

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
October 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed

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, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

## **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$450,523.39. All ayes carried the motion.

## **Monthly Board Minutes.**

City Council discussed the September, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to receive the September, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

## **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

## **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to MECA for 2022 Safety Dues.
- b. Payment Rowe for Professional Services – State Street Reconstruction.

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

## **New Business.**

### **Election of MML Board of Director Candidates.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to Elect the listed Candidates to the MML Board of Directors. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Resignation from Library Board.**

Manager Giles requested members accept the resignation of Theresa Jewell from the Library Board as she will be joining the staff, filling a part time position.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to accept the resignation of Theresa Jewell along with a thank you. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Annual Homecoming Community Bonfire.**

Chief Ramereiz stated the St. Louis High School Pep Club is requesting a recreational fire permit for the community bonfire to kick off homecoming week on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at approximately 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the recreational fire permit for the community bonfire on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at approximately 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. all ayes carried the motion.

### **Purchase of 2022 Pick Up for the Electric Department.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of a 2022 Silverado Pick Up for the Electric Department from Berger Chevrolet, which will replace the 2008 Dodge, in the amount of \$34,405.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of a 2022 Silverado Pick Up from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$34,405.00. All ayes carried the motion.

**Bid Award for Water Service Lines at 805 and 806 Prospect Street.**

Manager Giles requested members Award the Bid for Water Service Lines at 805 and 806 Prospect Street to Butcher Excavating, which was the only bid received, in the amount of \$10,242.00. This is proposed as part of the EPA project relative to the burn pit and will be reimbursed by the US EPA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to Award the Bid for Water Service Lines at 805 and 806 Prospect Street to Butcher Excavating in the amount of \$10,242.00.

All ayes carried the motion.

**Discuss Upcoming Solid Waste Contract.**

Manager Giles stated the current solid waste contract expires the end of April. The Solid Waste Authority has begun having meetings to discuss the next 5 year RFP . Some of the discussion items were switching to a cart system and recycling.

Discussion was held.

**City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles reminded members that Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 a.m. Pat Outman will be in the Multi-Purpose room for coffee hour. Also the Block Party is October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m.

Manager Giles informed members that the Michigan Avenue Pump Station project is complete and they are working through the final details for restoration of the lot.

**City Clerk Report.**

Nothing to report.

**Police Chief Report.**

Chief Ramereiz stated the following:

Officer Kolhoff has completed training and is doing a fabulous job so far.  
Sergeant Forshee has been busy with CSC cases and should be recognized for her dedication.  
Officer Balke is the Departments Drug Recognition Expert.  
Jessica Little has done an incredible job on the new City webpage.  
Kudos to them all.

**Council Comments.**

Member Leonard stated the old Doctor's office building that was on the Michigan Avenue lot can't be duplicated. The building was too big for the lot.

Member Reed asked the status of the charging stations for electric vehicles. Manager Giles stated some progress has been made and he will continue to pursue this item.

**Public Comments.**

There were no comments.

**Closed Session to Discuss Property Purchase.**

Motion by Kubin, supported by Reed, to go into closed session to discuss property purchase at 6:50 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Return to Open Session.**

Council returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk