

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 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, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney

ABSENT: Member Klieman (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Mike Booth, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 6 people in attendance.

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

A. City Council Minutes of April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting: Approved

PRESENTATIONS

2017-2018 Annual Audit Presentation- Bill Tucker, Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker, PC, provided copies of the Financial Statement for September 2017, Performance Audit, the board communication letter and the audit presentation outline. Appreciation was expressed regarding the city's cooperation and preparedness during the audit. The auditors review generally accepted accounting principles. All statements presented fairly and received an unmodified, clean opinion. This is the best opinion to receive on the financial statements. Mr. Tucker reviewed several funds, including the net pension liability which is currently at 55% and stated all revenues continue to cover expenses and the fund balance continues to grow. The city has a healthy fund balance and has no procedural deficiencies

PROCLAMATIONS

Arbor Day Proclamation- Mayor Cedar declared the date of April 27 as Arbor Day 2018 for the City of St. Clair. The City has been awarded the title of Tree City USA for the 20th consecutive year.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (18-07) SEMCOG 50th anniversary- **RESOLUTION HONORING THE 50TH**

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) was formed in 1968 as a voluntary council of governments for Southeast Michigan; and, **WHEREAS** The seven-county Southeast Michigan region includes Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties; and, **WHEREAS** At the time SEMCOG was formed it had 59 charter members and today SEMCOG has more than 170 members including cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and all seven counties; and, **WHEREAS** SEMCOG promotes informed decision making to improve Southeast Michigan and its local governments by providing insightful data analysis and direct assistance to member governments; promoting the efficient use

of dollars for infrastructure investment and governmental effectiveness; developing regional solutions that go beyond the boundaries of individual local governments; advocating on behalf of Southeast Michigan in Lansing and Washington; and, **WHEREAS** Through regional planning, training and assistance to member governments, and public outreach, SEMCOG supports: efficient management and improvement of public infrastructure; less traffic congestion; better traffic safety; better air quality; business growth and entrepreneurship; and educating the region's workforce and connecting people to jobs; and, **WHEREAS SEMCOG** is committed to tackling important issues on the horizon for Southeast Michigan such as to improve educational outcomes; diversify the regional economy, and bolster local communities; improve transportation and infrastructure; and enhance parks and recreation amenities, while collaborating on emerging issue **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** The Council of the City of St. Clair commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments which is being celebrated at the SEMCOG General Assembly on March 22nd at Macomb Community College, and the SEMCOG General Assembly on June 28th at Little Caesars Arena and wishes the organization continued success for many years to come.

Laporte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (18-07).
Ayes: Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar
Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Regarding the city pension liability, a plan must be filed with the State. Council should expect to review a plan to reduce the gap. City service of Brush collection has been changed to Mondays. Thank you to Cargill for replacing the lights by the flags at Cargill point (as you enter the Pine River).

City Attorney- None

City Departments – Brush collection will be the same sections of the city, but Monday instead of Friday. For collection concerns, please call DPW directly at 329-5277.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative – Councilmember McCartney would like to direct admin to look into cost of tablets for council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule public hearing for M-29 Road diet-Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to schedule public hearing date as Wednesday, May 2 at 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Schedule ZBA public hearing for St. Clair Coney Island variance requests -Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to schedule public hearing date as Monday, May 7 at 6:30pm.

Schedule public hearing for 2018-2019 annual budget -McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the annual budget public hearing date as Monday, May 21 at 7:00pm.

Approve special event permit for St. Clair Chamber of Commerce Beer & Wine Fest- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit from St. Clair Chamber of Commerce, partnering with The Social Connection and Ultimate Fun Productions Inc, to host the 4th annual St. Clair Beer and Wine Festival Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 6:30pm-10:30pm in Plaza Park. All necessary documents have been received and are in compliance with City Code.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special events permit as presented.

Approve Permit Application for annual 4th of July Fireworks Display- Council received an application for a fireworks display permit required by the State of Michigan for the annual Fourth of July event. The fireworks will be displayed from a barge located in the St. Clair River at the center of Palmer Park as in previous years. Approval of the permit is recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to authorize application for a fireworks display permit to conduct the annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

Approve assignment of vendor permit process for Beer and Wine Fest, 4th of July & Jazz Festival to St. Clair Events- Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to assign the 2018 Beer and Wine Fest and Fourth of July vendor permit process to St. Clair Events in compliance with Section 18-177 of the City Code.

Extend Vendor hours on 6/9/18 and 7/4/18 for special events- Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to extend the 2018 Beer and Wine Fest vendor hours to 10:00pm and the Fourth of July vendor hours to 11:00pm in accordance with the applicable sections of the City Code to allow for additional sales during this special event.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – April 6 & April 13, 2018

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending April 6, 2018 (check numbers 45386->45426) in the amount of \$50,224.29 and April 13, 2018 (check numbers 45427->45458) in the amount of \$25,929.99 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of April 6 and April 13, 2018 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special events: Historical Commission presentation 4/19/18@ 7pm & 4/20/18 @1pm; Salmon Stake Tournament 4/28/18 & St. Clair Little League Opening Day Parade 5/5/18.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:32pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor