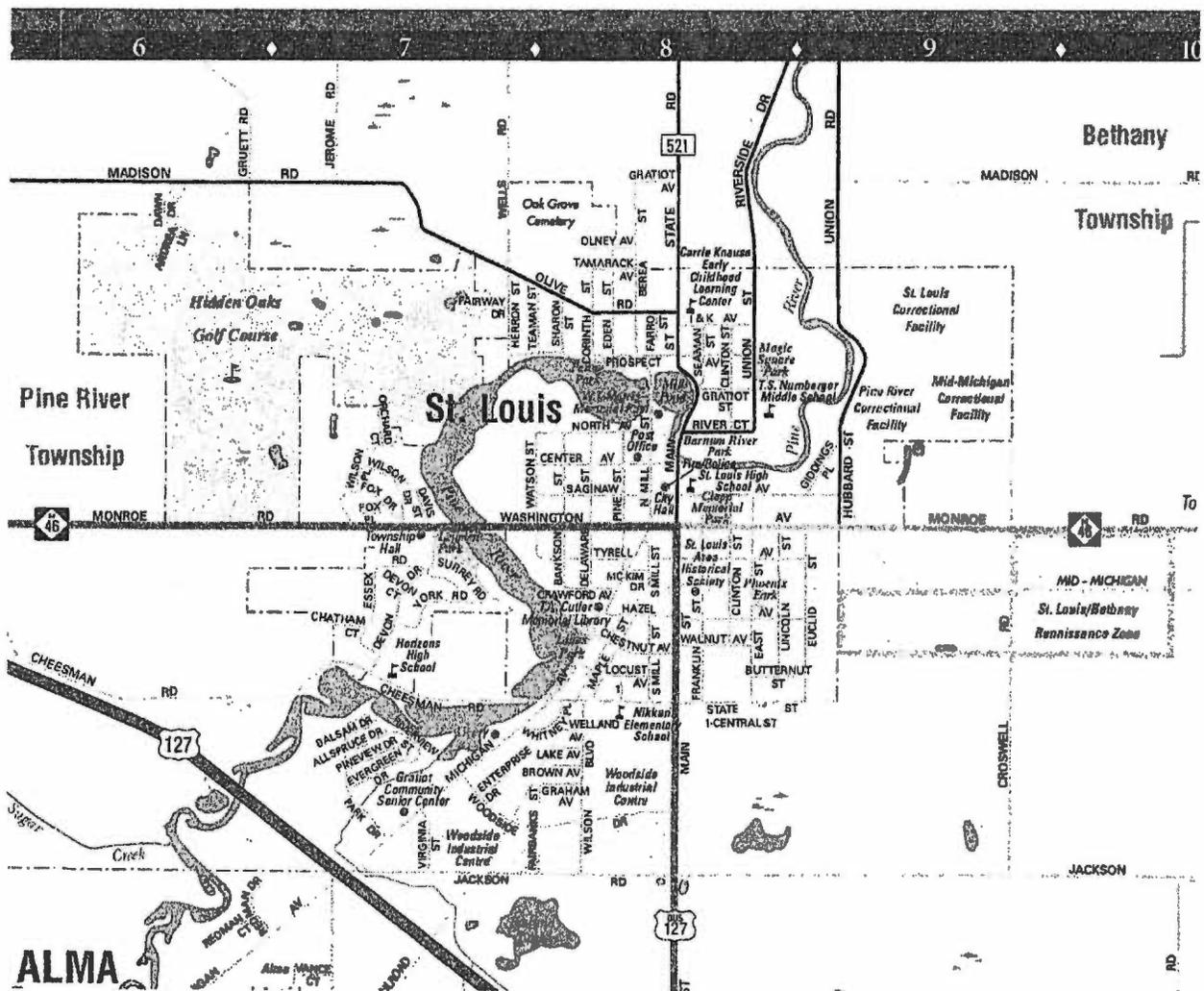
EXHIBIT B

Public Hearing Notice

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY
FOR FIRE AND POLICE ASSESSED COSTS AND EXPENSES
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
TO ALL OWNERS OF THE**

FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

All lots and parcels of land within the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, Michigan.



TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the City Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of fire and police protection costs and expenses.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will meet on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the City of St. Louis Municipal Offices, 300 North Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan, to hear objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the City Clerk by Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2017 with changing the spelling of a resident's name and correcting "budget" under Set Work Session. 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 \$364,776.23. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the April, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to receive the April, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items "a" through "d."

- a. Payment to Spicer Group for SAW Grant Implementation.

- b. Payment to GAWA for Water Supply Project.
- c. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- d. Payment to Ward's Excavating for Manhole Repair Project.

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

New Business.

Approve Flag Day Ceremony.

Manager Giles requested approval for the Gleaners to hold a Flag Day Ceremony at City Hall on June 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the Flag Day Ceremony. All ayes carried the motion.

Playground Equipment Purchase – Lincoln Park.

Manager Giles requested approval for playground equipment for Lincoln Park from GameTime in the amount of \$5,985.48 and Bluegrass Playgrounds in the amount of \$1,163.92 for a total purchase price in the amount of \$7,149.40, which will be reimbursed by grant funds from Gratiot County Community Foundation.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of playground equipment for Lincoln Park in the amount of \$7,149.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA) Safety Program Renewal.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Proposal from MECA for 2018-2020 Safety Program Renewal in the amount of \$11,310.00 per year.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Proposal from to MECA for 2018-2020 Safety Program Renewal in the annual amount of \$11,310.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to the Agenda.

Appoint Kurt Giles to the Gratiot County Airport Authority Board, a 4-year term.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to appoint Kurt Giles to the Gratiot County Airport Authority Board. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

None.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated May 21, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. is the Police Memorial Service; code violation issues have been addressed and tickets were issued; the Memorial Day Parade is May 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Council Comments.

Mayor Kelly stated he was pleased with the audience expressing interest in the assessment and it was good to see involvement.

Public Comments.

Resident Gary Smith requested authorization for the Annual Fishing Derby.

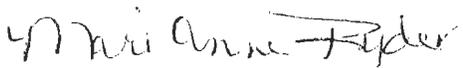
Moved by Allen, supported by Reed to approve the Annual Fishing Derby to be held June 10, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Chief Ramereiz stated he received a request for the Memorial Day Parade after the Agenda was completed.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin to approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 24, 2017

The special meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Wednesday, May 24, 2016 at 8:00 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 (excused)

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, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Jessica Little – Library Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Mike Parsons – Electric Foreman

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

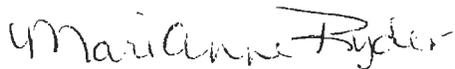
Discuss 2017/2018 Budget.

Finance Director Marr reviewed the projected 2017/2018 proposed budget with City Council Members.

The 2017/2018 Budget will be presented for adoption at the June 6, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 11:37 a. m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Allen on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 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.

Student Representative: Alyx Everitt

Others in Attendance:

Public Services Director – Keith Risdon, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Steve Mann – Miller Canfield, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, 31 Residents, 2 St. Louis High School Students

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing – Distribution of Special Assessment Levy.

Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and introduced Steve Mann of Miller Canfield.

Steve Mann gave a brief explanation of the Special Assessment Process.

Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen asked for Public Comments.

Letters protesting the Special Assessment were received prior to the meeting from the following:

Jacquelyn M. Sandel – 310 N. Pine Street, St. Louis, MI

Linda Bader – 2290 E. Madison Road, St. Louis, MI

The following people spoke during public comment:

Walter Rolston – 1007 Wilson

Virginia McKenzie – 1008 Wilson

Tim Boyer – 103 N. Delaware (a letter of protest was also received at the meeting).

Loretta Humphrey – 1511 Cheesman

Gerald Brush – 521 Teaman Street
Katherine Bachan – 318 N. Pine
Heather Mills – 1270 Monroe
Richard Kolhoff – 114 Surrey

Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen closed the Public Hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Resolution 2017-10

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, has created the St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment District (the “District”) to pay for certain costs and expenses of fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations (the “Assessed Costs”) and assess the costs thereof to the property specially benefitted by said fire and police protection in the District; and

WHEREAS, a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the first year's Assessed Costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed said special assessment roll, and, after due and legal notice, the City Council met on June 6, 2017, and heard objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems said special assessment roll and special assessment levy to be fair and equitable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The special assessment roll attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be designated “St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment Roll” (the “Roll”).
2. The Roll, in the total sum of \$93,816.21, is hereby confirmed and approved.
3. The assessments made in the Roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected and the City Treasurer is directed to distribute the special assessment levy on the taxable value of all of the lands and premises in the District.
4. The City Council shall annually determine the amount to be assessed in the District for fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations, shall direct the City Treasurer to distribute the special assessment levy, and shall hold a hearing on the estimated costs and expenses of fire and police protection and on the distribution of the levy. The assessment may be made either in a special assessment roll or in a column provided in the regular tax roll. The special assessment shall be distributed and shall become due and be collected at the same

time as other City taxes are assessed, levied, and collected, and shall be returned in the same manner for nonpayment. If the collections received from the special assessment levied are, at any time, insufficient to meet the obligations or expenses incurred for fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations, the City Council may, by resolution, authorize the transfer or loan of sufficient money from the general fund of the City, to the special assessment fund. This money shall be repaid to the general fund of the City out of special assessment funds when collected.

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

AYES: Kubin, Reed, Church, Allen,

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Public Hearing – 2017/2018 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen asked for Public Comments.

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen Closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Resolution 2017-11

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

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted and filed with the City Council a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2017-2018 fiscal year on May 2, 2017, 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 6, 2017 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

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 668,792	General Government	\$ 536,325
License & Permits	14,100	Public Safety	111,139
Intergovernmental	526,876	Public Works	127,750
Charges for Services	644,377	Community & Economic Development	141,768
Fines & Forfeitures	-	Recreation & Culture	163,343
Interest & Rents	8,800	Unfunded Pension Liability	44,000
Other Revenue	15,955	Debt Service	76,000
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	678,575
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,878,900	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,878,900

PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE/POLICE) FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Intergovernmental	\$ 9,200	Public Safety	\$ 786,306
Fines & Forfeitures	1,800		
Interest & Rents	31		
Other Revenue	96,700		
Other Financing Sources	678,575	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 786,306	Total Expenditures	\$ 786,306

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Charges for Services	\$ 3,000	Other Financing Uses	\$ -
Interest & Rents	25		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	3,025
Total Revenues	\$ 3,025	Total Expenditures	\$ 3,025

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 823,967	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 558,255
Interest & Rents	500		
Other Revenue	12,980		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	109,740
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	169,452
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 837,447</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 837,447</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 193,286	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 251,892
Interest & Rents	250		
Other Revenue	-		
Other Financing Sources	109,740	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	51,384
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 303,276</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 303,276</u>

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 17,500	Community & Economic Development	\$ 1,650
Interest & Rents	6,040	Debt Service	1,525
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	8,820
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	11,545
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 23,540</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 23,540</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ -	Recreation & Culture	255,783
Intergovernmental	170,018		
Charges for Services	-		
Fines & Forfeitures	90,450		
Interest & Rents	450		
Other Revenue	13,779		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	18,914
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 274,697</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 274,697</u>

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Kubin, Allen

Nays: None

Absent: Kelly

Resolution declared adopted.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session held on May 24, 2017. 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 \$1,039,715.41. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the May, 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the May, 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Resident Terry Martin discussed issues he is having with a garage that is being built next to his property.

Chief Ramereiz will have the Building Inspector contact him.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items "a" through "d."

- a. Payment No. 1 to J.R. Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- b. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Wells 10 & 11.
- c. Payment to Spicer Group for Main Street Bridge Project.

d. Payment to Bierlein Companies for former City Hall Demo of West Wing.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Consent Agenda items. All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Request for Temporary Street Closure – Historical Society.

Manager Giles requested approval for the temporary closure of Crawford Street on June 27, 2017 from 6 to 9 PM for an Evening in the Park.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the temporary closure of Crawford Street on June 27, 2017 from 6 to 9 PM. All ayes carried the motion.

Request for Temporary Street Closure – Middle of the Mitten Association.

Manager Giles requested approval for the temporary closure of the 100 and 200 blocks of Mill Street, and also the west 100 block of Center Street on June 9, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 2 PM for the Heritage Auto Tour.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the temporary closure of the 100 and 200 blocks of Mill Street and the west 100 block of Center Street on June 9, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 PM for the Heritage Auto Tour. All ayes carried the motion.

Repair/Payment for Pump at Prison Pump Station.

Manager Giles requested approval for the repair by JGM Valve and payment for the pump at the Prison Pump Station in the amount of \$20,068.00 to be reimbursed by the State of Michigan.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the repair by JGM Valve and payment for the pump at the Prison Pump Station in the amount of \$20,068.00.

Purchase/Payment of Underground Wire and Boxes.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of underground wire and boxes from Resco Electric Supply and payment in the amount of \$5,562.75.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the purchase of underground wire and boxes from Resco Electric Supply and payment in the amount of \$5,562.75. All ayes carried the motion.

Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Letter of Authorization.

Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Letter of Authorization.

Manager Giles requested Authorization to purchase power from July 2017 to June 2018 in the maximum commitment authorization amount of \$164,158.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the Letter of Authorization to purchase power from July 2017 to June 2018 in the maximum commitment authorization amount of \$164,158. All ayes carried the motion.

Change Order No. 1 for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.

Manager Giles requested approval of Change Order No. 1 for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses in the increased amount of \$5,580.43.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve Change Order No. 1 for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses in the increased amount of \$5,580.43. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

Discussions are taking place regarding a request from the Department of Corrections for the use of a meeting room at City Hall in case of an emergency for addressing the Media.

The Pavement project is complete on the southeast side of the City.

The Prospect/Corinth Project is scheduled to begin June 7th.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church questioned the procedure for Prison Drill Siren.

Member Kubin thanked City staff for their knowledge and guidance regarding the Michigan Public Power purchases.

Member Kubin commented on the public comments that were heard during the Public Hearing for the Special Assessment.

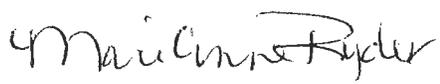
Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated she was glad to see the public participation.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mari Anne Ryder".

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 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:

Public Services Director – Keith Risdon, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing – 2016/2017 Budget Amendments.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

There being none, Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Resolution 2017-12 Budget Amendment.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a 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, 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 20, 2017 for a public hearing at 6:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed amended budget as

presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 656,753	General Government	\$ 648,644
License & Permits	22,936	Public Safety	865,090
Intergovernmental	548,285	Public Works	131,200
Charges for Services	686,440	Community & Economic Development	114,936
Fines & Forfeitures	3,201	Recreation & Culture	142,922
Interest & Rents	19,650	Unfunded Pension Liability	46,000
Other Revenue	67,068	Debt Service	84,650
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	29,109	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 2,033,442	Total Expenditures	\$ 2,033,442

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Interest & Rents	\$ 40	General Government	\$ -
Other Revenue	3,000	Other Financing Uses	
Other Financing Sources	-	To Fund Balance	3,015
From Fund Balance	-	Total Expenditures	\$ 3,015
Total Revenues	\$ 3,040		

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 410,036	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 301,742
Interest & Rents	1,460		
Other Revenue	10,239		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	99,650
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	20,343
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 421,735</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 421,735</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 177,844	Highways Streets & Bridges	\$ 357,172
Interest & Rents	625		
Other Revenue	300		
Other Financing Sources	99,650	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	78,753	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 357,172</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 357,172</u>

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 15,923	Community & Economic Development	\$ 1,600
Interest & Rents	6,051	Debt Service	1,860
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	20,300
From Fund Balance	1,786	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 23,760</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 23,760</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 32	Recreation & Culture	172,052
Intergovernmental	168,360		
Charges for Services	195		
Fines & Forfeitures	89,197		
Interest & Rents	580		
Other Revenue	16,100		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	102,412
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 274,464</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 274,464</u>

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2017. 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 \$422,914.17. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the May, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to receive the May, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda item "a".

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the Consent Agenda item "a". All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Approve Fireworks Permit.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Fireworks Permit for July 1, 2017.

Discussion was held.

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

Reappointment to Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Manager Giles requested approval for his reappointment to the Greater Gratiot Development Board.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to reappointment Kurt Giles to the Greater Gratiot Development Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-13 – Poverty Exemption.

Manager Giles requested approval of Resolution 2017-13 Poverty Exemption.

Discussion was held.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Church:

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of St. Louis, Gratiot County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.

2) File a claim with the Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, *Poverty Exemption Affidavit*.

- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after July 1, but one day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the 2017 federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal Poverty Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions

Size of Family Unit	2017 Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 11,880
2	\$ 16,020
3	\$ 20,160
4	\$ 24,300
5	\$ 28,440
6	\$ 32,580
7	\$ 36,730
8	\$ 40,890
For each additional person	\$ 4,160

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a

deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:
 Ayes: Kubin, Church, Allen, Reed, Kelly
 Nay: None
 Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2017-14 – Building Department Fees.

Manager Giles stated the changes supplement the fee structure and clarify the Determinant Value calculation.

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-14 – Building Department Fees.

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

<u>Site Plan Review:</u>	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Special Meeting</u>
Multiple Family	\$250.00 + 2.00 per unit	\$350.00 + 2.50 per unit
Commercial & Industrial	\$200.00	\$300.00
Rezoning	\$250.00	\$300.00
Engineer Review	Cost	<u>Lot/Parcel Split or Combined</u>
		\$75.00
Ordinance Book	\$50.00	
Zoning Book	\$35.00	
Variance Request & Special Use	\$200.00	

BASIS OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES

For one and two family and accessory buildings: Calculate the determinant value from the residential cost schedule and use that value with the Commercial and Residential Fee Schedule to determine the fee. For commercial and industrial buildings: The determinant value shall be established based on the most recently published Building Valuation Data Report provided by the International Code Council.

RESIDENTIAL COST SCHEDULE

Base House	\$70.00 per square foot
Second Story	\$63.00 per square foot
Basement	\$23.00 per square foot
Porches & Breezeways	\$15.00 per square foot
Wood Decks	\$16.00 per square foot
Residential Additions:	
First floor	\$60.00 per square foot
Second floor	\$55.00 per square foot
Crawl Space	\$10.00 per square foot

Miscellaneous Improvements:

Garage	\$25.00 per square foot
On Slab	\$23.00 per square foot
Sheds	\$12.00 per square foot
Over 120 Square Foot	Square foot + Zoning Permit
Pole Buildings	\$19.00 per square foot
Carports	\$12.00 per square foot

COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL FEE SCHEDULE

PLAN REVIEW FEE (Based on Determinant value).

For Building Determinant of \$0 to \$500,000 multiply determinant value by .0012

For Building Determinant in excess of \$500,000 multiply determinant value by .0002

For buildings more than two (2) stories, the Table figure per square foot for all stories must be adjusted downward two percent (2%) for each story over two (2).

BUILDING PERMIT FEES (Based on determinant value)

\$0001 – 2,500..... \$51.00

\$2,501 – 7,500.....	\$102.00
\$7,501 – 10,000.....	\$140.00
\$10,001 – 100,000.....	\$140.00 + \$5.00 per \$1,000 over \$10,000
\$100,001 and over.....	\$545.00 + \$2.00 per \$1,000 over \$100,000

**REINSPECTION CHARGE (per inspection) \$45.00

**SPECIAL SERVICES (per hour) \$45.00

Cellular Towers-New.....	\$278.00
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(includes shelter or cabinet base)

Cellular Towers-Co-Location.....	\$139.00
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Demolition - Commercial.....	\$100.00
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Fence.....	\$45.00
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Roof.....	\$45.00
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Mobile Home Placement.....	\$150.00
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Remodel Application.....	\$90.00
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Swimming Pools

Above Ground.....	\$45.00
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In Ground.....	Cost
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Demolition - Residential.....	\$70.00
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Driveway.....	\$45.00
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If construction is started w/out permit.....	Double fee
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Special inspections requested.....	\$45.00
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Signs

Temporary Sign.....	\$45.00
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Ground Sign.....	\$90.00
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Wall Sign.....	\$45.00
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MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Zoning	\$45.00
Plan Review	\$45.00
Code Compliance Inspection/Additional/Re-inspection.....	\$90.00
Permit Renewal (per time extension).....	\$25.00

RENTAL LICENSE APPLICATION FEES

Single Family	\$35.00
Two Family (Duplex)	\$45.00
Multiple Family Structure.....	\$35.00 (1 st unit)
	(\$5.00 each
additional Unit)	
Boarding & Rooming, Bed & Breakfast Houses	\$30.00
	(Plus \$2.00 per unit)
2 nd Re-inspection.....	\$15.00

(After Sept. 1, or second notice has been sent out and
no appointment has been scheduled, fee will double)

Mowing Mowing fee plus
\$100.00 administrative fee for each mowing

SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION PERMIT FEES

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Application Fee.....	\$20.00
One & Two Family/Small Addition, Garage, Mobile Home Pads	
Transportation Facilities	\$100.00
Streets, Highways, roadways up to ½ mile	
Each Additional ½ mile or fraction.....	\$35.00

Subdivision (base fee).....	\$50.00
Plat development, Mobile Home Parks & multiple Housing units	
Additional fee Per Lot.....	\$10.00
Industrial & Commercial Development (up to 1 acre)	\$50.00
Each Additional Acre.....	\$50.00
Service Facilities (up to 1 acre)	\$50.00
Schools, Churches, Shopping Centers	
Each Additional acre.....	\$50.00
Utilities (up to ½ mile).....	\$100.00
Underground Distribution, Transmission lines, pipelines, Underground Cables	
Each Additional ½ mile	\$35.00
Single or Two-Family Residential	\$50.00
Water Impoundments, Waterways, or	
General Grading Improvements (up to 1 acre)	\$60.00
Each Additional Acre.....	\$15.00
Seawalls (up to 200 feet).....	\$50.00
Each Additional 100 Feet.....	\$25.00
Additional Inspection requested by permit holder or inspections because of violation (per inspection)	
	\$25.00
Requested Site Evaluation (up to 2 hours).....	\$45.00
Each Additional Hour	\$25.00

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Trade/Purchase of Mowers.

Manager Giles requested approval for the trade in and purchase of three mowers from Bader and Sons with a purchase price less trade in value in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the trade in and purchase of three mowers from Bader and Sons with a purchase price less trade in value in the amount of \$12,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Trade/Purchase of Utility Tractor.

Manager Giles requested approval for the trade in and purchase of a Utility Tractor from Bader and Sons, but instead of trading in the 2011 tractor in the amount of \$15,500, the Electric Department has requested approval to purchase the tractor in the trade in amount of \$15,500. The total purchase price for the 2017 Tractor will be \$40,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a 2017 Utility Tractor from Bader and Sons with a purchase price of \$35,500.00 plus the loader attachment in the amount of \$4,500.00 and approval for the Electric Department's purchase of the 2011 Tractor in the amount of \$15,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of 2018 Dump Truck.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of a 2018 Dump Truck from Wieland Sales in the amount of \$107,505.70 and two additional LED Strobes in the amount of \$300.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the purchase of a 2018 Dump Truck and two additional LED Strobes from Wieland Sales for a total amount not to exceed \$107,900.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF).

Manager Giles requested City Council Member approve to opt-in to the LIEAF, which has been done annually since 2013.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to opt-in to the LIEAF. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council of the following:

The former City Hall Project is nearly complete and plans are to put a for sale by owner sign once complete.

A meeting is scheduled to discuss water/sewer rates which will include an Ordinance update.

A meeting is scheduled with the EPA at the plant site on June 21st at 1:30.

City Clerk Report.

The City Clerk informed Council Members that the new Election Equipment has been delivered.

Police Chief Report.

The Police Chief informed members of an incident involving the patrol car. Also, area Police plan to meet with MAC TV to create several Public Safety Announcements.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated he received complaints from business owners and residents due to Back to the Bricks Tour being in town.

Member Allen inquired on the following:
Scheduling a meeting to discuss City Manager Evaluations.
The status of Department Head Evaluations.
The removal of dirt at Seeley Auto.

Member Allen stated she appreciated the Fund breakdown of the Budget Amendments.

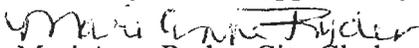
Mayor Kelly stated Flag Day went well and encouraged Council Members to attend in the future. Mayor Kelly inquired on the status of a new sound system.

Public Comments.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council members of a recent incident that happened and commended Officer VanHall on the excellent job he did investigating.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, July 5, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Jessica Little – Library Director, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2017. 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 \$1,167,914.29. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the June, 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the June, 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “d”.

- a. Payment No. 2 to Crawford Contracting for Wells 10 & 11.
- b. Payment No. 2 to J.R. Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- c. Payment to Spicer Group for SAW Grant.
- d. Payment to Central Asphalt for 2017 Pavement Project.

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

New Business.

Appointment to DDA Board.

Manager Giles requested Council Member approve the appointment of Carla McDaid to the DDA Board.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to appoint Carla McDaid to the DDA Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2017-15 Water/Sewer Rates.

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-15 Water Sewer Rates.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to raise rates for water usage to the following:

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable October 1, 2017, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Min.	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Base		\$16.20
	First 20,000		\$3.24
	Next 180,000		\$3.05
	Over 200,000		\$2.93

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

- (b) To the above commodity charge established in subsection (a), there shall be added a 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	\$3.64
3/4 inch	\$4.16
1 inch	\$4.76
1 ¼ inch	\$5.12
1 ½ inch	\$5.59
2 inch	\$9.08
3 inch	\$12.20
4 inch	\$21.19
6 inch	\$32.90
8 inch	\$45.90

- (c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$38.46, which shall include the monthly service charge.
- (d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$76.94 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	\$7.26 minimum
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	\$5.66 per 1,000 gallons
Non-metered customers	\$37.85
Non-metered, non-City residents, When no rate agreement exists between the City and Township	\$68.01

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kubin

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2017-16 Electric Rates

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-16 Electric Rates.

Discussion was held.

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

**Residential Service
Rate A-1**

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge	@ \$7.21	per month
Energy Charge	@ \$0.053183	per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charge:	@ \$0.0 6 69794	per kwh
Energy Optimization Charge:	@ \$0.00225	per kwh

Residential Water Heater Service

Rate A-2

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$7.21 per month

Energy Charge @ \$0.053183 per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges:

First 250 kwh @ \$0.069794 per kwh

Next 400 kwh @ \$0.061929 per kwh

Over 650 kwh @ \$0.069794 per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$0.00225 per kwh

Residential Electric Heat Service

Rate A-3

Distribution Charge

Customer Charge @ \$7.21 per month

Energy Charge @ \$0.053183 per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges

First 600 kwh @ \$0.069764⁹⁴ per kwh

Over 600 kwh (Nov.-May) @ \$0.061929 per kwh

Over 600 kwh (June-Oct.) @ \$0.069794 per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$0.00225 per kwh

Residential All Electric Service

Rate A-4

Distribution Charge

Customer Charge @ \$7.21 per month

Energy Charge @ \$0.053183 per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service

Energy Charges:

First 250 kwh @ \$0.069794 per kwh

Next 400 kwh @ \$0.061929 per kwh

Over 600 kwh (Nov.-May) @ \$0.063452 per kwh

Over 600 kwh (June-Oct.) @ \$0.069794 per kwh

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$0.00225 per kwh

**General Service
Rate B**

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$16.62 per month

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$4.09 per month

Energy Charge @\$0.026943 per kwh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Energy Charge @ \$0.123491 per kwh

**General Service
Rate C**

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$34.66 per month

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$70.20 per month

Demand Charge:

First 100 kw @ \$2.80 per billing kw

Over 100 kw @ \$0.4666925 per billing kw

Energy Charge

First 180 kWh per kw @ \$0.045203 per kWh

Over 180 kWh per kw @ \$0.031122 per kWh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Demand Charge:

All kw @ \$ 10.51 per billing kw

Energy Charge:

All kw @ \$0.042084 per kWh

**Large Power
Rate D**

Distribution Service:

Customer Charge @ \$34.66 per month

Energy Optimization Charge: @ \$452.02 per month

Demand Charge @ \$8.34 per billing kw

Primary Service Discount @ \$1.56 per billing kw

Energy Charge @ \$0.010899 per kWh

Generation & Transmission Service:

Demand Charge

First 100 kw @ \$5.07 per billing kw

Next 1,900 kw @ \$2.73 per billing kw

Over 2,000 kw @ \$0.498393 per billing kw

Energy Charge

First 180 kWh per kw @ \$0.070823 per kWh

Over 180 kWh per kw @ \$0.062139 per kWh

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Allen, Church

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2017-17 Solid Waste Rate.

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-17 Solid Waste Rate.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to raise rates for Solid Waste Collection to \$13.77 and Hazardous Waste Collection to 0.26.

These rates shall be effective as of August 1, 2017 and thereafter.

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2017-18 Yard Waste Collection Rate.

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-18 Yard Waste Collection Rate.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to raise rates for Yard Waste Collection to \$11.13.

These rates shall be effective as of August 1, 2017, and thereafter:

Ayes: Allen, Church, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Blues Festival Request from Middle of the Mitten.

Manager Giles requested approval for the Blues Festival to be held August 18 & 19 with Hospitality Tent and closing the 200 block of North Mill Street from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 17th until Sunday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association to hold the Blues Festival August 18 & 19 with Hospitality Tent and closing the 200 block of North Mill Street from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 17th until Sunday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Allen, Church

Nays: Kelly

Motion Carried.

Purchase of Dump Truck.

Manager Giles requested approval to purchase a 2017 Dodge Dump Truck for DPW from Lafontaine Chrysler in the amount of \$66,802.60.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to purchase a 2017 Dodge Dump Truck from Lafontaine Chrysler in the amount of \$66,802.60. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal for Switchgear Replacement Project.

Manager Giles requested approval of the proposal from Theka/Newkirk for the completion of the Switchgear Replacement Project in the amount of \$67,750.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Reed, to approve the proposal from Theka for the completion of the Switchgear Replacement Project in the amount of \$67,750.00.

Switchgear Replacement Project Updated Contract Price.

Manager Giles requested approval of the updated contract price for the Switchgear Replacement Project in the amount of \$35,994.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the updated contract price for the Switchgear Replacement Project in the amount of \$35,994.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Water System Asset Management Program.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Proposal from FTC&H for Professional Services for the Water System Asset Management Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,300.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the Proposal from FTC&H for Professional Services for the Water System Asset Management Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,300.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that the Wilson Blvd. house has been moved and the former City Hall is close to being put on the market.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that an Officer is currently on medical leave and the Fireworks event went well.

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired about blight at a property on Pine and Saginaw Streets. Chief Ramereiz will meet with the Community Services Coordinator to discuss the issue.

Mayor Kelly stated he enjoyed the Fireworks and the concert in Clapp Park.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Tom Alcamo – US EPA, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2017 as corrected. 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 \$410,557.81. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the June, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the June, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Tom Alcamo updated Council Members on the Velsicol Plant site activities.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval/receipt of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “g”.

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- b. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant Services Feb. - April.
- c. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant Services April – May.
- d. Payment to Rowe for Prospect/Corinth Project.
- e. Payment to Gametime for Playground Equipment.
- f. Payment to Lafontaine Chrysler for 2017 Dump Truck.
- g. Information regarding Bio-Solids.

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

New Business.

Request to use Clapp Park.

Manager Giles requested Council Member approve the request from Dalis Hitchcock to hold a Pet-a-Palooza Carnival Event in Clapp Park on Saturday, August 19th.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the request to use Clapp Park. All ayes carried the motion.

Digester Sludge Recirculation Pumps.

Manager Giles requested approval for Jett Pump & Valve to replace two recirculation pumps in the amount of \$29,623.90.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve Jett Pump & Valve to replace two recirculation pumps in the amount of \$29,623.90. All ayes carried the motion.

Street Sweeper Repairs.

Manager Giles requested approval for the repair of the brakes on Street Sweeper by Bell Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$8,300.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the repair of the Street Sweeper brakes by Bell Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$8,300.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Union Street Lift Station Bids.

Manager Giles stated two bids were received for repair to the Union Street Lift Station. Isabella Corporation the low bidder at \$147,295.00. Since then, the pump controls were adjusted and the pump is now working. Manager Giles did not recommend going forward with the bid award at this time.

Additional discussion was held regarding long-term and interim upgrades to the Wastewater collection system in the Athletic Complex and Wastewater Treatment Plant area.

City Manager Report.

None.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council Members that the blight issue discussed at the last meeting is being addressed and the Police Department is currently short staffed and scheduling is being adjusted to accommodate the staffing issues.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin stated he will not be in attendance at the August 1st Council Meeting.

Member Allen stated she appreciated staff attending the Council Meetings.

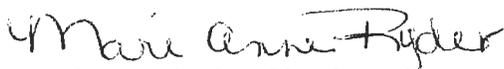
Member Church asked with the retirement of Steve Mephram if the remaining staff held enough licensing. Manager Giles stated the rest of the staff held the licenses needed.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 1, 2017

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 1, 2017 at 5:00 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:

City Staff – Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Keith Risdon – Public Services Director,
Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent

St. Louis Public Schools – Shane Brooks, Jennifer McKittrick, Eugene Binder, Ernie Teall,
Stephanie Binder, Charles Clevenger, Kristi Teall, Carrie Salladay,
Don Kelley, Greg Walterhouse

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

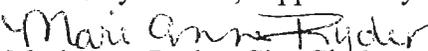
Member Allen lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following topics were discussed:

- a. Summer Feeding Program – Pool Site and Future Plans
- b. Homecoming and Community Tailgate Party
- c. Community Clean Up
- d. Baseball Field and Athletic Field Situation
- e. City Projects
- f. Other

Next Meeting Date – Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen to adjourne at 5:51 p.m.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Matt Baltusis -
MDEQ

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$1,065,588.97. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the July, 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the July, 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Baltusis asked Council Members if they had any questions for him or if they have had any concerns from residents. There were none.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval/receipt of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “g”.

- a. Payment to J.R. Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- c. Payment No. 3 to Crawford Contracting for Wells 10 & 11 Raw Water Transmission Main.
- d. Contract Modification No. 1 for Wells 10 & 11 Raw Water Main Transmission.
- e. Payment to Bader & Sons for John Deere Tractor with Loader.
- f. Payment to Bader & Sons for 3 Mowers with Trade In.
- g. Receive Cable Consortium Minutes.

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

New Business.

Confirm Verbal Approval of Officer/Officer Delegate and Employee/Employee Delegate for MERS Conference.

Manager Giles requested Council Member approve Mike Parsons as Officer Delegate, Teresa Ward as Alternate, Dave Giles as Employee Delegate and Jeff Fisher as Alternate to attend the MERS Conference.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to confirm approval of the above listed employees to attend the MERS Conference. All ayes carried the motion.

Request from American Legion.

Manager Giles requested approval for temporary road closures for the Boots for Heroes 5K run/walk to be held on September 9, 2017 beginning at 8:46 a.m..

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the request from the American Legion Post for the 5K run/walk. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Pressure Washer.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of a pressure washer for DPW from Gilbert Sales in an amount of \$5,200.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a pressure washer from Gilberts Sales in the amount of \$5,200.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Harley Rake.

Manager Giles requested approval for the purchase of a Harley Rake for DPW from Bader and Sons in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of a Harley Rake from Bader and Sons in the amount of \$8,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Revised Quote for Digester Pumps.

Manager Giles requested Council revise their approval for the Digester Pumps from Jett Pump and Valve from the initial \$29,623.90 to \$30,485.71 due to the cost increase since the original quote was received.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the revised quote for the Digester Pumps from Jett Pump and Valve in an additional amount of \$861.81 for a total amount of \$30,485.71. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council Members that the Huron Wind Project that was entered into with the MPPA has since proposed to change to Pegasus Wind Project in Tuscola County and a new Letter of Authorization will be brought to Council at the next meeting for Approval.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None

Council Comments.

Member Reed inquired on the process of Employee Evaluations, Manager Giles stated they are usually performed in the Spring and that employees have not usually been asked to evaluate Supervisors.

Member Allen inquired on the status of signage at a business on M-46. Manager Giles will continue following up on this matter.

Member Church asked if an Ordinance could be considered regarding campers parked throughout the City in the tree line. Staff will review Ordinances in the surrounding area to see what other communities do.

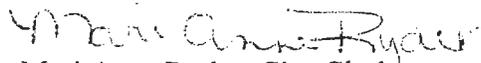
Public Comments.

County Commission Jan Bunting entered the meeting at 6:50 and updated members on Gratiot County activities.

DPW Superintendent updated members on a catch basin issue on the corner of Devon and Essex.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Catherine Roth – Resident, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 1, 2017 with St. Louis School Board Members. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2017. 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 \$371,027.53. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the July, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the July, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Resident Catherine Roth expressed issues she is having with the construction project on Prospect Street.

Matt Baltusis informed Council Members of the upcoming First Responders Meeting and the Public Information Meeting. Also, additional funds for the Velsicol cleanup project are expected for next year.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval/receipt of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “e”.

- a. Contract Modification No. 2 from Crawford Contracting for Wells 10 & 11 Water Supply Project.
- b. Change Order No. 3 from RCL Construction for Booster Pump Stations.
- c. Payment to Rowe for Prospect/Corinth Reconstruction.
- d. Payment to MDOT for Prospect/Corinth Reconstruction.
- e. Payment to Gilbert Sales for Pressure Washer.

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

New Business.

Letter of Authorization – Pegasus Wind Project.

Manager Giles requested Council Member approve the Letter of Authorization from MPPA changing from the Huron Wind Project to Pegasus Wind Project in Tuscola County. There are no changes in pricing.

Discussion was held.

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

Phase 1 – Downtown Sidewalk Repairs.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Proposal from Ultra Concrete Lifting for Phase 1 of Downtown Sidewalk Repairs in an amount of \$12,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Proposal from Ultra Concrete Lifting for Phase 1 of Downtown Sidewalk Repairs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Pavement Markings.

Manager Giles requested approval for Pavement Markings on Major Streets by PK Contracting in the amount of \$6,400.00.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Pavement Markings on Major Streets by PK Contracting in the amount of \$6,400.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Review, comment and approval of distribution of the proposed 2017 Gratiot County Master Plan.

Manager Giles stated a link to the draft Master Plan is on the webpage for Council's review, comment and approval of distribution.

The Planning Commission approved the draft as presented with three changes pertaining to the Future Land Use Section.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the distribution of the 2017 Gratiot County Master Plan.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve distribution of the 2017 Gratiot County Master Plan. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase/Lease of Postage/Folding Machine.

Bobbie Marr explained issues with the current City Hall folding and postage machines.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a Postage/Folding Machine from Neopost in the amount of \$13,725.00 plus monthly maintenance fees totaling \$25,385.40 over 5 years. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of a recent Training Seminar that was attended by staff regarding Medical Marijuana.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council of the following:

A part-time officer has been hired and there is another potential part-time employee that may be hired soon.

An audit of the LEIN System is scheduled for September.

There are parking issues in the industrial park and a request for a change in parking in that area is being considered for the next Agenda.

Council Comments.

Member Church asked if there has been anyone interested in purchasing the former City Hall. Manager Giles stated there are a couple of prospects.

Member Kubin inquired if anyone plans to attend the Fall MML Conference. It was the consensus of the Council not to attend the Fall Conference.

Member Reed inquired about paving the City dirt roads.

Discussion was held.

Member Allen asked if the speed trailer was in use and inquired about the Rotary Club book exchange.

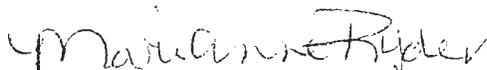
Mayor Kelly stated he thought the water shut-off due to the Prospect Street Construction Project went well, without too many issues.

Public Comments.

Discussion was held regarding two intersections in the Prospect Street area.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Max Clever – Spicer Group, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Ralph Echtenahw – Resident, four high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2017. 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 \$1,435,320.78. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the August, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the August, 2017 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Baltusis informed Council Members that the EPA Quarterly Newsletter will be available

soon and an update of the progress at the former Velsicol site was given.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval/receipt of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “h”.

- a. Payment No. 4 to Crawford Contracting for Water Supply Replacement.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Replacement.
- c. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant 5/28-7/1.
- d. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant 7/2-7/29.
- e. Payment to MDOT for Prospect/Corinth Reconstruction.
- f. Payment to Kemira for Ferric Chloride.
- g. Payment to Bader’s for Harley Rake.
- h. Liaison Meeting Minutes.

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

New Business.

Set Public Hearing for Establishment of an Industrial Development District.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the establishment of an Industrial Development District.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to set a Public Hearing for September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the establishment of an Industrial Development District. All ayes carried the motion.

Phase II Sidewalk Repairs.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve Phase II Sidewalk Repairs by Precision Concrete Cutting in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve Phase II Sidewalk Repairs by Precision Concrete Cutting in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Proposal from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation at the High School Athletic Field in an amount of \$51,342.90.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the Proposal from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation at the High School Athletic Field in the amount of \$51,342.90. All ayes carried the motion.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorine Tank Modifications.

Manager Giles requested approval for WWTP Chlorine Tank Modifications by T.H. Eifert in the amount of \$15,980.00 including the addition of tank cleaning and electrical work for a total project amount not to exceed \$19,400.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve WWTP Chlorine Tank Modifications by T.H. Eifert in the amount of \$15,980.00 including the addition of tank cleaning and electrical work for a total project amount not to exceed \$19,400.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Repairs to Vactor.

Manager Giles requested approval for repairs to the Vactor by Jack Doheny Company in the amount of 12,578.19.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve repairs to the Vactor by Jack Doheny Company in the amount of \$12,578.19. All ayes carried the motion.

Cartegraph Services Contract.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Cartegraph Services Contract which is an asset management program and the first year of service and equipment are SAW Grant eligible. The succeeding years will be approximately \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to approve the Cartegraph Services Contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: Reed

Motion Carried.

Additional Agenda Items.

Manager Giles stated additional asbestos material was discovered in the Switchgear project and requested approval for the removal by Mid-State Asbestos Removal in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church to approval the additional asbestos removal by Mid-State Asbestos Removal in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles asked if any Council Members were able to attend Republic Services event. None were available.

Manager Giles asked members to check their availability for a Goal Setting Session on October 25th at 8:00 a.m.

Manager Giles informed members that a quote for the PA System for the Council Chambers is expected soon.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council that the LIEN Audit is next week, Officers are being rescheduled to cover shifts with two officers on medical leave and a conference is in the process of being scheduled with the Substance Abuse Coalition.

Council Comments.

Member Allen asked if the Car Tour and the Blues Festival went well. Chief Ramereiz stated there were no issues.

Member Church asked if part of the old Switch Gear panel could be donated to the Historical Society. Manager Giles stated that has already been planned.

Member Kubin stated he was glad to see students attend the Council Meeting on their first day of school.

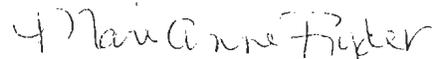
Mayor Kelly inquired about the parking issue in the Industrial Park. Chief Ramereiz stated it was somewhat better.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 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 (6:43 p.m.)

Council Members Absent: None
City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Sergeant: Kristi Forshee

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Diane Russell – EPA, Chelsea Mervenne – EPA, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Theo VonWallmenich – CH2M, Kasey Zehner – Greater Gratiot, Rosemary Horvath – Morning Sun (6:30 p.m.), Ralph Echtenaw – Resident

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Manager Giles stated the invoice from Freed Construction has been revised in a decreased amount of \$342.00, changing the total amount of payables to \$641,966.00. The revised invoice will also reflect a change to Consent Agenda Item 10 e.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$641,966.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the August, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the August, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Public Hearing – Establishment of Industrial Development District.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Kasey Zehner of Greater Gratiot stated the Industrial Development District is for the parking lot area to the North of the Apex Marine building, City property between Momentum Industries and Resurrection Life Church and Industrial Park Lots 3, 4 and 5.

Mayor Kelly requested Public Comments on the Establishment of the Industrial Development District.

There were none.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Resolution 2017-19 To Establish and Industrial Development District.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Kubin, and supported by Church.

Resolution Establishing an Industrial Development District for Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. on behalf of the City of St. Louis

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended, the City of St. Louis has the authority to establish “Industrial Development Districts” within the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is seeking to expand the already existing Woodside Industrial Development District No. 2 to include municipally-owned and privately-owned industrial property to the north in order to foster future development; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, with the assistance of Greater Gratiot Development, Inc., on its own initiative seeks to establish an Industrial Development District on property located within the City of St. Louis boundaries; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Morning Sun and/or public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2017 a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of the City of St. Louis were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City of St. Louis to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Louis that the following described parcel of land situated in City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, and State of Michigan, to wit:

Proposed Industrial Development District No. 6

Legal Description

Parcel No.: 53-860-023-02 (current Apex Marine facility and lots to the north)

LOTS 3, 4 & 5 OF WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER EAST AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 195, GRATIOT COUNTY RECORDS. ALSO UNPLATTED LAND LYING WITHIN THE EAST ½ OF SECTION 25, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 00°01'01" EAST 1282.55 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 89°30'47" WEST 459.83 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5 (AS MONUMENTED) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01°11'49" EAST 212.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°03'39" WEST 860.91 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°02'04" WEST 177.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°34'50" EAST 856.10 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND (INCLUDING LOTS 3, 4 & 5 AND THE UNPLATTED LAND TO THE NORTH OF SAID LOTS) CONTAINS 13.12 ACRES OF LAND.

Parcel No.: 53-010-386-40 (city-owned lot north of Woodside Industrial Center)

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 25, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE EAST ¼ CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE SOUTH 00°01'01" WEST 637.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 25 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00°01'01" WEST 724.49 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 89°30'47" WEST 459.83 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 6 OF WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER EAST, LIBER 457 OF PLATS, PAGES 871-877, GRATIOT COUNTY RECORDS TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 OF WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01°11'49" EAST 212.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°00'36" EAST 64.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83°56'36" EAST 407.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°01'01" EAST 486.16

FEET PARALLEL WITH THE EAST SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89°35'03" EAST 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 3.24 ACRES OF LAND AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended, to be known as Woodside Industrial Development District No. 6.

AYES: Kubin, Church, Allen, Kelly

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Informational Items.

- a. Sound System.
- b. Haunted Yard.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen, to receive the Informational Items and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items "a" through "h".

- a. Final Payment No. 17 to RCL for Water Supply Replacement.
- b. Payment to Rowe for Prospect/Corinth Project.
- c. Payment to Cartegraph for Asset Management Program, Services and Equipment.
- d. Payment to NutriGrow Environmental for Biosolids Land Application.
- e. Payment to Freed Construction for former City Hall building Re-finishing.
- f. Payment to PK Contracting for Major Street Pavement Markings.
- g. Payment to Ward Excavating for Catch Basin Repairs.
- h. Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.

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

New Business.

EPA Presentation – Tom Alcamo.

Tom Alcamo gave a presentation on the treatment process of the former Velsicol site.

Set Public Hearing for Apex Marine Industrial Facilities Exemption (IFE).

Manager Giles requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for October 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for Apex Marine IFE.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to set a Public Hearing for October 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the Apex Marine IFE. All ayes carried the motion.

Set Goal Setting Meeting.

Manager Giles requested Council Members set October 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. for the Goal Setting Meeting.

Moved by Allen, supported by Kubin, to set the Goal Setting Meeting for October 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve to Elect the four incumbent Directors to the MML Liability & Property Pool Board.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to Elect the four incumbent Directors to the MML Liability & Property Pool Board. All ayes carried the motion.

Catch Basin Removal and Replacement.

Manager Giles requested approval for removal and replacement of seven Catch Basins by Ward's Excavating in the amount of \$17,200.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the removal and replacement of seven Catch Basins by Ward's Excavating in the amount of \$17,200.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Rescind Approval of Phase I Sidewalk Repairs and Approve New Contract.

Manager Giles requested Council Member Rescind the August 15, 2017 Approval of Ultra-Lift Concrete for Phase 1 Downtown Sidewalk Repairs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 and Approve the Proposal from Concrete Lifting and Leveling Company in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to rescind the August 15, 2017 Approval of Ultra-Lift Concrete for Phase 1 Downtown Sidewalk Repairs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 and Approve the Proposal from Concrete Lifting and Leveling Company in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Traffic Control Order #T114.1.129.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve Traffic Control Order #T114.1.129 which reflects the following road signage changes: The intersection of Prospect Street and Corinth Street would become a 3-way stop, The intersection of Corinth Street and Olive Street would become a 4-way stop, the intersection of Olive Street and Eden Street would become a 4-way stop, the Intersection of Olive Street and Berea Street would become a 4-way stop.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve Traffic Control Order #T114.1.129. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Sale of Property.

Manager Giles stated an offer has been received for the former City Hall building from Coty Properties in the amount of \$60,000.00 and asked direction from Council Members.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council for City staff accept the offer and a purchase agreement will be an item on the next Agenda.

Additions Agenda.

Repairs to Vactor.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve repairs to the Vactor by Jack Doheny Company in the amount of \$7,586.40.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve repairs to the Vactor by Jack Doheny in the amount of \$7,586.40. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated Council Members on the progress of the Switchgear replacement project.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

Sergeant Forshee informed Council Members that one Officer that was on medical leave is back on duty and the Police Clerk will be returning soon.

Council Comments.

Member Reed asked about references for the Cartegraph Asset Management Program. Utilities Director Risdon will check with Cartegraph and inform Member Reed.

Public Comments.

None

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Jessica Little – Library Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Kasey Zehner, Jim Wheeler – Greater Gratiot, Kyle Acker – Apex Marine, Catherine Roth – Resident, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2017. 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 \$1,184,417.21. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the August, 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the August, 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Catherine Roth thanked Council members for addressing her concerns regarding construction issues.

Public Hearing – Apex Marine, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFE).

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Kasey Zehner described the Apex Marine project and stated it is a \$1.9 million expansion project and the proposed IFE is for real property for 12 years.

Mayor Kelly requested Public Comments.

There were none.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Resolution 2017-20 To Approve IFE Application

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Kubin and supported by Church:

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on April 7, 1986 this City Council by resolution established St. Louis Industrial Development District No.6; and

WHEREAS, Apex Marine, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a 50,759 square foot expansion to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the St. Louis City Council held a hearing on October 3, 2017, at the City Hall Council Chambers, in the City of St. Louis, at 6:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before September 19, 2017, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of St. Louis; and

*****WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of St. Louis, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of St. Louis that:

1. *****The City Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of St. Louis, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of St. Louis.**

2. The application from Apex Marine, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to an expansion of the existing facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Industrial Development District No. 2, to wit:

Parcel No.: 53-860-023-02 (current Apex Marine facility and lots to the north)

LOTS 3, 4 & 5 OF WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER EAST AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 195, GRATIOT COUNTY RECORDS. ALSO UNPLATTED LAND LYING WITHIN THE EAST ½ OF SECTION 25, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 00°01'01" EAST 1282.55 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 89°30'47" WEST 459.83 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5 (AS MONUMENTED) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01°11'49" EAST 212.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°03'39" WEST 860.91 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°02'04" WEST 177.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°34'50" EAST 856.10 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND (INCLUDING LOTS 3, 4 & 5 AND THE UNPLATTED LAND TO THE NORTH OF SAID LOTS) CONTAINS 13.12 ACRES OF LAND be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years after completion.

AYES: Kubin, Church, Allen, Reed, Kelly

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Agreement of Understanding.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Agreement of Understanding between Apex Marine, Inc. and the City of St. Louis for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Allen to approve the Agreement of Understanding between Apex Marine, Inc. and the City of St. Louis for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Allen, Church, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Agreement of Understanding Approved.

Informational Items.

- a. Mid Michigan Cable Consortium Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the Informational Item and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “f”.

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Replacement Services.
- b. Payment No. 4 to J.R. Heineman for Water Supply Replacement.
- c. Payment to Wm. F. Nelson for Switchgear Project.
- d. Payment No. 57 to GAWA for Water Supply Replacement.
- e. Payment to Neopost for Folding/Postage Machines.
- f. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Wells 10 & 11 Raw Water.

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

New Business.

Cost Increase for Switchgear Project.

Manager Giles requested Council Members ratify the cost increase from Wm. F. Nelson for the Switchgear Project in the amount of \$24,808.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to ratify the cost increase from Wm. F. Nelson for the Switchgear Project in the amount of \$24,808.00

Parade Request and Temporary Street Closure.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the request from St. Louis High School Student Council for the Annual Homecoming Parade on October 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. and the temporary closure of Mill Street and Saginaw Street beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Chief Ramereiz indicated that plans were the same as previous years except on-street parking would not be allowed along the parade route.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Homecoming Parade and Street closures. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Transformers.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the purchase of Transformers for Evergreen Trailer Park from T & R Electric in the amount of \$5,562.00.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of Transformers from T & R Electric in the amount of \$5,562.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Electric Rate Study.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the proposal for Electric Cost of Service and Rate Design Study from Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) in the amount of \$22,500.00 and the optional Power Cost Adjustment in the amount of \$2,950.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the proposal for Electric Cost of Service and Rate Design Study from Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) in the amount of \$22,500.00 and the optional Power Cost Adjustment in the amount of \$2,950.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase Agreement.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Purchase Agreement between the City of St. Louis and Coty Properties, LLC for the sale of the former City Hall building at 108 West Saginaw Street in the amount of \$60,000.00

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Kubin, to approve the Purchase Agreement between the City of St. Louis and Coty Properties, LLC for the sale of the former City Hall building at 108 West Saginaw Street in the amount of \$60,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated Council Members on the following items:

The County Drain in Westgate Subdivision, Crawford Street Water Tower Painting, Raw Water Transmission Main, Wells 10 & 11, Switchgear Project, possible land sale and the recent power outage.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed Council the LEIN Audit is complete, just waiting on final report.

Council Comments.

Member Allen inquired on the burn ban and Trick-or-Treat.

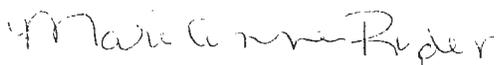
Member Reed asked the status of a blight issue.

Public Comments.

Resident Ralph Echtenaw asked about the sound system that is in the process of being purchased.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Jason Cole – CH2M, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, Jan Bunting – County Commissioner, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident, Frank Sedlar – Pine River Township Resident

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2017. 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 \$558,003.67. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the September, 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the September, 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Tom Alcamo updated Council Members on the status of the former Velsicol Plant site cleanup

and informed them that Representative Moolenaar will be touring the plant site on Thursday.

Pine River Township resident Frank Sedlar asked questions concerning the new stop signs that were placed in the Prospect Street area.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “g”.

- a. Payment to Rowe for Prospect/Corinth Project.
- b. Payment to MDOT for Prospect/Corinth Project.
- c. Payment to Fairbanks Morse for RICE/NESHAP Upgrades.
- d. Payment Jack Doheny for Vactor Repairs.
- e. Payment to Jack Doheny for Vactor Repairs.
- f. Change Order No. 2 from J.R. Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- g. SECA Refund Protest (Informational).

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

New Business.

Processor Upgrades and Technical Support.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve Processor Upgrades in the amount of \$10,352.00 and Technical Support for 3-years in the amount of \$5,123.00, which are budgeted items.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve Processor Upgrades in the amount of \$10,352.00 and Technical Support for 3-years in the amount of \$5,123.00. All ayes carried the motion.

IPad Purchase.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the purchase of 15 Apple iPads from Verizon which are part of the Asset Management program in the amount of \$7,912.20 of which, 90% will be reimbursed through the SAW Grant.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of 15 Apple iPads from Verizon in the amount of \$7,912.20. All ayes carried the motion.

Employment Contract.

Manager Giles requested Council Members extend the Employment Contract between the City of St. Louis and himself for the terms of three years.

Council Members stated they thought Manager Giles was doing an exceptional job.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to extend the Employment Agreement between the City of St. Louis and City Manager, Kurt Giles for a term of three years. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council members of the following:

The Sound System is ordered and should be installed soon, the SECA Refund is close to being recovered and the removal of the cornerstone at the former City Hall is scheduled to be removed.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Church stated the recent sidewalk lifting and shaving project turned out nice.

Member Allen asked if there was any problem with no parking in the parade route during Homecoming. Chief Ramereiz stated it was well received.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 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-Absent (excused) Bobbie Marr acting as Deputy
Clerk

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Matt Baltasis – MDEQ Superfund, Tom Alcamo – EPA, Matt Schooley – City of Alma, Ralph Echinaw-Resident, 18 High School Students.

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed supported by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2017, with corrections (name of support vendor). All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Goal Session meeting held on October 25, 2017, with noted corrections (formatting). 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 \$1,817,282.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the October 2017 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to receive the October 2017 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Tom Alcamo – US EPA updated Council on the progress of work at the Superfund Site.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “i”.

- a. Payment No. 5 to Heineman for Wells 10 & 11 Well Houses.
- b. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Prof. Svc. – SAW Grant.
- d. Payment WM. F. Nelson for Switchgear Project.
- e. Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.
- f. Payment to Jett Pump for Pump Replacement.
- g. Payment to Ward’s for Catch Basin Replacement.
- h. Payment to Crawford for Water Main.
- i. Mid-Michigan Cable Minutes (Informational).

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

New Business.

Introduce Ordinance B-235 and Set Public Hearing.

Manager Giles introduced Ordinance B-235 and requested Council Members set a Public Hearing for November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to set a Public Hearing for November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
All ayes carried the motion.

Wastewater Pond Effluent Structure Modification.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Proposal from T.H. Eifert for Wastewater Pond Effluent Structure Modification in the amount of \$31,340.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Proposal from T.H. Eifert for Wastewater Pond Effluent Structure Modification in the amount of \$31,340.00.
All ayes carried the motion.

Swimming Pool Repairs.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Proposal from A.R. Peters Pool Painting for repairs to the swimming pool an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen , supported by Reed, to approve the Proposal from A.R. Peters Pool Painting for repairs to the swimming pool an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Authorization.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Letter of Authorization from Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) to purchase power in the maximum commitment of \$31,622.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Letter of Authorization from MPPA in a maximum commitment of \$31,622.00, to be signed by the City Manager. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Service Agreement.

Manager Giles requested approval of the Purchase of Services Agreement between the City of St. Louis and the City of Alma Transportation Department for Dial-A-Ride Service from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year which will be billed quarterly in the amount of \$1,250.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the Purchase of Services Agreement between the City of St. Louis and the City of Alma Transportation Department for Dial-A-Ride Service from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Church, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Motion carried.

Request from Middle of the Mitten Association for Annual Christmas Parade.

Manager Giles requested approval of the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association for the Annual Small Town Family Christmas Parade and temporary street closures on December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve the request from the Middle of the Mitten Association for the Annual Small Town Family Christmas Parade to be held December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Request from DDA Board to consider an Ordinance.

Manager Giles stated the DDA Board is requesting Council Members consider an Ordinance to prevent large trucks from using North Mill Street.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to have City staff proceed with investigating the Ordinance.

Discuss Request from DDA Board to make a change to the Zoning Ordinance.

Manager Giles stated the DDA Board is requesting Council Members consider changing the rule that prevents first-floor residential in the entire C-1 (Central Business District) to be in effect on North Mill Street only.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to have City staff proceed with investigating and gathering more information on the Zoning Ordinance change.

Traffic Control Order T115-1-130.

Manager Giles stated Troy Grunder from Rowe is recommending a 3-way stop sign be approved at the intersection of Prospect and Eden for the safety of pedestrian crossing Prospect Street.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to approve Traffic Control Order T115-1.130.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Allen, Church, Kelly

Nays: NA

Absent: Kubin

Motion carried.

Discuss 2018 Meeting Times.

Manager Giles asked Council Members if they wanted to keep the meeting times for the 2018 Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. or if they wanted to change the times.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to keep the meeting times at 6:00 p.m. for Council Meetings in 2018.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council members of the following:

He is looking at present and future staffing of the Electric Department and believe that we have the need to add a line crew member to round out our staff and position ourselves for future staffing changes due to retirements.

The downtown power outage is scheduled for December 2nd to do the switchgear connection.

Wells 10 & 11 transmission electric connection may be done in mid-December.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

Police Chief Ramereiz informed Council members of the following:

SB 594 – Privatized police force. Bill is sponsored by Senator Arlan Meekhof. If passed this bill would allow for a “privatized police” force. These “private” police offices would essentially have all the same arrest powers and authority as current law enforcement officers but would not be governed by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. They would not be required to have the same education or training standards that is mandatory of current law enforcement officers. There would be no standardized minimum requirements to be a “private” police officer. Basically, John Q. Citizen could be handed a badge and police equipment and be able to work as a police officer with no training or education to be a police officer. The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Sheriff’s Association, Police Officer’s Association of Michigan and the Fraternal Order of Police are all requesting the local government and local law enforcement contact their legislators in Lansing and speak out against SB-594.

HB 4945 – Amendment to the Michigan Vehicle Code making changes in the way golf carts can be operated on public roadways. Currently, golf carts are not allowed to be operated on any state trunk line or business route. HB 4945, if passed, would allow a golf cart to be operated on a state trunk line or business route “if it is necessary to reach his or her destination.” This would be allowed if the golf cart as a clearly visible orange triangle for the purpose of designating a slow-moving vehicle and the operator rides as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable. HB-4945, if passed, would also prohibit the operation of a golf cart on any street that has a posted speed limit that is greater than 25 MPH.

Chief Ramereiz advised Council that he would keep them informed of the status of these two bills.

No shave November is underway. Funds will be contributed to the Shop with a Hero Program. All are welcomed to join.

Council Comments.

Member Church asked about the use of the camera in Clapp Park. Chief Ramereiz reported that we have been having issues with all the security cameras and were just today back on line so he will be looking to see if we have any usable footage to determine who the vandals may be.

Member Allen reported that she would be missing next weeks GAWA meeting.

Member Allen inquired about the status of Cemetery issues which were reported by Public Services Director Risdon that he believed to be resolved.

Member Allen congratulated students on the recent Shark Football team making districts and the Volleyball team winning Districts, and cross-country runners' advancement to States.

Member Allen reported that she was glad she attended the meeting on marijuana legislation and said she would urge others to educate themselves and have a voice in this debate.

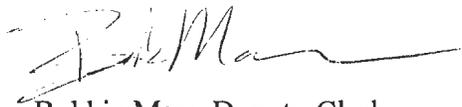
Mayor Kelly inquired how the new sound system was working. Mr. Echinaw reported that he could hear council fine but speakers outside the council table are difficult to understand. This pointed out the need for the podium/mic system for those wishing to address council and we will have to see if those can be linked to the speaker system.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Allen on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 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: 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Matt Baltusis – MDEQ, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident,

Member Church led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 2017. 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 \$393,962.80. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the October 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the October 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing – Ordinance B-235 International Property Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen opened the Public Hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance B-235 at 6:04 p.m.

Manager Giles stated the Ordinance adopts the current International Property Maintenance Code of 2018, the 2015 edition of the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for existing Buildings, the Michigan Residential Code of 2015, the Michigan Building Code of 2015 and the International Mechanical Code of 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen asked for public comments. There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

The City of St. Louis ordains:

Section 1: The International Property Code of 2018, the 2015 Edition of the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings, the 2015 Edition of the International Building Code, the 2015 Edition of the Michigan Residential Code, the 2015 Edition of the Michigan Building Code, and the 2015 Edition of the International Mechanical Code, all as amended, are hereby adopted as part of this Article to the same extent as if copies were included at length herein, together with any amendments and/or revisions of said codes, except for such portions of the Property Maintenance Code as shall be deleted, modified or amended by this Article. One copy of each of these codes is on file in the offices of the City Clerk, one copy is on file with the City Attorney, and one copy is on file with the Building Department.

Section 2: Separability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3: Ordinances Repealed. All ordinance and/or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 15 days from and after its enactment as provided by the City Charter.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of St. Louis, Michigan, in regular session, held November 21, 2017.

Audience Recognition.

Matt Baltusis updated Council Members on the progress of the Insitu Thermal process at the former Velsicol Plant site.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “c”.

- a. Payment to Precision Concrete for Sidewalk Trimming.
- b. Payment to Spicer for SAW Grant Services.
- c. Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.

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

New Business.

Resolution 2017-21 Establishment of Regular Meeting Schedule.

Manager Giles requested adoption of Resolution 2017-21 which establishes the regular City Council meeting schedule for 2018.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Church, and supported by Member Kubin:

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 2018.

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 8	April 3	July 3	October 2
*January 23	April 17	July 17	October 16
February 6	May 1	August 7	November 6
February 20	May 15	August 21	November 20
March 6	June 5	September 4	December 4
March 20	June 19	September 18	December 18

*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: Church, Kubin, Reed, Allen

Nays: None

Absent: Kelly

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of November, 2017.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council members of the following:

Electric Service to Wells 10 and 11 will be installed at the end of next week.
The scheduled power outage is December 2nd for the Switchgear project.
The PA System in the Council Chambers is near completion.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Discussion was held on the recent Service Solvency Report from MSU Extension, which is an analysis of the ability of Michigan cities to provide an adequate level of Public Services. Council Members were in disagreement with the report regarding St. Louis.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Medical Marijuana Ballot Proposal.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.



Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Theo Von Wallmenich – CH2M, Rosemary Horvath – Gratiot County Herald, Ralph Echtinaw – Resident, 11 high school students

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2017. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Church, supported by Allen, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$547,565.09. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Minutes.

City Council discussed the November 2017 Monthly Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the November 2017 Monthly Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Theo Von Wallmenich updated Council Members on the progress of the in-situ thermal process at the former Velsicol Plant site.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “i”.

- a. Payment to FTC&H for Water Supply Project.
- b. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Water Main Replacement.
- c. Change Order No. 3 from Crawford for Water Main Replacement.
- d. Change Order No. 3 to Wm. F. Nelson for Switchgear Project.
- e. Payment to Theka for Switchgear Project.
- f. Payment to Verizon for Asset Mgmt. Project.
- g. Payment to T&R Electric for Transformers.
- h. Payment to Concrete Lifting & Leveling.
- i. Purchase/Payment to Kemira for Ferric Chloride.

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

New Business.

Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Joint Memorandum of Understanding.

Manager Giles stated becoming a RRC makes the City eligible for grant funds through the MEDC.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the RRC Joint Memorandum of Understanding and authorize execution.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Utility Scale Solar Project.

Manager Giles stated the Utility Scale outlines allocation that St. Louis would get in a new power purchase thru MPPA.

Discussion was held.

Manager Giles stated more information would be available possibly at the next meeting.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council members of the following:

The scheduled power outage went as planned and there is an issue with one of the breaker assemblies.

The new well houses were energized.

A letter was received from the Legislators regarding repairs to Main Street.
The City of Alma has hired a new Utilities Director.
The Main Street Bridge Project did not make the first round of funding. Next year's round will be for funding in 2021.
Cartegraph Training has begun.
A wireless microphone will be added to the PA system soon.

County Commissioner Bunting entered the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated the Shop with a Hero Event was held Saturday, with 66 kids participating, and Police Department staff will be attending Narcan Administration Training.

Council Comments.

Member Reed asked the status of the Ordinance not allowing Truck Traffic in the downtown. Chief Ramereiz stated he has obtained draft Ordinances and is working at putting together a Truck Route.

Public Comments.

Theo Von Wallmenich gave an update on air monitoring at the plant site and stated there are no concerns. Also, if anyone wants a tour of the plant site they are to contact Diane Russell, the Community Coordinator for the EPA

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 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, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Doug Brock – Michigan CAT, Ralph Echtenaw – Resident, one high school student

Member Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Allen, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 5, 2017. 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 \$477,674.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the November 2017 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Reed, supported by Allen, to receive the November 2017 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

None.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kelly requested approval of the following Consent Agenda items “a” through “g”.

- a. Payment to DEQ for NPDES Permit.
- b. Payment to T.H. Eifert for Chlorine Tank Project.
- c. Payment to R.B. Satkowiak for Chlorine Tank Cleaning.
- d. Payment to WM. F. Nelson for Switchgear Project.
- e. Payment to Bell Equipment for Sweeper Repairs.
- f. Payment to Bear Truss for Energy Smart Program.
- g. Assessor’s Report – Informational.

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

New Business.

Loader Trade-In/Purchase.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the purchase of a 2018 CAT 926M Wheel Loader in the amount of \$148,077.04 less the Trade-In of the 2015 CAT Wheel Loader in the amount of \$92,000.00 for a total expenditure of \$56,077.04.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Church, to approve the purchase of a 2018 CAT 926M Wheel Loader in the amount of \$148,077.04 less the Trade-In of the 2015 CAT Wheel Loader in the amount of \$92,000.00 for a total expenditure of \$56,077.04. All ayes carried the motion.

Purchase of Power.

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Letter of Authorization to purchase power by MPPA in the maximum commitment amount of \$31,410.00 July to December 2018.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to approve the Letter of Authorization to purchase power by MPPA in the maximum commitment amount of \$31,410.00 July to December 2018. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed Council members of the following:

The SECA refund in the amount of \$201,657.40 has been received.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed City Council of an accident that happened at the intersection of Main and Washington.

Council Comments.

Member Church informed Council that former Council Member Bill Shrum is going to be honored by the CAG at their upcoming meeting and invited Council to attend.

Mayor Kelly stated he received a compliment from a resident on the nice job DPW did with the snow cleanup.

Mayor Kelly inquired about the possibility of making Corinth Street no parking.

Discussion was held.

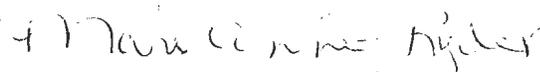
Chief Ramereiz will check into the matter.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Church, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.


Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk