

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Public participation was made available by Zoom or call-in.

Council Members Present: 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:

Mark Abbott – Public Works Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2021, adding the date on the Senior Parade approval.

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$790,133.46.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the May, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes.

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

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

Ralph Echtinaw inquired about annexation and expired license plates.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to John Green for Fine Screen/Fume Hood Replacement.
- b. Payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services – Michigan Avenue Pump Station Replacement.
- c. Payment to Fisher Contracting for Michigan Avenue Pump Station Replacement.
- d. Payment No. 1 to Peerless Midwest for Well No. 12.
- e. Payment to OHM for Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
- f. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – DWRF Loan Project.
- g. Payment to Michigan Agri Business Solutions for Biosolid Land Application.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Reed, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “g.”

Ayes: Leonard, Reed, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business.

Purchase of Ferric Chloride for Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Purchase of Ferric Chloride, which is used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, from PVS Technologies in the amount of \$5,013.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the purchase of Ferric Chloride from PVS Technologies in the amount of \$5,013.00.

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Addendum to Concrete Replacement Project.

Manager Giles requested member approve the Addendum to the Concrete Replacement Project with Siefert Concrete to replace approximately 5,400 square feet of additional sidewalk in an amount of not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by, Reed, to approve the Addendum to the Concrete Replacement Project by Siefert Concrete in an additional amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Solar Power Purchase Authorization.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Solar Power Purchase Authorization through MPPA with Hart Solar Partners LLC for .5 MW in the estimated amount of \$826,614.00 and .2 MW with Calhoun County Solar Project LLC for 20 years in the estimated amount of \$351,845.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Solar Power Purchase Authorization through MPPA with Hart Solar Partners LLC for .5 MW in the estimated amount of \$826,614.00 and .2 MW with Calhoun County Solar Project LLC for 20 years in the estimated amount of \$351,845.00.

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles updated members on the following:

1. June 15, 2021 will be held via Zoom.
2. A Budget workshop will be held June 9th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
3. The US EPA now has two accounts from the Green Pricing Program.
4. City staff is in the process of upgrading the outdated phone system.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Members requested a hard copy of the 2021/2022 Budget prior to Wednesday's special meeting.

Leonard inquired on the Clapp Park Memorial that was stolen.

Kubin commented on competitive wage and the swimming pool staff.

Member Reed asked if the paving project is completed. Mark Abbott stated the North side of town would start in June or early July. Pine Street was also discussed.

Mayor Kelly stated he received a thank you from retired Fire Chief Rich Apps and he was very appreciative.

Public Comments.

None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Kubin Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk