

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, November 16, 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, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, St. Louis Coach Jay Puffpaff, St. Louis Boys Cross Country Team and residents.

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation – St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team Division 3 – Lower Peninsula Championship.

Mayor Kelly presented the following Proclamation to the St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team:

Whereas, the St. Louis City Council wishes to congratulate the St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team on winning the Division 3 – Lower Peninsula Championship Title in the State of Michigan and;

Whereas, the City of St. Louis recognizes the St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team for the effort and dedication put forth and their outstanding performance in representing the St. Louis Community;

Now, therefore, I James C. Kelly, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the 16th day of November, 2021 as St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team Day in the City of St. Louis and dedicate this day to the St. Louis High School Boys Cross Country Team for their exceptional performance and championship win.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 2, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$410,929.34. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the November, 2021 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to receive the November, 2021 Monthly Reports 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 item “a” as shown below:

- a. Cable Consortium Minutes - Receive.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve Consent Agenda item “a.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2021-14 – 2022 Council Meeting Dates.

Manager Giles informed members that City Charter states that Council shall designate by Resolution at the first meeting following each election which days of the month shall be meeting days and recommended adoption of the Resolution.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kubin, and supported by Member Reed:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Saint Louis, Gratiot County, Michigan, pursuant to Act 261 Michigan Public Acts of 1968, and in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, hereby gives notice to the public of the regular meeting schedule for the calendar year 2022.

WHEREAS, The City Council, in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Saint Louis City Charter, is required to hold meetings, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of January following the

regular City election, for the purpose of installation of newly elected Council Members. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice each month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the dates for holding said regular meetings shall be as follows:

January 3	April 5	July 5	October 4
January 18	April 19	July 19	October 18
February 1	May 3	August 2	November 1
February 15	May 17	August 16	November 15
March 1	June 7	September 6	December 6
March 15	June 21	September 20	December 20

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby establishes as its place and time for holding aforesaid regular meetings as the City Council Chambers, City Office Building, 300 North Mill Street, Saint Louis, Michigan at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

Renewal of Financial Data System.

Manager Giles requested members approve to renew the Munetrix Financial Data System that is used to manage various reports that are submitted to the State.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to approve the renewal of the Munetrix Financial Data System for a period of 3-years in the amount of \$4,280.00 annually for a total amount of \$12,840.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Professional Services.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for Residential Well Groundwater Monitoring in the amount of \$11,710.00, which will be reimbursed by the US EPA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for Residential Well Groundwater Monitoring in the amount of \$11,710.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Professional Services.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for Extended Groundwater Elevation Monitoring in the amount of \$28,000.00, which will be reimbursed by the US EPA.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Proposal from Fishbeck for Professional Services for Extended Groundwater Elevation Monitoring in the amount of \$28,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Monitoring Equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of Monitoring Equipment from Hach for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$13,248.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the purchase of Monitoring Equipment from Hach in the amount of \$13,248.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Replacement of Digester Gas Mixer.

Manager Giles requested members approve the replacement of the Digester Gas Mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$13,675.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the replacement of the Digester Gas Mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$13,675.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal for Additional Design Work.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Proposal from OHM for additional design work for Water Main Replacement M-46 from Pine to Clinton Street in the amount of \$41,510.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the Proposal from OHM for additional design work for Water Main Replacement M-46 from Pine to Clinton Street in the amount of \$41,510.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Discuss Employee Appreciation Dinner.

Manager Giles stated due to Covid, the Employee Appreciation Dinner has not been held since 2019 and asked members their thoughts on holding the dinner again.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

The Insitu-Thermal heating should be complete the first part of December at the former plant site. Meetings are being scheduled to discuss the burn pit area.

Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis will be meeting to discuss the Trail connectivity.

An Open House is being planned for Mayor Kelly's retirement on December 16th. Invitations will be mailed.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz informed members he is part of the Critical Incident Management Team. Also, he is in the process of hiring an officer to fill the final open position on the department.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard told members he did a ride-a-long with the Police Department and is very impressed. Officer Bahlke and Officer Kohloff do an awesome job for the City.

Member Kubin thanked everyone for the support in voting for him to serve another term on City Council.

Member Collison inquired about the Mutual Aid Agreement between Alma and St. Louis.

Discussion was held.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk