

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018- 7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by BpTroop 294 and Pack**

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

**ABSENT:** Member Ellery

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

**AUDIENCE:** There were 32 people in attendance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT** – Mayor Cedar added item New Business item 8B. Sign Ordinance review. No objections.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Cemetery Board of Trustee Minutes of October 2, 2018 Meeting: Approved

**PRESENTATIONS**

Schmude Oil-Dennis Schmude stated seismic testing has provided enough interest to secure oil and gas rights from the city however he would still prefer to run up to 10 or more lines. Today is to start the process to commence leasing private mineral owners. Randall Hansen, on behalf of Schmude Oil, provided pictures of the proposed wells, a copy of the lease and city property and offered to answer any questions on the drafted lease. No surface access is included in the lease. There would be only one drill head with a temporary well. Drilling would take a week to 10 days with care taken for minimal activity and presence. Location of the well was not disclosed. Mayor and council agreed to have the lease and project reviewed by an expert in the field of oil/gas leases and all due diligence before any approval is granted.

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** –All city offices will be closed November 22 & 23. Rubbish and recycle collection will be Friday, November 23. Construction on Henry is done for the year. The project will be complete, with the addition of the top layer and restoration of the grass, in spring. Road repair funding sources were reviewed.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments** – Chief Raker conducted a target study in response to a resident's concern of traffic volume and speed on Jackson street. It included the average vehicle count for the different times of day and average speed. The assessment is the streets are designed to do what they are supposed to do. The turn-out of the Voyageur is a driveway. Drivers must obey the traffic signal.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve special use for 612 S. 11<sup>th</sup> – The request is for a special use to open a daycare. The state law allows up to 12, the city ordinance states a limit of 6. The approval was unanimous from Planning Commission.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special use as requested.

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

Nays: None

Sign Ordinance review-Councilmember McCartney stated the current sign ordinance is about 10 years old and recommended the Planning Commission form a subcommittee to review for possible updates. The subcommittee should include members of Riverview Plaza. Councilmember LaPorte will speak to the Planning Commission about the request.

## **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS –November 8 & November 15, 2018**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending November 8, 2018 (check numbers 46817-46870) in the amount of \$361,230.31 and November 15, 2018 (check numbers 46871 - 46911) in the amount of \$527,531.46 were presented for Council review.

Laporte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of November 8 & November 15, 2018 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – S. Adkins, 717 Witherell, requested details of the Henry Street road repair project.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – City service of leaf collection is on-going. Signs located at the St Clair Inn fence line will be reviewed for compliance and a new venue to council meetings will be pursued. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:34pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor