

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 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 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Members Kindsvater, Kuffa.

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 11 people in attendance.

(McCartney moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED to record the absence of Members Kindsvater and Kuffa as excused)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. City Council Minutes of June 6, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Golf Commission Minutes of May 10, 2016 Meeting: Received
- C. Historical Commission Minutes of May 12, 2016 Meeting: Received

PRESENTATIONS

St. Clair County Sheriff's Office-Drug Task Force Millage Request-Undersheriff Tom Buckley presented a power-point presentation (*to be made part of the minutes*) about the 4 year millage request that will be on the August 2, 2016 primary election ballot. The request includes an increase to the current millage rate. The Drug Task Force staffing, current usage trends and Task Force goals were highlighted. No questions from the audience. Mayor and Council is asked to consider supporting the millage in the form of a Resolution.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent-City offices will be closed Monday, July 4th. Garbage collection will be delayed by one day that week. The City has received Scrap Tire Grants in the amount of \$192,640 and \$70,000. The funds will cover road repair on Hawthorne, Orchard (from 3rd to 6th streets), Ninth (from Clinton to Fred Moore Highway), Troon Street (Gleneagles to St. Andrews) and Vine Street (Carney Drive to Cox Drive).

City Attorney – No new information regarding original Housing Commission documents.

City Departments – Tuesday, July 5th is the last date to register for the August 2, 2016 Primary election. To verify your registration and see a sample ballot please visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative- The 4th of July fireworks event will begin at dusk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –None

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event permit for St. Clair Riverfest Offshore Boat Races- Council received a memorandum from the Police Chief containing a recommendation for approval of a special events permit for the Blue Water Offshore Racing Association to conduct the Blue Water Offshore Race, including offshore power boat races, Riverfest music and entertainment, avenue of vendors, beverage sales, street closures, and related activities from July 28-31, 2016. Issuance of the permit is recommended contingent on receipt of all documents, permits and insurance associated with the events, and compliance with the terms of the Special Events Ordinance.

Bob Currier, BWORA, does not plan to have any activities in the Riverview Plaza courtyard, but lists the area as part of the site plan. The area of Palmer Park Manor will be covered under BWORA insurance because there will be inflatables. Member Klieman recommends moving the snow fence so those who purchase at the mall are not inconvenienced.

McCartney moved, Foley seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented contingent upon receiving all necessary documents. (LaPorte abstained)

Ayes: Klieman, McCartney, Foley, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve Lease agreement to BWORA for Boat Races- Council received a proposed lease agreement between the City and BWORA detailing the terms of use of certain premises associated with the BWORA offshore boat race activities. The lease is identical from the 2015 lease agreement.

McCartney moved, Foley supported, CARRIED/FAILED, to approve Lease agreement to BWORA as presented. (LaPorte abstained)

Ayes: Klieman, McCartney, Foley, Cedar

Nays: None

Extend Riverfest Vendor Hours- The City Clerk explained the City Code of Ordinances currently limits the hours of operation of vendors to 9am-9pm. An extension of vendor hours to 11:00pm during Riverfest July 29-31, 2016 would allow for additional sales during this special event. This same extension of vendor hours was requested and approved for the Fourth of July Fireworks event.

McCartney moved, Cedar seconded, CARRIED, to extend hours as requested.

Approve appointment to Historic District Commission- Mayor Cedar reported recommendation for appointment, with residency waiver, to the Historic District Commission as follows: Ed Neiman, 6564 Belle River Road, East China, for a 2 year term expiring December 31, 2018.

LaPorte moved, Cedar seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointment as recommended.

Ever Sharp Tools, Inc., Land Interest-St. Clair Industrial Park-Ken Nemec requested an open discussion on his interest to purchase and develop lots in the industrial park. New jobs created would be 5-6 in the first year. The price of the land is TBD. It has been discussed to determined purchase price dependant on how many jobs are created. Lots 1-4 are the corner lot heading

north. Administration will pursue figures from AEW and all parties involved to determine if the city will give the land for free and he will develop it himself or is there another scenario. Council is not prepared to give answer today. Administration will meet with all parties involved and have a solid direction by next council meeting.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – June 10 & June 17, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending June 10, 2016 (check numbers 41360->41426) and June 17, 2016 (check numbers 41428->41485) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of June 10 and June 17, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Steve Ellery, 1483 Goffe Street, addressed councilmember residency qualifications. David Freck, 401 Fred Moore Highway, addressed boats docking at the end of Dock 4. Chief Jefferson contacted the St. Clair County Marine Division who determined there is not a navigation hazard present.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Fireworks display will begin dusk on Monday, July 4th.

CLOSED SESSION

LaPorte moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to grant Request of a Closed Session to Discuss Strategy Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employees Represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFSCME and Employees Represented by the Police Officers Labor Council, POLC.

Ayes: Laporte, McCartney, Foley, Klieman, Cedar
Nays: None

At 8:12pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 9:01pm.

LaPorte moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to direct administration to adopt AFSCME contract negotiation recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:02 pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr, Mayor

