

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 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, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney.

ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Dave Shorkey, Code Enforcement Officer; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 7 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS – Mayor Cedar requested the agenda be amended to delete item 8a) Approve G2 Consulting Group proposal-Geotechnical Engineering Services/St. Clair Highway and add item 7b) Resolution to support the St. Clair County Drug Task Force Millage Request. No objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. City Council Minutes of June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approved

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Introduction (2016-10)-Amendment to Chapter 10 “Animals,” Article I “In General,” by adding Section 4 “limitation on numbers of dogs or cats.”-

Dave Shorkey, Code Enforcement Officer, explained the request to amend the current Ordinance by adding a limitation of 3 pets, any combination of cats or dogs, per residence. The current ordinance does not contain a maximum number of pets allowed. Residents would be allowed to house more than 3 upon acquiring a kennel license from the County. Most surrounding municipalities currently have limitations with 3 being the average. Council would like the City Attorney to revise the amendment to include a “grandfather” clause that will protect residences who currently supersede that maximum.

No action taken.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent-Rubbish collection will be delayed one day this week due to Monday’s holiday. Waste Management will begin Thursday-only city-wide rubbish collection next week. A letter indicating support from the City of St. Clair of the St. Clair Inn project was sent to the DEQ.

City Attorney – None

City Departments – Appreciation was given to Dave Shorkey, Code Enforcement officer for providing the detailed code enforcement list of open and closed issues. Blight issues around Vine and 3rd was noted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ever Sharp Tools, Inc. Land Interest-St. Clair Industrial Park-Mr. Ken Nemec (not present) has expressed interest in lot 2 in the Industrial Park. He has proposed two options for administration and Council to review. In summary, proposal #1 requests the city to complete necessary storm water upgrades/wet-land mitigation and Ever Sharp Tools, Inc., would purchase the land for \$40,000 and proposal #2 requests Ever Sharp Tools, Inc., to complete the detention on Lot #2 with the city not receiving any funds for the purchase of the land. The purchaser would also request for a tax abatement of 50% for 12 years. 5-6 possible employment opportunities are estimated along with possible tax revenue of approximately \$14,000. Council discussed adding stipulations such as a reasonable time frame for construction. Dan Casey, EDA, stated certain stipulations could be included in the final agreement and noted there have been similar previous zero purchase price offers presented for other locations.

LaPorte moved, McCartney seconded, FAILED, to accept proposal #2 and authorize administration and council to draft a final agreement for approval at next meeting.

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

Motion failed due to the lack of 5 affirmative votes as per St. Clair City Code of Ordinances, Article 11, Section 11.04 Sale or Lease of real property.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve appointment to Boards and Commissions- Mayor Cedar made a recommendation for residency waiver and appointment of Susan Hool, 5594 Rattle Run Road, to the Downtown Development Authority, for a three year term expiring December 31, 2018.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointment as recommended.

Resolution of Support-St. Clair County Drug Task Force Millage-Mayor Cedar made a recommendation for administration to draft a Resolution showing support of the St. Clair County Drug Task Force Millage Request.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to direct administration to draft Resolution as requested.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – June 24, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending June 24, 2016 (check numbers 41486->41531) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payment of June 24, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS -None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Thank you to the Fireworks Committee for a great Fourth of July Fireworks event. This was the 30th year of the display. Upcoming events include the River Classic Car show Saturday, July 9th, the St. Clair Jazz Festival Saturday, August 20th. This is a Free event that will be held 1:00pm-9:00pm at Palmer Parkth and the Lighted Boat Parade Saturday, August 27th on the Pine River.

CLOSED SESSION

McCartney moved, Kindsvater 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 the Police Officers Labor Council, POLC.

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

At 7:40pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:05pm.
No action was taken.

LaPorte moved, Cedar seconded, CARRIED, to accept the proposal #2 and authorize administration to draft a final agreement for approval at next meeting. (Re: Ever Sharp Tool, Inc.).

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

City Council may not vote twice on the same question at the same meeting. The second vote was out of order, and therefore, the result of the first vote under as taken under Unfinished Business stands.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:07pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr, Mayor