

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 - 6:15 P.M.**

Mayor Cedar convened the Special Meeting of the City Council to order in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, at 6:15pm to discuss Signs, City Charter and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Delos Boulier, Building Inspector;
Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 5 people in attendance

Signs-Delos Boulier provided definitions and details of the current sign ordinance and how it relates to wind sails. Wind sails are considered banners. The current ordinance states banners can be permitted for 2 weeks every 6 months with a temporary permit and must be within specific dimensions. Sandwich type signs are permitted without a permit and can only be placed outside during open business hours of that business. Several updates and amendments are currently being discussed and recommendations from the ZBA will come before council in the near future. Council has received a variance request seeking approval for banners located within the Downtown Redevelopment District. When considering approval, the building department suggests to add stipulations like a specific time period to the granted approval. The application can be approved as submitted, approved with conditions, tabled until there is more information received or denied. The other most recent request of this type was approved with an annual review if necessary.

Charter and Code of Ordinances- Council will continue to gauge public interest regarding any changes to Councilmember ward residency requirements. There has been very minimal public discussion with current councilmembers at this time. No action taken.

Zoning Board of Appeals-The Zoning Board of Appeals expects several applications to be submitted to them in the next few months. Council should expect several recommendations from ZBA to be communicated for public hearing and approval action.

Public Comment- No Comment

Adjourned 6:47pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor