

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016- 7:00 P.M**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:00 pm by Mayor Cedar in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan.

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

ABSENT: Member Ellery (excused).

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

AUDIENCE: There were 16 people in attendance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS** -Mayor Cedar added to Closed Session: consulting with Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. No objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. City Council Minutes of October 17, 2016 Special and Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. St. Clair Historical Commission Minutes of September 8, 2016 Meeting: Received
- C. St. Clair Golf Commission Minutes of September 13, 2016 Meeting: Received

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. One police vehicle is listed on MiBid. The online auction ends November 11th. All 2015 local road improvement projects are done and were completed under budget. The leaf collection schedule is available on the City website.

**City Attorney** – None

**City Departments** – Polls are open tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8th, 7am-8pm for the 2016 General Election. Results will be available on the City website Wednesday Morning.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Special event permit for City of St. Clair's Lighted Santa Parade- Council received a Police Chief memorandum recommending that the City approve the request of the City of St. Clair Santa Parade Committee to hold their annual Santa Parade on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. Parade will begin on Vine and end at the South end of the Plaza. The applicant has complied with the requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully requested. Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit request as requested.

Approve Special event permit for Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Gala- Council received a Police Chief memorandum recommending that the City approve the request of the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Holiday Gala (formerly known as the Galloping Gourmet) trolley ride and progressive dinner in downtown St. Clair on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 5:00pm – 10:00

pm. The applicant has complied with the requirements of the Special events ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully requested.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve special event permit as requested.

Approve Schmude Oil Survey-Council received the intended schedule and location maps of the request from Schmude Oil to complete an oil/gas reservoir survey on Clinton, 9<sup>th</sup> street and S. Riverside. Attorney Downey stated insurance certificate had adequate coverage.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal as presented.

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

Nays: None

Approve Letter of Support for St. Clair Inn MEDC CRP application-Mike Hilfinger, representing Planet Clair LLC, stated a requirement of application for the MEDC Commercial Rehabilitation Act, is a letter of support from the City. The City would be acknowledging the fact that Planet Clair will be requesting an abatement.

Cedar moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve letter as presented.

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

Nays: None

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS** – Check registers listing the bills for the period ending October 20, 2016 (check numbers 42257->42305) in the amount of \$97,857.06, October 27, 2016 (check numbers 42306->42349) in the amount of \$74,723.85 and October 28, 2016 (check number 42350) in the amount of \$3875.00 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of October 20, 27 and 28, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Jeff Bohm announced a Community Foundation sponsored bus trip to the former Metropolitan hotel in Romulus, currently owned by Jeff Katofsky, on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am to view its renovation progress. Public welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**- Sympathy and condolences extended to the of family of Richard Schwehofer. Due to the City proximity to same-named locations in Canada, to ensure efficiency of 911 call dispatching, Administration and Council stated to always specify the call is from the State of Michigan. Chief Jefferson summarized the several documents, including the police report from the October 8th deer/vehicle occurrence.

**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 7:26pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 7:37pm.

McCartney moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to ratify the Letter of Understanding between the City of St. Clair and the POLC.

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:39pm.