

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
December 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Conference Call due to Covid-19. Public participation was made available by conference call or in-person at City Hall.

Council Members Present: Via Conference Call Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed (all members called-in from St. Louis, Michigan).

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles – City Hall Council Chambers
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder – via Conference Call
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz – City Hall Council Chambers

Others in Attendance Via Conference Call:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – Public Works Superintendent, Max Clever – Spicer Group

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2020.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$453,212.44.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the Monthly Reports.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kubin

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. EO Report - Receive.
- b. Payment to Michigan CAT for purchase of CAT Wheel Loader.
- c. Payment to ETNA for Sensus Annual Hosting Fee.
- d. Payment to EGLE for Annual NPDES Permit.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve Consent Agenda item “a” through “d”

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business.

Drinking Water Asset Management Plan Grant.

Manager Giles stated Keith has been working with Spicer to prepare a grant application for a Drinking Water Asset Management Plan Grant available through EGLE. He is requesting members approve to enter into the agreement and authorize Keith Risdon to sign the Letter Agreement with Spicer Group.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the grant application and authorize Keith Risdon to sign the Letter Agreement with Spicer Group.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Purchase of Cable for the Electric Department.

Manager Giles requested members approve the purchase of 5,000 feet of cable for the Electric Department from Border States in the amount of \$13,400.00. This purchase replaces what was used at the cleanup site and adds to stock for future use.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the purchase of 5,000 feet of cable from Border States in the amount of \$13,400.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

A Zoom meeting was held by the MML and they are confident that holding meetings virtually through March of 2021 will be approved.

Due to COVID-19, City Offices are closed to the public until January 15, 2021.

There have been issues with our solid waste haulers due to drivers being sick, quarantined and new drivers filling in.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated the utility work being done at the corner of Cheesman and Michigan Avenue makes it difficult to see when pulling onto Michigan Avenue due to the equipment being used which is blocking the view. Member Leonard stated the equipment was moved a little bit today making it a little easier to see oncoming cars.

Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Kelly stated e-mails are being sent from him which are spam. Check the e-mail address to make sure it is his e-mail address.

Mayor Kelly stated he was notified that the Governor ordered flags at ½ staff for 10 days and thanked the Police Department and Manager Giles for already having this done when he called.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk