

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
May 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, May 3, 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, Phil Hanson – DDA Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Don Sherzer – Spicer Group, four high school students

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$566,150.13. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

Members discussed the April, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the April, 2022 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – DWAM.
- b. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.
- c. Payment to State of Michigan – State Street Reconstruction.

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

New Business.

Victorian Lighting for Street Lamp Expansion.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of items for six Victorian Lights for street lamp expansion along M-46 from Clinton to East Street from Border States in the amount of \$21,530.94.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the purchase of six additional Victorian Street Lamps from Border States in the amount of \$21,530.94. All ayes carried the motion.

Variable Frequency Drive Replacement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase/replacement of the Variable Frequency Drive at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Hamlett Environmental in the amount of \$5,293.77.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase/ replacement of the Variable Frequency Drive at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Hamlett Environmental in the amount of \$5,293.77. All ayes carried the motion.

Fireworks Permit and other July 16, 2022 Activities.

Manager Giles stated that due to supply chain issues the 4th of July Fireworks has to be moved to July 16th. Council gave a long-standing approval to have them the first Saturday in July. This will still be the case for the following years unless there are still supply issues.

Manager Giles requested members approve the fireworks permit for July 16, 2022.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the permit for fireworks for July 16, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

The following other activities to be held in connection with the fireworks were discussed:

City wide garage sales July 14, 15 & 16.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the City Wide Garage Sales weekend July 14-16. All ayes carried the motion.

Night swim at the pool July 16th. Additionally this will be a free swim event sponsored by Tom & Mary Reed.

Moved by Upton, supported by Collison, to approve night swim at the pool July 16th. All ayes carried the motion.

Bounce Houses in Clapp Park sponsored by Park Side Assembly on July 16, pending approval of plan and insurance.

Moved by Collison supported by Kubin, to approve bounce house activity in Clapp Park, pending proper insurance is obtained. All ayes carried the motion.

Members discussed a list of other ideas for the July 16th event. More logistical information is needed to act on any other items at this time.

Orchard Hills Area Municipal Water Service Project Design Engineering.

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Area Municipal Water Service Project Design Engineering in the amount of \$94,200.00 to be reimbursed by the US EPA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the proposal from Spicer Group for Orchard Hills Water Service Design in the amount of \$94,200.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2022-04 Pine and Center Street Reconstruction.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Collison, and supported by Member Upton:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is applying for \$250,000.00 in funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program to construct a new asphalt pavement with concrete curb and gutter on North Pine and Center Street.

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining these infrastructure projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City has authorized Kurt Giles, City Manager, to act as agent on behalf of the City to request Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding, to act as the applicant’s agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City attests to the existence of, and commits to, providing a least \$2,300,452.00 toward the construction costs of the project, and all costs for design, permit fees, administration costs, and cost overruns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City commits to owning, operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding.

Ayes: Collison, Upton, Kubin, Leonard, Reed

Nays: None

Absent:

Resolution Declared Adopted.

2022 Fishing Derby.

Manager Giles requested members approve the revised Fishing Derby Terms and Agreements, which replaces the St. Louis Lions Club with the St. Louis VFW and will be held June 11, 2022.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the revised Fishing Derby Terms and Agreements. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. The annual Chamber Dinner is Thursday at the YFC in Alma.
2. A Tentative Agreement has been reached with the POAM.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz stated May 15th is the start of Police week. May 15th at 2:30 p.m. is the Public Ceremony at the First Baptist Church.

Council Comments.

Member Kubin commended Mayor Reed on his Newsletter articles. Also, if we are doing a “Festival” we should have a work session to discuss it, not discussing it in a business meeting.

Member Leonard agreed.

Member Leonard stated he is getting a lot of complaints on the solid waste changes.

Mayor Reed stated at Coffee with the Mayor, a lady had a big list of questions, mostly about solid waste.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk