

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 10 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Kuffa moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda items A., B. and C. as presented.

- A. City Council Minutes of 5/21/18 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Golf Commission Minutes of 4/10/18 Meeting: Received
- C. St. Clair Historical Commission Minutes of 4/12/18 Meeting: Received

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Cedar opened the hearing at 7:01pm. City Superintendent Booth explained the vacation of Frances street would increase the size of both current parking lots located South of Frances Street. Properties adjacent will receive the northern portion of Frances. The easternmost part of Frances Street is currently being used by Pine Shores Golf Course as part of their parking lot and will remain the same. Comment from the public included would the existing parking lot be used like it is now. Currently, yes, because although there is interest from the St. Clair Inn owner, there is no lease proposal for the parking lot at this point. Jeff McLeod, 1022 S. 10<sup>th</sup>, owner of the building next to the special police, questioned his responsibility of the storm drain, suggested upgrades are needed and asked about KIDS parking options. Mayor Cedar closed the hearing at 7:10pm

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (18-10) Adopting 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget, Millage Levy and Appropriations Act-  
**2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ADOPTION, MILLAGE LEVY AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT**  
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following summary of revenues and expenditures for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget be approved:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	\$3,760,386	\$3,760,386
Major Streets	\$628,459	\$628,459
Local Streets	\$712,694	\$712,694
M-29 Bridge	\$68,047	\$68,047
Recreation	\$227,884	\$230,542
DDA	\$0	\$0
Building	\$98,755	\$134,104

Cable	\$109,385	\$120,957
Pension	\$591,129	\$572,067
OPEB	\$59,086	\$0
Golf Course	\$233,224	\$253,156
Sewer	\$1,344,048	\$1,430,743
Water	\$961,068	\$958,407
Harbor	\$618,296	\$743,825
Rubbish & Garbage	\$348,931	\$343,879
Equipment Pool	\$190,579	\$235,978
Perpetual Care	\$400	\$4500
Library Trust	\$800	\$800
Debt	\$0	\$0
Total	\$9,953,171	\$10,198,544

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following total millage requirement for local purposes and the general operating millage of 13.0476 mills for the 2018-2019 City of St. Clair fiscal year budget be approved and authorized to be levied as follows:

Proposed Millage Rate

General Operating Millage

Total Operating 13.0476

Headlee Cap 13.0476

Bond Debt Retirement

Total Debt 0

Road Millage

Road Funds (202, 203) 2.4902

Employee Pension

Pension Fund (299) 1.0000

Total Local Millage 16.5378 and;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 shall establish the approved appropriation levels for the said fiscal year; and **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Schedule of Fees and the Utility Rate Schedule be adopted as part of the budget; and **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council does hereby authorize the City Superintendent to execute transfers between appropriations provided that each transfer be approved by the City Council prior to its execution; and **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council retains authority to amend the city budget and this appropriations act at such times when deviations from the projected revenues and authorized expenditure levels become necessary and the amount of the deviation becomes known.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution (18-10) Adoption of 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget, Millage Levy and Appropriations Act as proposed.

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

Nays: Klieman

### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Resolution (18-11) Support of MDOT M-29 road diet- **A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF A ROAD DIET ON M-29 BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has commissioned Rowe Professional Services to perform a corridor study of M-29 within the city of St.

Clair; **WHEREAS**, ROWE presented the corridor study information to City Council at a special meeting on February 19, 2018; **and WHEREAS**, MDOT held a public open house on May 2, 2018 for the purpose of presenting alternatives and gathering feedback; and **WHEREAS**, MDOT provided a traffic engineering study of the M-29 Corridor and options that may include a 4 lane to 3 lane conversion, bike lanes or parking options; and **WHEREAS**, in order to proceed with a lane reduction, the City of St. Clair is to provide MDOT a resolution of support of the lane reduction; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Clair City Council hereby supports the concept of converting four lane vehicular traffic into 3 lanes of vehicular traffic in the applicable section of M-29 to allow for appropriate traffic flow, increase pedestrian and bicycle safety. McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (18-11) as presented. Ayes: McCartney, Ellery, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar  
Nays: None

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Resolution (18-12) Local Government Approval for MLCC application: War Water, LLC-  
**RESOLUTION NO. 18-12 CITY OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR WAR WATER LLC.** The applicant must obtain a recommendation from the local legislative body as part of the MLCC application process.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (18-12) as presented. Ayes: Ellery, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar  
Nays: None

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Resolution (18-13) Vacation of Frances Street-  
**RESOLUTION TO VACATE FRANCES STREET BETWEEN SEVENTH STREET TO THE PINE RIVER** **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has received a request to vacate Frances Street between Seventh Street to the Pine River which is located in the City of St. Clair, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, and, **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 196, as amended, being the Subdivision Control Act of 1967, the City of St. Clair is empowered to vacate by resolution or ordinance streets, alley or rights-of-way, and, **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of St. Clair has held a Public Hearing on June 4, 2018 relative to the request to vacate Frances Street between Seventh Street to the Pine River, **WHEREAS**, the adjacent property owners have been notified of the said request and proposal and have been afforded an opportunity to comment upon and to be heard relative to such request, **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of St. Clair deems it appropriate to vacate Frances Street between Seventh Street and the Pine River located in the City of St. Clair. **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR, COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS:** That the City Council of the City of St. Clair hereby vacates Frances Street between Seventh Street and the Pine River, St. Clair, Michigan. That the City Council of the City of St. Clair does hereby reserve and retain a full width easement in the subject street, alley, right-of-way and/or other public places for public utility purposes and other public and municipal purposes within the street, alley, right-of-way and/or other public land vacated pursuant to the within resolution. Said easement being reserved and retained by the City of St. Clair, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan. That all existing easements and utility uses and rights within the area vacated shall remain for the use and enjoyment of the owners of said easements and utility uses and rights. The same shall not be diminished or otherwise affected by this resolution. That the City Clerk of the City of St. Clair shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of adoption of the within Resolution, record a certified copy of the within Resolution with the St. Clair County Register of Deeds and that the within Resolution shall not have force or effect until so recorded with the St. Clair County Register of Deeds. That the City Clerk of the City of St. Clair shall send a certified copy of the within Resolution to the State Treasurer of the State of Michigan within thirty (30) days after the date of adoption of the within Resolution.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (18-13) if the following stipulations of council working together, to include length of lease, with the party interested to lease, communicating with the adjacent property owners to address the drainage issue and property

egress/ingress and any further information recommended by counsel are met.  
Ayes: Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar  
Nays: Klieman, Ellery

## **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

### **REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – The Range/Brown/Carney intersection is intended to be repaired by the end of August 2018. Repair on Clinton from M-29 to 3<sup>rd</sup> will be in Fall. Meetings with engineers are scheduled for additional local road work. The next regular council meeting has been moved to Tuesday, June 19. Chief Raker stated the police department is, when available, assisting with opening and closing bathrooms at Klecha Park. Council reminded fishermen of the complimentary fish cleaning station located at the Harbor and emphasized not to use the new boardwalk in that manner.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments** – None

**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative** – The Rotary club is supporting the Imagination Station renovation as part of The Big Give to be held June 12.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

St. Clair Parks and Recreation Commission 2018 Local Millage Distribution of Funds- Per a memorandum, Recreation Director Trice Hawkins advised that the city is eligible to receive \$24,089.57 from distribution of St Clair County Parks and Recreation Local Millage Funds for 2018. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the population-based distribution. An annual funding request must be submitted to the county along with a stated use before the money is released. Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve the 2018 St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Local Millage Distribution Request.

Approve Engineering Services for Third Street-ROWE-City Superintendent Booth stated ROWE assisted in obtaining the Scrap Tire grant previously approved by Council. McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal from ROWE as presented. Ayes: Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Ellery, Kindsvater, Cedar  
Nays: None

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS** – May 25 & June 1, 2018

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending May 25, 2018 (check numbers 45677->45717) in the amount of \$86,078.58 and June 1, 2018 (check numbers 45718->45774) in the amount of \$131,611.97 were presented for Council review. LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of May 25 and June 1, 2018 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – None

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Condolences extended to Attorney Downey and family. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Committee is collecting donations.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:28pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor