

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018- 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Ellery, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Mike Booth, City Superintendent; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 5 people in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA – LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda items A., B. and C. as presented.

- A. City Council Minutes of December 18, 2017 Regular Meetings: Approved
- B. St. Clair Historical Commission Minutes of November 9, 2017 Meeting: Received
- C. Resignation from Historical Commission: Accepted with Regrets

PRESENTATION

Introduction of Police Chief-Timothy Raker- Chief Raker was promoted within the St. Clair Police department December 14, 2017. His impressive list of accomplishments span 36 years of law enforcement experience including 29 years of patrol/investigation/supervisory, 6 years of investigative/supervisory in the St. Clair County court system, a criminal justice degree and was team leader for FEMA/Dmort recovery teams for Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, the Haiti earthquake in 2010 and Joplin, Missouri tornado. Chief Raker also has volunteered his time in the community as Explorer's Advisor with the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross and was past president of the St. Clair County DARE program, just to name a few.

Certificate of Appreciation- Chief Raker presented a "Life Saving" Award to Officer Travis Summerer whose decisive action saved the life of a St. Clair resident. Thank you for your exceptional service on that day and every day you serve and protect.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – The 2016-17 financial audit will begin January 22. Trash collection will be delayed to 1/5/18 this week due to the New Year Holiday.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- A re-cap of 2017 special events was stated with several highlights on what to expect in 2018.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative – Winter White Out Bootlegger Balladeer and Poet Laureate Contest now accepting entries. The event will be held at Lacroix's Riverside Pub 1/24/18 @7pm. All information is available on the city website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Boards and Commissions Appointments- Mayor Cedar reported recommendations for appointments of residents to various city authorities, boards, and commissions as follows:

Board of Review - Reappoint Blake Eitniew, Bill Engelgau, Ken Mattock, Jason Stoltz and Judith Shaune for one year terms expiring December 31, 2018.

Building Commission – Reappoint Delos Boulter, Richard Jefferson and Chad Muldermans for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Cemetery Board of Trustees – Reappoint Nancy Germain for a three year term expiring December 31, 2020.

Downtown Development Authority – Reappoint Tim Burns, Alan Johnson, Bill Kauffman, Bryan Neiman, Roy Klecha and Paul Wade for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Golf Commission –Reappoint Grace Hurley, Sharon Pappas, Michael Pappas, Tracy Conlin and Rick Schwehofer for four year terms expiring December 31, 2021.

Harbor Commission – Reappoint James Harkins for a three year term expiring December 31, 2020 and appoint Kelly Klemmer and Tony Larch for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Historical Commission – Reappoint Timothy Backhurst & Betty Fenner for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020. Reappoint Katie Krebs for a 1 year term expiring December 31, 2018.

Housing Commission- Reappoint Ryan Barck for a five year term expiring December 31, 2022.

Library Board – Reappoint Ruth Bauer and Bette Stencil for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020. Reappoint Kathy McConnell for a one year term expiring December 31, 2018.

Planning Commission – Reappoint Matthew Griffor and Steve Grates for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Planning Maintenance Board of Appeals- Reappoint Delos Boulter, Urban Griffor and Chad Muldermans for three year terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Recreation Commission Reappoint Dolores Toepel for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2020.

Reappoint, with residency waiver:

Historical Commission-Frederick Miller, 38444 James Drive, Clinton Township for a three year term expiring December 31, 2020.

Appoint the following as Council Representatives each for a one year term expiring December 31, 2018: Member Kindsvater-Golf Commission; Kuffa-DDA and Harbor Commission; LaPorte-Planning Commission; McCartney-Cemetery Board of Trustees, Library Board and Recreation Commission.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointments as recommended, including residency waiver for Frederick Miller and with the correction to update Ryan Barck's term to expire 2022.

Vacancies include Beautification Commission, Board of Review (Ward 1) and Cemetery Board of Trustees. Applications are available at City Hall or www.cityofstclair.com.

Schedule public hearing for sign variance request- The City Clerk has received an application from St. Clair Ace Hardware, 201 N. Riverside Avenue, to appeal Section 8.32 of the Zoning Ordinance, Article 8B, Downtown Redevelopment District. The City Council must give public notice and afford an opportunity for a hearing to the applicant and to all persons whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property that is the subject of the request.

To allow for proper noticing of the hearing, it is recommended that this public hearing be scheduled for 7:00pm on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the City Council Chambers, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair MI 48079.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing as recommended.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – December 21 and December 29, 2017

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending December 21, 2017 (check numbers 44812 - >44849) in the amount of \$46,284.79 and December 29, 2017 (check numbers 44850 ->44870) in the amount of \$207,561.07 were presented for Council review.

Ellery moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of December 21 & December 29, 2017 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Chili-Heart 5k registration is now open. Visit www.RunSignup.com or see link on the city website calendar. The race is Saturday, February 10. The East China Educational Foundation holds this yearly event with proceeds funding bi-annual grants that benefit students of East China School District.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Administration requested to confirm city service date of Christmas Tree curbside pick-up.

CLOSED SESSION- McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to grant request for Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel for the Purpose of Discussing a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication Concerning a Legal Opinion from Counsel.

Ayes: Ellery, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar
Nays: None

At 7:16pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:31pm.
Attorney Downey joined meeting at 7:41pm.
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:32pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor