

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Conference Call.

Council Members Present: Via Conference Call 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 – via Conference Call
Police Sergeant: Kristi Forshee

Others in Attendance: Karen Aumauger – Resident, Dora Booty – Resident

Others in Attendance Via Conference Call:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, Tom Alcamo – US EPA, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2020.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$361,547.15.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to receive the July Monthly Reports and place on file.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

Resident Karen Aumauger stated she has lived at 629 Michigan Avenue for 35 years and the sewer back up in her bathroom that occurred on August 10th has to be prevented from ever happening again. She only has one bathroom and cleaned the mess up herself. She did experience this about five years ago. Manager Giles stated the back-up was due jet cleaning and is periodic maintenance. Since the back-up, the process has been revisited to avoid future situations.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to compensate Karen the amount of \$250.00 as a one-time payment for the loss of items and time spent cleaning due to the sewer back up that occurred on August 10, 2020.

Resident Dora Booty stated the streetlight is gone across from her residence on Michigan Avenue. Manager Giles stated he would check and follow up with her.

Tom Alcamo gave an update on the former Velsicol site cleanup project. Electric use should go down by the end of September. So far 180,000 lbs. of contamination have been removed. Phase II of the cleanup process will begin in April/May of 2021.

Members thanked Tom for the update.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Core Technology for Annual Maintenance.
- b. Payment to Rowe for Professional Services – Water Main Replacement.
- c. Payment to Baders for Mower Trade/Purchase.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “c.”

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None
Motion carried.

New Business.

Orchard Hills Area Water Services Agreement.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Orchard Hills Area Water Services Agreement between the City and Pine River Township, which reflects a revised rate in the service area.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the Orchard Hills Area Water Services Agreement between the City and Pine River Township.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discuss Future Farmers Market Site.

Manager Giles stated the Parks and Recreation Commission met this past Monday to discuss the possibility of the North half of Clapp Park being a future home to the Farmers Market and the vote to use Clapp Park was a 4 to 3 vote in favor of the location. Council is being given a chance to act or offer a survey from the community. Regardless, we would like to move forward in search of a site.

Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the Council to not use Clapp Park as a future home to the Farmers Market.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles stated Verification Testing on the Diesel Engines has been completed.

City Clerk Report.

None.

Police Chief Report.

None.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated he would like to add to the motion on the sewer back up that this was a one-time action and will be determined on a case by case basis in the future.

Mayor Kelly inquired on the status of the former Crippen building. Manager Giles stated the property description is being looked at.

Public Comments.

Ralph Echtenaw asked about the status of the Police Grievance. Manager Giles stated a meeting is scheduled in September.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk