

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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: Michael Booth, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.  
AUDIENCE: There were 26 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of September 4, 2018 Special & Regular Meetings: Approved
- B. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of August 14, 2018 Meeting: Received

**PRESENTATIONS**

Good Samaritan Award-Mayor Cedar presented an award to Jessica Bradley for her courage in administering the Heimlich maneuver to a patron in a local establish.

Good Samaritan Award-Mayor Cedar presented an award to Mitch Kuffa, III for life-changing compassion to a fellow resident.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (18-16) to approve 2017-2018 Budget Adjustments-Financial Director Booth explained adjustments from the original budget including, but not limited to, a decrease to Elections, General Administration, Forestry and Tree Maintenance, Fire Expenditures and Fringe Benefits and increases to Cemetery, Community Promotions (boardwalk), Police, Park Maintenance and Community Center. **CITY OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-16 RESOLUTION AMENDING 2017-18 ANNUAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the revised list of expenditures for the 2017-2018 budget, attached as "Exhibit A" to this Resolution, be approved effective September 17, 2018.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution (18-16) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Road updates include the completion date of 9/18/18 for the Range/Carney/Brown intersection repair, 9/27/18 through 11/14/18 for Henry Street repair and 10/13/18 as the anticipated completion for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Vine and Brown. Anticipated completion for Thornapple & 11<sup>th</sup> street is by June of 2019. A visual representation of road repair from the past 4 years was displayed which highlighted what has been done in each ward. To clarify

budget questions from last council's meeting, the budget is set out for 6 years which is current year plus 5. Spending for road maintenance has increased because the road debt final payment from 2006 was made in last year's fiscal budget and also this is the first year of access to the voter approved millage funds. The spending is allocated as equally as possible between the 3 wards along with whatever grant money the city can receive. J. Watt, 1423 S. Riverside, inquired about St. Clair Highway repair. The city has contacted an engineering group to present findings with the anticipated opening within the next couple years. T. Sayers, 952 Thornapple, questioned the changed Thornapple repair timeline. The repair was initially included within this construction season, the project is approved and funding is available however the scrap tire grant was received later than anticipated so, although it will definitely be repaired, the completion date is now by June 2019. Administration will recommend immediate short-term repair on Cass St.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments** – None

**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative** – None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Schedule Public Hearing: Commercial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate application-On the Vine LLC- The City Clerk has received an application from On the Vine, LLC for a Commercial Facilities Tax Exemption which requires a public hearing per PA 255 of 1978.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing on October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Approve Special Event permit for Community Foundation 100 Men event Council received a memorandum from Chief Raker requesting special event permit approval for the Community Foundation "100 Men" event September 27, 2018. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented.

Approve Special Event permit for Gearing Elementary PTO 5k "Color Run"- Council received a memorandum from Chief Raker requesting special event permit approval for Gearing Elementary PTO to conduct a 5k Color Run September 29, 2018. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented.

Approve Special Event Permit for St. Clair Middle School PTO Dash of Doom 5k- Council received a memorandum from Chief Raker requesting special event permit approval for St. Clair Middle School PTO to conduct a 5k Dash of Doom October 12, 2018. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented.

Approve Special Event Permit for St. Clair High School Homecoming Parade and Rally- Council received a memorandum from Chief Raker requesting special event permit approval for the St. Clair High School Student Council's annual Homecoming parade on October 17, 2018. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented.

Approve special Event permit for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Clair Turkey Trot- Council received a

memorandum from Chief Raker requesting special event permit approval for First United Methodist Church to conduct their annual 5k Turkey Trot November 3, 2018. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented.

Approve Special Event Permit for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Lighted Parade- Council received a memorandum from Chief Raker requesting special event permit approval for the city of St. Clair Parade Committee to conduct their annual Lighted Santa Parade November 16, 2018, 2018. The applicant has complied with necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as presented.

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS –September 6 & September 13, 2018**

(Typo of check run date in heading: 9/6/18 should be 9/7/18) Check registers listing the bills for the period ending September 7, 2018 (check numbers 46406-46442) in the amount of \$465,544.91 and September 13, 2018 (check numbers 46443->46496) in the amount of \$169,204.11 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED (Klieman Nay), to approve payments of September 6 & September 13, 2018 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** –Historic Presentation: “10 people who made a difference in the city of St. Clair” 9/20/18 @7pm & 9/21/18 @1pm. R. Kuffa, 603 Clinton, requested repair on the sidewalk near Silks.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –None**

**CLOSED SESSION** - McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to grant Request for a Closed Session to Discuss Strategy Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employees Represented by the Police Officers Labor Council, POLC and Confer with Legal Counsel for the Purpose of Discussing a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication Concerning a Legal Opinion from Counsel.

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

Nays: None

At 7:23pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 7:48pm.  
No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:49pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor