

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Phil Hansen – DDA Director, David Justin – Candidate for County Commission, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Adam Upton – Resident (6:30 p.m.)

Member Upton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$1,333,930.58. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the July, 2022 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to receive the July, 2022 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

David Justin introduced himself and informed members he was running for County

Commissioner in the November Election.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment No. 1 to Isabella Corp. for Well 12 Well House & Raw Watermain.
- b. Payment No. 1 to Ward Excavating for Well Abandonment Project.
- c. Payment No. 3 to Crawford Contracting for M-46 Watermain Project.
- d. Payment to Belle Equipment for Leaf Trailer.
- e. Payment to Hutson for Tractor Purchase/Trade.
- f. Payment to Border States for LED Street Lamps.
- g. Payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services – Orchard Hills Well Water Disconnect.
- h. Payment to Signature Painting for Exterior Painting of the Electric Department Building.
- i. 2021 Annual Customer Summary – Receive.

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

New Business.

Fall 2022 Basic Police Training Academy.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Fall 2022 Basic Police Training Academy for Jakin Charles Clark in the amount of \$8,353.00. If the participant does not finish the academy, he will be required to repay the City for the training. Jakin will also be required to work for the St. Louis Police Department for 3-years after he graduates the academy.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the Fall 2022 Basic Police Training Academy for Jakin Charles Clark in the amount of \$8,353.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Recommendation from Parks Commission.

Manager Giles requested members approve the request from the Parks Commission to appoint Ranae Wolf to the Parks Commission to fill the vacancy.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to appoint Ranae Wolfe to the Parks & Recreation Commission. All ayes carried the motion.

Demo of Buildings – 110 West Jackson Road.

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Tri Terra for demolition of buildings at 110 West Jackson Road, which consist of the house and an outbuilding, in the amount of \$28,402.00.

Tri Terra Environmental firm will be the General Contractor. Best Excavation was low bidder from the demolition. Prime LLC was the low bidder for Asbestos removal.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard to approve the proposal from Tri Terra for Demolition of the buildings at 110 West Jackson Road in the amount of \$28,402.00. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reviewed the Energy Optimization Plan, Solar Energy Projects and the Wholesale Electric Agreement. More to follow.

Manager Giles stated that due to scheduling conflicts, Mayor Reed will be resigning from the Gratiot Area Water Authority and are looking for a replacement. The replacement does not have to be a Council Member. Giles believed the GAWA member needs to be a City resident but will double check if this is a requirement.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz reminded members that this Friday, the Goldwing Motorcycle Light Parade is scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

Council Comments.

Member Collison stated the Electric building looks nice since it has been painted.

Member Kubin commented on the Sun Flowers by the EPA site and the Electric Sub-Station.

Member Leonard stated there have been issues between himself and Phil Hansen lately. He, the City Manager and Phil had a meeting and talked through several issues. Member Leonard apologized to Phil at the meeting but would also like to apologize publicly. Member Leonard Thanked all City staff for the work they do for this City.

Mayor Reed thanked member Leonard for his comments.

A couple of blight houses were discussed.

Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Kubin, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk