

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 547 N CARNEY DRIVE**

Mayor Pro Tem LaPorte 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 as led by members of the St. Mary's Junior Varsity basketball team.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem LaPorte, Members Foley, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, McCartney.

ABSENT: Mayor Cedar (excused).

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

AUDIENCE: There were 23 people in attendance.

(Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to excuse Mayor Cedar)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approved

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Certificates for 2016 St Clair Poet Laureate and Bootlegger Balladeers

Dan Lockwood summarized the story behind the song and poem request for this year's contest.

Jaime Chan recited his poem, John Sawher-The Escape, and was presented a Certificate of Recognition as St. Clair's 2016 Poet Laureate.

Mike Dowd performed his song, Sargent Crane, Lee and Me, and was presented a Certificate of Recognition as St. Clair's 2016 Bootlegger Balladeer.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Adoption 2016-03 Chapter 10 (Animals) Penalty for violation-

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2016-03 as presented.

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

Nays: None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent- A River Geomorphologist from Environmental Consulting and Technologies, Inc. (ECT), visited the St. Clair Highway detour sight and the evaluation states the slope failure is

not from the forces of the river, but is a geotechnical failure. There is possibly too much weight on the soil matrix which deems it unstable. The sheet wall does not appear to be properly anchored. The recommendation is to complete geotechnical boring to receive more data for analysis. An RFP to conduct that work will be submitted accordingly.

Administration will attend a Scrap Tire Grant meeting tomorrow to discuss advancements in rubber asphalt supplies. The associated work with the current grant has been on hold because of the lack of a supplier. The list of local roads scheduled for crack sealing will be completed soon. The boat harbor parking lot received crack sealing attention last season.

City Attorney – Update on SB571, the pending lawsuit was resolved and placed a stay on the law, so everything is back to status quo. Attorney Downey congratulated the St. Mary's Junior Varsity 4-6 grade Blue Water Parochial School League Champs and acknowledged their second place during the tournament. Congratulations to Coach Mark Kehoe and Deacon John Fitzmaurice.

City Departments – Reminder of the 2016 Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 8. The ballot also includes a local proposal requesting continuation of the current levied 2.49 mills that, if approved, will be allocated specifically for local road repair and maintenance. For a sample ballot visit Michigan.gov/vote.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Special Events permit for Salmon Steak Fishing Tournament

Police Chief Jefferson explained the request from the Voyageur to host the annual Salmon Stakes Fishing Tournament on April 30, 2016. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is recommended.

Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Voyageur Restaurant Salmon Stakes Tournament special events permit request. Motion passed unanimously with Member LaPorte abstaining.

Approve Special Events permit for National MS Society, MS Walk

Police Chief Jefferson explained the request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter to host their annual MS Fundraising Walk on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The applicant has complied with the requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter, special events permit request as recommended.

Approve request for Temporary Outdoor Service permit-Voyageur Restaurant

Police Chief Jefferson explained the request for temporary authorization of a liquor license to be used in a temporary outdoor service area adjacent to the Voyageur in conjunction with the Offshore Boat Races on July 28-31, 2016, and offered a recommendation that the permit be approved.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Voyageur Restaurant temporary outdoor service permit request. Motion passed unanimously with Member LaPorte abstaining.

Acknowledgement of American Legion Post 382 Memorial Day Parade

Police Chief Jefferson announced the date of the annual American Legion Post 382 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 1:00pm. No action required.

Approve CLEMIS agreement

Most St. Clair County Police Departments are using the same Information Technology Service. The City of St. Clair Police Department has been using the services for the past year. Council's approval of the updated agreement is requested and the document will receive the appropriate signatures as required.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve the CLEMIS agreement as presented.

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

Nays: None

Approve application and letter of credit for Haul Route Permit

The application and supporting required documents which would allow Biewer Lumber and Rivers Bend Marina to use sections of St. Clair Highway and Bree road during Spring of 2016 were brought before council for approval prior to submittal to the St. Clair County Road Commission.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve the application and supporting documents for a Haul Route permit as presented.

Approve appointment to Boards and Commissions-

Mayor Pro Tem LaPorte reported recommendation for re-appointment of Barbara Dodea, 815 Cass, to the Board of Review, for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to confirm the Mayoral appointment as listed.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – February 5 & February 12, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending February 5, 2016 (check numbers 40603 ->40647) and February 12, 2016 (check numbers 40648 ->40707) were presented for Council review.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of February 5, 2016 and February 12, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- The new owner of the St. Clair Inn met with several community groups for an open discussion regarding property plans.

CLOSED SESSION

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to grant request for closed session to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with employees represented by the Police Officers Labor Council, POLC.

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

Nays: None

At 7:44pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:34pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:35pm

