

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 - 6:30 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 6:30pm to discuss the sign ordinance.

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 8 people in attendance

Sign Ordinance- Discussion compared the current processes of temporary permit requests for signs from the building department versus a Zoning Board of Appeals Variance request. The current ordinance allows for a temporary sign permit 14 days every 6 months that can be approved by Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer with no additional council consideration or action needed. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear all other requests. To date, council has received 2 applications regarding sign variance requests. Both applicants are located in the Downtown Redevelopment District which require council to act as the ZBA for this request. The first application for wind sail 'banners' requested them to be displayed during business hours and was approved with a yearly renewal option. The second application was tabled. Council would like to the application revised to specify the length of time then will revisit.

General discussion included restricting how many permits are issued at one time and to consider only permitting additional signage only for a special occasion such as a sale or new business. Amendments to the ordinance was given informal consideration but discussion concluded for no formal action to be taken at this time but to review each application as they come in and adhere to the current ordinance. No action taken.

Public Comment- Residents expressed concerns that a barber pole has been installed on a residential home.

Adjourned 6:49pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor