

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Ralph Echtinaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Ashley and N. Fox – residents, Adam Upton – resident, Justin Gargano – resident, Dawn McKay

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$1,096,797.72. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the June, 2022 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to receive the June, 2022 Monthly Reports and place on file. Councilman Leonard requested more information on what Phil Hansen did for promotion of the July 16th event. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Ashley Fox stated she wants to open a low income daycare. She has been in touch with Dori

Foster and Phil Hansen, and Great Start to Quality (early childhood development). She is meeting with Parkside Assembly Church and is looking for more cooperation and help with funding.

Adam Upton asked where the help was for the July 16th event. Just disappointed with the lack of help.

Justin Gargano mentioned that he hears City personnel are difficult to work with, but had no examples.

Member Leonard thanked those that helped Saturday. He took some surveys and the event was the best time all summer. The dunk tank raised \$180.00 and he counted about 350 people at the concert.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Crawford Contracting for M-46 Water Main Project.
- b. Payment to Fisher Contracting for Michigan Avenue Pump Station.
- c. Payment to T.H. Eifert for Digester Mixer Rebuild.
- d. Payment to GEI Consultants for Dam Gate Inspection.
- e. Payment to Shults Equipment for Dump Box & Equipment.
- f. Payment to VC3 for Purchase of two Panasonic Touchscreen Notebooks.
- g. Change Order No. 1 from Isabella Corp. for Well 12.

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

New Business.

Temporary Street Closure.

Manager Giles requested members approve the request for the Historical Society to close Crawford Street to through traffic from 6:00 – 9:00 PM on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 for Evening in the Park.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the temporary closure of Crawford Street from 6:00 – 9:00 PM on July 26, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure.

Manager Giles requested members approve the temporary closure of the 100, 200, 300 blocks of North Mill Street on Thursday, August 25, 2022 from noon to approximately 4:00 PM for the Old US-27 Auto Tour.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the temporary closure of the 100, 200, 300 blocks of North Mill Street on Thursday, August 25, 2022 from noon to approximately 4:00 PM for the Old US-27 Auto Tour.

Resolution 2022-13 Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2022-13 – Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule.

Discussion was held.

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

Water Rate Schedule

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable November 1, 2022, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Commodity Charge	\$4.90

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

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

Meter Size	Monthly RTS Charge
5/8 inch	\$25.44
3/4 inch	\$25.44
1 inch	\$41.35
1 ¼ inch	\$52.75
1 ½ inch	\$59.62
2 inch	\$81.23
3 inch	\$117.89

4 inch	\$174.64
6 inch	\$283.02
8 inch	\$402.60
Monthly Water Flat Fee:	\$53.87
Outside City Water (2x):	\$107.74

- (c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$49.28, which shall include the monthly service charge.
- (d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$98.56 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:

Commodity Charge	\$5.93/1,000 gallons
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Monthly RTS Charge Based on Water Meter Size:

5/8 inch	\$33.04
3/4 inch	\$33.04
1 inch	\$53.69
1 ¼ inch	\$68.49
1 ½ inch	\$77.42
2 inch	\$105.48
3 inch	\$153.08
4 inch	\$226.76

6 inch	\$367.50
8 inch	\$522.76
Non-metered customers	\$66.53
Non-metered, non-City residents, when no rate agreement exists between the City and Township	\$133.06

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Reed

Nays: Leonard, Upton

Resolution declared adopted.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. The M-46 water main, main line has been pressure tested. May start installing laterals next week.
2. Well Abandonment and Well 12 still at a slow start.
3. Exterior upgrades at the Electric Plant Building have started. One additional area of EFIS removal & replacement was identified with an additional maximum cost of \$2,500.00.
4. The July 16th event was very well attended.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin had lots of positive comments on the July 16th event. Some questions on construction were answered by Keith Risdon.

Member Leonard advised that he and Liz will be pressing forward on ideas for community vitality.

Mayor Reed asked if someone from Granger was going to attend a meeting.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

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

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk