

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 - 6:00 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 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Ellery, Foley, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney

ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 7 people in attendance.

Information was presented regarding interest to conduct seismic surveys of both Clinton from M-29 to just past the high school and 9th from Brown Street to Fred Moore Highway to determine if gas or oil reservoirs exist. Speakers explained the survey process, timeline of the project, what happens if gas or oil is found and how it would benefit the City.

Dennis Schmude, past resident of the city, explained his theory about the possibility of an oil and/or gas reserve beneath the City of St. Clair. He would like to hire Bay Geophysical, Inc to conduct the survey to make that determination. If there is oil and gas found, the land would be leased (ex. 40 acres) and Mr. Schmude would raise funds to install a well and complete the drilling. He indicated most gas wells are fairly nonobtrusive. Residents and the city would receive royalties if there is any profit. Larry Garvin explained how seismic surveys work. Ron Carr, Bay Geophysical, Inc. Geophysicist, displayed a cosmetic receiver. He summarized how the magnets work, logistically and technically. Bay Geophysical Inc. will carry full liability insurance plus a 5-10k bond and if any damage occurs it is their full responsibility. As it is designed for urban use, there would be no damage to the streets. Foundations of homes in the area would not be affected. Entire road closures would not be necessary as the road would be surveyed in 100 feet increments and a rolling lane closure is sufficient. Both streets could be completed in one day pending weather.

Several other Michigan cities have allowed the survey including Manistee and New Haven. Council is encouraged to contact other municipalities for recommendations and feedback. Mr. Schmude is interested to pursue the surveys immediately but understands the time needed to research the process and precedents.

No action was taken.

Adjourned 6:38pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor