

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 7:06pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION: James T Downey, Jr; Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Katie Stepp, Harbormaster; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 7 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS – Mayor Cedar requested the addition of New Business D) Ratify POLC Contract approval. No objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. City Council Minutes of February 15, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approve
- B. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of November 17, 2015 Meeting: Receive
- C. St. Clair Harbor Commission Minutes of February 20, 2016 Meeting: Receive

PRESENTATIONS

St. Clair Library Annual Report –Julie Alef, Library Commission, summarized the many opportunities available at the St. Clair Library. There are currently many programs for all age groups, all have varying attendance. The library staff is open to ideas for all-ages programming. What does the community want to see available? The ability to locate specific books from virtually anywhere and have it available locally for loan is a spotlight of the library system. There are computers and new color copiers available, many on-line programs and databases available free of charge. The staff ranges from decades of service to just a few years, and the group works well together. The office staff will assist in any way to help with any of the resources. Library card holders can even take free college classes. The facility itself is holding up well. The community group, “Friends of the St. Clair Library”, show tremendous support. Their book sale helps fund extras that the library requests. Recently, Bill MacDonald graciously painted the sculpture that is located on library grounds. The community is invited to see everything the library has to offer. It is open Monday-Thursday 9-8 and Friday-Saturday 9-5.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent- None

City Attorney – None

City Departments – None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve PWC installation- Councilmember Kuffa requested approval to fund the installation and equipment for Personal Water Craft docks at the Harbor. A grant from the Community Foundation for over \$14,000 has already been received for this project. The approval of funds is for the balance of the project. Discussion on the placement of the docks included concern of that particular high traffic area. Harbormaster Stepp assured Council research on locations was thoroughly conducted including making sure to reach the Army Corp and MDEQ requirements. The original project approval included partnership with KBE Precision Products, LLC. The motion today would still require a bid waiver request.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa Seconded, CARRIED, to waive the bid requirement and approve payment to KBE Precision Products, LLC as requested.

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

Approve Hillside Columbarium purchase-Council received correspondence from the City Clerk requesting purchase approval of a third Columbarium unit for Hillside Cemetery. All niches in the first unit have been purchased and there are 5 niches remaining in unit two. In order to match the granite of the original two units, the Columbarium would need to be purchased from the same quarry therefor the purchase approval includes a request to waive the bid process.

Foley moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to waive the bid process and approve purchase of Columbarium from ColdSpring Granite, LLC.

Ayes: Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Foley, Cedar
Nay: None

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant-Request for Public Hearing- Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director, stated administrative meetings have already taken place which determined the City of St. Clair is eligible to submit an application for the MDNR Trust fund grant. The funds are available for state and local governments for land acquisition and land development projects. The grant request ranges from \$15,000-\$300,000. The Recreation Department is partnering with a consultant on grant application requirements including the 25% match. The application deadline is April 1, 2016 and approved by end of this year. Part of the application process requires a public hearing. Council's approval to schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 21st at 7:00pm is requested.

LaPorte moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing for March 21, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Police Contract Approval-Formal acceptance of the negotiated Police Officers Labor Council, POLC, contract is requested.

McCartney moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve the contract.

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – February 19, February 26 & March 2, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending February 19, 2016 (check numbers 40708->40740), February 26, 2016 (check numbers 40741->40769) and March 2, 2016 (check numbers 40782->40807) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of February 19, February 26 and March 2, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Steve Kowalski, approached council regarding the SCPD policy of towing services.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please vote tomorrow, Tuesday, March 8th. Polls are open 7:00am-8:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:39 pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr, Mayor