

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, October 19, 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, Fares Azzam - Resident

Member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Closed Session Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes held on October 5, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$268,625.16. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the September, 2021 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the October, 2021 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Ralph Echtenaw inquired on the placement of campaign signs. Chief Ramereiz stated he is in the process of reviewing the ordinance and zoning language.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – DWAM Plan.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services – Michigan Ave. Pump Station.
- c. Approval/Payment to Butcher Excavating for Pipe Replacement.

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

New Business.

Sale of Property – 504 West Prospect & 511 Sharon Street.

Manager Giles stated that there is interest in the City owned property located at 504 West Prospect and 511 Sharon Street. The property was listed for sale in 2012 for \$12,000.00 – W. Prospect and \$8,000.00 for Sharon Street with little or no interest since.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the sale of 504 West Prospect and 511 Sharon Street in the amount of \$22,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Revised Quote for Purchase of 2022 Silverado Pickup.

Manager Giles stated the purchase of the Pickup for the Electric Department that members approved at the last meeting has changed due to availability and requested members approve the revised quote for an additional amount of \$4,588.00 for a total purchase amount of \$38,993.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the revised quote for the purchase of a 2022 Silverado Pickup or the Electric Department in the amount of \$38,993.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda.

Purchase/Trade of #47 John Deere Tractor.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase/trade of the 2017 #47 John Deere Tractor with bucket and salter from John Deere through the exchange program in the amount of \$24,000.00.

The total cost of a new tractor is \$47,000 and exchange of the 2017 John Deere is \$23,000 leaving a balance of \$24,000. The amount budgeted was \$22,000.00

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the purchase/trade of the John Deere Tractor from John Deere in the amount of \$24,000.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated the water service lines for two houses on Prospect Street have been installed and the only thing left is to have their wells capped.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard asked the status of hiring a Public Works Supervisor. Keith Risdon stated the position will be posted internally tomorrow.

Member Kubin inquired on the condition of the multi-family house on Center Street. Manager Giles stated Dori and Paul are checking into it.

Mayor Kelly stated he thought the Block Party went well and was well attended.

Discussion was held on the recent incident that occurred in the City of Alma.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk