

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Public participation was made available by Zoom or call-in.

Council Members Present: Via Zoom Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed (all members participated from within the City of St. Louis).

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – Public Works Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2021.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$761,120.16.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the January, 2021 Reports.

Member Kubin thanked Mark Abbott and staff for the great job plowing the downtown and whole City during the recent snowstorm.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to receive the January, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Fishbeck for Professional Services – Well 12.
- b. Payment to WesTech – WWTP Fine Screen and Fume Hood Replacement.
- c. Payment to Hammer Restoration – City Hall Flood Cleanup.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.”

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business.

Resignation from Parks Commission.

Manager Giles requested members accept Melissa Allen’s resignation from the Parks Commission due to her moving out of the City.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to accept Melissa Allen’s letter of resignation from the Parks Commission with regret.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resignation from Gratiot Area Water Authority (GAWA).

Manager Giles requested members accept Melissa Allen’s resignation from GAWA due to her moving out of the City.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to accept Melissa Allen’s letter of resignation from the GAWA with regret.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Appointment to GAWA.

Manager Giles stated Council Member Bill Leonard has expressed interest in serving on GAWA, and recommended members appoint Bill Leonard to GAWA.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to appoint Bill Leonard to fill the vacant position of Melissa Allen to GAWA.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None
Abstain: Leonard

Construction Phase Engineering Services Proposal – West State Street.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Rowe for the West State Street Reconstruction Construction Phase Engineering Services Proposal in the amount of \$99,000.00.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Proposal from Rowe for the West State Street Reconstruction Phase Engineering Services Proposal in the amount of \$99,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Proposal for Well Abandonment.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Water Supply Well Abandonment in the amount of \$70,700.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Water Supply Well Abandonment in the amount of \$70,700.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Dump Truck #32.

Manager Giles requested members approve Dump Truck #32 repairs by Weiland Truck in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve Dump Truck #32 repairs by Weiland Truck in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. We received notice that the generators had cleared on the MISO day-ahead market to run for some hours today and tomorrow. Prices were watched and it was determined that it was not cost effective the run them today. Tomorrow, prices will be watched, and a determination will be made based on cost effectiveness.
2. With the heavy snow fall, a few complaints from the public were received. Manager Giles commended DPW staff on clearing the snow throughout the City.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Collison asked if State Revenue has been steady. Finance Director stated yes, so far.

Mayor Kelly stated they did a nice job cleaning up of the corner of Washington and Watson after the recent fire and restaurant demolition.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw stated he has been publishing DPW's monthly report in the Sentinel and each report is viewed 140 to 150 times.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk