

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018- 7:00 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Mike Booth, City Superintendent; Delos Boulier, Building Inspector; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 18 people in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA –Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of January 15, 2018 Special and Regular Meetings: Approved

Delos Boulier clarified wind sails are classified as Banner Signs. Specific size banner signs are currently permitted for 2 weeks in any 6-month period. Anything outside of that is considered a variance request. Zoning variances can be approved as submitted, approved with conditions, postponed (tabled) for additional information or denied.

PUBLIC HEARING

St. Clair Homegoods and Ace Hardware-Sign Variance Request- Opened at 7:02pm. Kris Paul, representing War Water, LLC, spoke in support of additional advertisement and stated his additional signage has helped his business in the same location. No other public comments heard. Closed at 7:03pm.

PRESENTATIONS

2018 Winter White Out Bootlegger Balladeer and Poet Laureate- Dan Lockwood stated this is the 9th year of the DDA sponsored songwriting and poetry contest. The Whiskey Train legend was the inspiration for this year's contest and Mr. Lockwood provided a summary of the legend.

Bill Barz recited his poem by memory, The Whiskey Train, and was proclaimed as St. Clair's 2018 Poet Laureate.

Kathy Cilluffo, Debi and Ken Madeleine and Pat O'Connor performed their song, The Whiskey Train, and was proclaimed as St. Clair's 2018 Bootlegger Balladeers.

Next years event is January 23, 2019. Thank you Dan for all you, and the committee, do for the event.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Fiscal year financial audit is almost complete. Asset Management Plans are being developed for the Water and Waste Water plants.

City Attorney- None

City Departments – None

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative- Per ordinance, sidewalks should be cleared of snow within 24 hours of accumulation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve variance request Section 8.32-Temporary Signs-

Kindsvater moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to table the approval of the variance request.

Ayes: McCartney, Ellery, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve application for Haul Route Permit- Annual application has no changes from previous submissions.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED (voice vote), to approve application for the 2018 Haul Route Permit as presented.

Approve purchase of 2018 Utility Police Interceptor – Chief Raker requested this new purchase to replace a 2010 vehicle.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve purchase of 2018 Utility Police Interceptor as requested.

Ayes: Ellery, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve purchase of emergency equipment build out for 2018 Utility Police Interceptor-Chief Raker requested purchase of additional equipment to upgrade the 2018 vehicle to police standards.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve purchase of emergency equipment build out for 2018 Utility Police Interceptor as requested.

Ayes: Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Ellery, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve special event permit for Special Olympics Polar Plunge- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for Special Olympics Michigan to conduct a polar plunge benefit at the St. Clair Boat Harbor on February 18, 2018 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve special events permit as recommended.

Approve special event permit for Salmon Stake Fishing Tournament- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the Voyageur to hold the annual Salmon Stake Fishing Tournament on April 28, 2018. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve special events permit as recommended.

Approve special event permit for American Legion Memorial Day Parade and Celebration- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the American Legion Post 382 to conduct a Memorial Day Parade and Presentation on

Monday, May 28, 2018 at 1:00pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Ellery moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve special events permit as recommended.

Approve request for Voyageur's Temporary Outdoor Service Permit- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the Voyageur to host outdoor service during Riverfest July 27-29, 2018. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED (LaPorte abstained), to approve request for Voyageur's Temporary Outdoor Service Permit as requested.

Approve appointment to Boards and Commissions-

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to add new business item 'approve appointment to Boards and Commissions.

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – January 19, January 26 and February 2, 2018

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending January 19, 2018 (check numbers 44958-44990) in the amount of \$275,883.30, January 26, 2018 (check numbers 44991-45033) in the amount of \$45,374.13 and February 2, 2018 (check numbers 45034-45072) in the amount of \$131,378.49 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of January 19, January 26 and February 2, 2018 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Cedar extended sympathy to the family of Franklin Moore. Thank you to DPW crew for maintenance and clearing of roads. Special events: Knights of Columbus smelt dinner 2/14/18 3pm-8pm, SCHS Theater Group play Beauty and the Beast at the PAC 2/8-2/10, Recreation Department Daddy Daughter Dance 2/12/18 and Polar Plunge 2/18/18 at the St. Clair Boat Harbor.

CLOSED SESSION Request granted for Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel for the Purpose of Discussing Confidential Attorney-Client Communications Concerning Legal Opinions from Counsel.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to grant closed session request.

Ayes: Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Ellery, Cedar, Kindsvater

Nays: None

At 7:35pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:11pm.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:12pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor

