

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 547 N CARNEY DRIVE**

Mayor Cedar convened the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Foley, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney.

ABSENT: Member Klieman.

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; James T Downey, Jr; Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Rick Jefferson, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 5 people in attendance.

(Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED to record the absence of Member Klieman as excused)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. City Council Minutes of December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. St. Clair Historical Commission Minutes of November 12, 2015 Meeting: Received
- C. Accept resignation from Historical Commission: Accepted with Regrets

PRESENTATIONS

Dan Casey, Economic Development Alliance- Mr. Casey presented the Strategic Economic Plan for 2015-2019 and began with an overview of EDA current staff. Five main goals are to create and promote jobs and investment, increase community vitality, allow competitive talent, showcase Blue Water assets and continue with program sustainability. There are 4 ways to succeed in those goals: incenting and supporting our growing businesses, partnerships, market dynamism, and streaming P3's (private sector-led investment supported by government). Success will be achieved by using tools for creating a culture of success which include attraction, retention & expansion, talent enhancement and economic gardening. A Pilot program is scheduled for January 18th to assist with employment. It is a 13 day training program that will give basic skills to allow hiring and aid in retention of their employment. Another program will be to create groups of 10-12 high school students to solve real-life business problems. Community Collaboration Projects include Eastern Michigan Manufacturing Association (EMMA), Blue Meets Green.Org (BMG), TechPort Co-working and Business Accelerator (TechPort) and Canadian Appreciation Weekend. There are many more regional partners on several programs and initiatives. Community Investment and Projected Jobs year-to-date included 483 jobs. The City of St. Clair projects were Cargill Salt, International Automotive Components, Norma Group and War Water Brewery. Projects underway include 3 industrial and 3 commercial expansion projects, the St. Clair Inn, part of a regional Housing Study and Intermodel Rail Study. The Community Foundation will help offset the cost of the Housing

Study. There has been \$20 million so far invested into St. Clair. Through the EDA, 69 jobs have been created, there were 14 company visits, there was distribution of the St. Clair Industrial Park mailer and flyover video and a Region 6 CEDS and Regional Prosperity Plan.

Social media, trade show and events, multiple communication mediums and promotion of the Blue Water Image assist in promoting the area. The EDA will commit to a bi-annual presentation at a public Council meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (16-01) Support Goals and Objectives of the Economic Development Alliance-RESOLVED, that the City of St. Clair supports the goals and objectives of the Economic Development Alliance's 2015-2019 Economic Development Strategic Plan.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (16-01) as presented.

Ayes: Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Foley, Kindsvater, Cedar

Nays: None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent-The City's financial audit will commence February 8th.

City Attorney – None

City Departments – None

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Special Events Permit for Special Olympics Polar Plunge- Council received a memorandum from the Police Chief containing a recommendation for approval of a special events permit for Special Olympics Michigan to conduct a polar plunge benefit at the St Clair Boat Harbor on February 21, 2016 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. All necessary documents have been received and approval is respectively recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve issuance of the Special Olympics Michigan special events permit as recommended.

Appointments of 2016 Boards and Commission Members-

Mayor Cedar reported recommendations for appointments to various City authorities, boards, and commissions as follows:

Board of Review - Reappoint Ralph Schmoling, 1011 N. Second Street, and Julian Sullivan, 229 Benedict Street, for one year terms expiring December 31, 2016.

Board of Cemetery Trustees – Reappoint Colleen Gilin, 1075 N. Sixth Street, Nancy Schriener, 619 Highland Drive, and Jeanne Sullivan, 229 Benedict Street, for three year terms expiring December 31, 2018. Appoint Member McCartney council representative for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Downtown Development Authority-Reappoint William McCumby, 1980 Fairway Glenn Lane, St. Clair Township, for a four year term expiring December 31, 2019. Appoint Member Kuffa council

representative for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Golf Commission –Member Kindsvater council representative for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Harbor Commission – Appoint Nancy Beaudua, 1170 S. Twelfth Street, for a three year term expiring December 31, 2018 and Chuck Harder, 1919 Jackson, to fulfill a three year term expiring December 31, 2016. Member Kuffa council representative for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Historical Commission – Reappoint Mary Beaudua, 1170 S. Twelfth Street, Ron Brenner, 3494 Barberry Drive, North Street, MI, Georgiana Burns, 1539 S. Riverside #6, Robert Freehan, 1711 River Road, East China and Joann Kindsvater, 1867 River Road, for three year terms expiring December 31, 2018. Appoint Member Klieman council representative for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Library Board – Reappoint Mike McCartan for a three year term expiring December 31, 2018. Appoint Member McCartney council representative for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Planning Maintenance Board of Appeals- Reappoint Dee Boulier for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Requires a residency waiver:

William McCumby, 1980 Fairway Glenn Lane, St. Clair Twp, Mi 48079 (DDA)

Ron Brenner, 3494 Barberry Drive, North Street, MI 48049 (Historical Commission)

Robert Freehan, 1711 River Road, East China, MI 48054 (Historical Commission)

Joann Kindsvater, 1867 River Road, St. Clair Twp, MI 48079 (Historical Commission)

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to confirm the Mayoral appointments of City of St. Clair residents, to authorities, boards, and commissions as listed. (Voice vote)

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to confirm the Mayoral appointments and approve residency waivers to non-residents to authorities, boards, and commissions as listed. (Voice vote: Nay: McCartney)

There are current vacancies in the following Boards and Commission: Beautification (3), Board of Review (1—Ward 2), Cemetery Board of Trustees (1), Historical Commission (1), Planning Commission (1) and Recreation Commission (1).

Vacancies have been communicated on televised City Council meetings, the City website, the City of St. Clair Facebook page and printed in the paper as part of the meeting synopsis’.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – December 28, 2015

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending December 28, 2015 (check numbers 40396 -> 40441) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payment of December 28, 2015 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Chief Jefferson summarized the snow emergency procedure in the City. A snow emergency is automatic when 4 inches or more of accumulation occurs. Per Ordinance, the Chief of Police, Superintendent or DPW supervisor can determine when parking can be prohibited on the streets. Communication includes local radio and added to the Voyageur Marquee.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- The 2016 Bootlegger Balladeer and Poet Laureate will be held January 27, 2016 at 7pm at LaCroix's Riverside Pub. Winners will receive monetary prizes and will be announced at a regular council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:38pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr, Mayor