

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018- 7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar at Pine Shores Golf Course, 515 Fred Moore Highway, St. Clair, Michigan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ABSENT:** Member LaPorte (excused)

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

**AUDIENCE:** There were 9 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of November 19, 2018 Special and Regular Meetings: Approved

**PRESENTATIONS**

Project updates-Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc (AEW)- Stephen Pangori, AEW, explained the funds received, funds spent and projects included from the SAW Grant. Funding provided the cleaning and televising of 20 miles of storm sewers. A city-wide street map was referenced which represents the storm sewer segments, catch basins and manholes that were identified as in critical condition. This information assisted in development of a 6-year projected Storm Water Asset Management Plan. The SAW grant provided funding for development of the plan only, there will not be another SAW grant to repair any of the defects that were found.

As part of the road construction program, Murray Underground was awarded the bid for Henry Street and began work in October. Weather prohibited completion so final asphalt, manhole covers and landscaping will receive attention in the Spring. On Thornapple, the sanitary sewer is being extended and will also be repaired in the Spring.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance Introduction/Adoption (2018-09) Marihuana Establishment Prohibition- Attorney Downey summarized the law enacted per passing of Proposition 1 at the 11/6/18 election and then the emergency Ordinance provisions in the Charter that council may adhere to since the new law will take affect on 12/6/18. Every municipality has the right to opt out if they choose. Council may amend or rescind at a later date.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to introduce and adopt per the emergency ordinance of the city charter Ordinance 2018-09.

Ayes: Kindsvater, Kuffa, McCartney, Ellery, Cedar

Nays: Klieman

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – State mandated expense and revenue reports, known as the CVTRS/CIP, are now available on the city website or by contacting the City Clerk. Asset management plans for storm sewer, sanitary &, water systems are complete & roads are in progress. Council meetings will be held at Pine Shores until further notice.

**City Attorney-** In reference to Ordinance 2018-09, if someone opened up a business anyway, it would be in violation of the Ordinance and law enforcement will follow up.

**City Departments** – None

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Special Event permit for East China Educational Foundation Chili-Heart 5k Run/Walk- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for East China Educational Foundation to conduct their annual fundraiser, Chili-Heart 5k/2k, on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended. Kuffa moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve Special Event permit for Special Olympics Polar Plunge- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for Special Olympics Michigan to conduct the 2019 St. Clair Polar Plunge on Sunday, February 24, 2019. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended. Ellery moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve Special Event permit for St Clair Art Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pop-Up Gala- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for St. Clair Art Association to host a Pop-Up Gala on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended. Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve Library Commission By-Laws-Attorney Downey recommended to table approval to address an edit needed regarding appointment of membership. McCartney moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to table approval as recommended.

Approve selection of Regular Council Meeting dates for 2019-McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve 2019 regular meeting schedule as presented.

## **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS –November 21 & November 29, 2018**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending November 21, 2018 (check numbers 46912-46979) in the amount of \$97,497.25 and November 29, 2018 (check numbers 46980 -47014) in the amount of \$103,928.40 were presented for Council review.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, (Klieman-Nay) to approve payments of November 21 & November 29, 2018 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – R. Kuffa, 603 Clinton, expressed interest in adding a stoplight at the Clinton and Fred Moore intersection. Chief Raker will review.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Superintendent Booth completed training from the Michigan Association of Planning. Several new businesses are now included in the over 200 businesses located in the city, including Bellaire Homes/HM Construction, Blackbird Home Goods, Black and Bleu BBQ and Simply Fresh Café.

**CLOSED SESSION** – McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to grant Request for Closed Session to Discuss Strategy Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employees Represented by the Police Officers Labor Council, POLC.

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

Nays: None

At 7:27p, Council recessed into closed session & resumed regular session at 8:27p. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:28pm