

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 18, 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, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney.

ABSENT: Member Klieman.

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Rick Jefferson, Chief of Police; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 20 people in attendance.

(LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to excuse Member Klieman.)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. City Council Minutes of July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Resignation from Historical Commission: Accepted with Regrets

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (16-08)-Support of the St. Clair County Drug Task Force Millage Request

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Clair supports the St. Clair County Sheriff in his request for an increase in the millage rate to .56 to be dedicated solely to the DTF.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution 16-08 as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent- None

City Attorney – Article 2, Section 2.01 of the City Code of Ordinances concerns the qualifications of council members. The two specific requirements state the council member must be a resident and must be a voter in the City. If neither is met then he/she is not qualified to run as Mayor or Council. Historically residents have voted for those candidates who also reside in their Ward.

City Departments – There is a primary Election Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Polls will be open 7am-8pm. To view a sample ballot and confirm where you vote, please visit Michigan.gov/vote

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ever Sharp Tools, Inc. Land Interest-St. Clair Industrial Park- No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve G2 Consulting Group Proposal-Geotechnical Consulting Services-Council received the summary of bids from the request for Proposals for Geotechnical engineering services regarding the St. Clair Highway Slope Stabilization from AEW.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve to proposal from G2 Consulting Group as presented.

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

Nays: None

Approve Proposal for Local Streets improvement project-Council received the summary of bids from 2016 Local Street Project request for proposal. It is the recommendation from Rowe Professional Services to award the project to James P. Contracting.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to award the contract to James P. Contracting as recommended.

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

Nays: None

St. Clair Parks and Recreation Commission 2016 Local millage distribution of funds.- Per a memorandum, Recreation Director Trice Hawkins advised that the city is eligible to receive \$23,490.61 from distribution of St Clair County Parks and Recreation Local Millage Funds for 2016. An annual funding request must be submitted to the county along with a stated use before the money is released.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the 2016St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Local Millage Distribution Request.

Hawkins also clarified the millage request on the August 2, 2016 ballot is a renewal. It will not increase taxes.

St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission is updating their master plan. The county is working on a county digital survey. Public comment is welcomed at a meeting Wednesday August 24th 6pm at Goodells Park and Thursday September 29 6pm at Algonac Lions club. Hawkins will represent the city at the county trails committee.

St. Clair Jazz Festival- Chief Jefferson is in receipt of a special event permit from the St. Clair Downtown Development Authority for St. Clair Jazz Festival to be held on August 20, 2016 from 1:00pm to 9:00pm at Palmer Park and Riverview Plaza. All necessary documents have been received and are in compliance with City Code. Chief Jefferson respectfully offered a recommendation that the permit be approved.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special events permit as presented.

St. Clair events- City Council designated St. Clair Events as the third party agency to coordinate the issuance of vendor permits for the St. Clair Jazz Festival.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED to assign the St. Clair Jazz Festival vendor permit

process to St. Clair Events in compliance with Section 18-177 of the City Code.

Chalk the Walk and Whistles on the Water- Chief Jefferson is in receipt of a special event permit from the St. Clair Downtown Development Authority for Whistles on the Water and Chalk the Walk to be hold on September 24, 2016 from 9:00am to 6:00pm at Palmer Park and Riverview Plaza. All necessary documents have been received and are in compliance with City Code. Chief Jefferson respectfully offered a recommendation that the permit be approved.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special events permit as presented.

September 11, Remembrance event- Chief Jefferson is in receipt of a special event permit from the St. Clair Ecumenical (First Methodist) Church to hold a service in remembrance of September 11th 9:45am to 11:45pm at Palmer Park. All necessary documents have been received and are in compliance with City Code. Chief Jefferson respectfully offered a recommendation that the permit be approved.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special events permit as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – July 5, July 8 & July 15, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending July 5, 2016 (check numbers 41532 ->41551), July 8, 2016 (check numbers 41552 ->41607) and July 15, 2016 (check numbers 41608->41660) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of July 5, July 8 and July 15, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - Donovan Ennis, St. Clair Police Department, expressed opposition to the notion of hiring part-time police officers. Officer Ennis outlined supporting statements that included the qualifications of candidates and reliability of availability. Appreciation was also expressed for the numerous acts of kindness shown to the St. Clair Police Officers.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Thank you to Bill Macdonald Ford, St. Clair Cruisers, Vern & Linda Cummings in regards to 15th annual River Classic Car Show; Wendy Greer, St. Clair Greenhouse, for services, plants & flowers at city hall and appreciation given to Chief Jefferson & DPW crew from St. Clair Art Association. Upcoming events: Riverfest July 28-31, Beer and Wine Festival 8/5/16, Mardi Gras 8/6/16, St. Clair Jazz Festival 8/20/16 and Lighted Boat parade 8/27/16.

CLOSED SESSION

McCartney moved, Kuffa 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 Police Officers Labor Council, POLC.

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

Nays: None

At 7:33pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:03pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:04pm.

