

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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: None

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; James T Downey, Jr; Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Rick Jefferson, Chief of Police; Dave Shorkey, Code Enforcement Officer; Katie Stepp, Harbormaster; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 10 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. City Council Minutes of August 1, 2016 Special and Regular Meetings: Approved
- B. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance Introduction (2016-10)-Chapter 10, "Animals"-Pet Limits-Attorney Downey noted the drafted ordinance has been changed to include the ability to 'grandfather' those pet owners who currently exceed the proposed 3-pet limit. The reference to cats was also stricken from the language because there is currently no mandated registration for cats. Per Code Enforcement Officer Dave Shorkey, excessive pet ownership is a current issue within City limits so there is a need for an enforcement tool. There is a current ordinance regarding pet registration already in the City Code but not a limit on registered pets allowed. Shorkey also explained the violation notification process.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to introduce Ordinance (2016-10) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Ordinance Adoption (2016-11)-Chapter 70, Article 1 "Waterways", "Launch Ramp Fees"- Attorney Downey reiterated that currently there is no way to enforce launch fees and usage. The presented Ordinance addresses those issues.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Ordinance (2016-11) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

## REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

**City Superintendent** – Road repair work began Saturday on Troon and Vine streets. The roads were milled and new asphalt will follow. The second scrap tire grant road work will begin mid to late September. As a reminder, those roads include Hawthorne, Orchard, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and the Skate Park parking lot.

**City Attorney** – None

**City Departments** – None

**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative-**

Fire Authority Chairman Kindsvater commended all first responders for their tireless efforts, and the community for their tremendous support, shown during DTE power plant fire.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

## NEW BUSINESS

Approve Special Events Permit for St. Mary's Fall Festival- Council received a memorandum from Chief Jefferson containing a recommendation for approval of a special event permit for St. Mary's Catholic Church to host their annual Fall festival September 23 -25, 2016.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to grant the special event permit as presented.

Approve Special Events Permit for Oktoberfest Church Festival- Council received a memorandum from Chief Jefferson containing recommendation for approval of a special event permit for St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church to hold their annual Oktoberfest Church Festival October 7-8, 2016.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to grant the special event permit as presented.

Approve Appointment to Cemetery Board of Trustees- Mayor Cedar recommended appointment of Sue Eames, 601 Langley Circle, to the Cemetery Board of Trustees with a term expiration of December 31, 2017.

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

Approve Appointment of Councilmember Ward 3-Mayor Cedar acknowledged receipt a letter of interest by Steve Ellery, 1483 Goffe, to fill the vacancy of Councilmember Ward 3. The appointment is for the remainder of the current term and will expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Ellery answered affirmatively regarding his availability to serve on Boards and Commissions. No other questions by council.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to appoint Steve Ellery, Councilmember Ward 3, as recommended.

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

Nays: None

City Clerk administered the Oath of Office and Ellery took his seat at the Council.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS** – August 5 & August 11, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending August 5, 2016 (check numbers 41748->41786) and August 11, 2016 (check numbers 41787->41869) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of August 5 & August 11, 2016

Claims and Accounts as submitted.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** -None

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Mayor Cedar expressed gratitude for the outstanding response from the local fire department during the DTE power plant fire. Recent events Mardi Gras and the Beer and Wine Festival were well attended. Upcoming events include the St. Clair Jazz Festival August 20<sup>th</sup> @ Palmer Park, Lighted Boat Parade August 27 @ St. Clair Boat Harbor and “Pajama Party” September 4<sup>th</sup> @ St. Clair Boat Harbor.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:28pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor