

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019- 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the meeting room of Pine Shores Golf Course, 515 Fred W. Moore Highway, St. Clair, Michigan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Delos Boulier, Building Inspector; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Marion Schwehofer, Code Enforcement Officer; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 15 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Resignation from Historical Commission: Accepted with Regrets

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – The City's annual Financial Audit will begin January 28. The street light reported at last meeting has been fixed and the light at Diamond Point Park is functional as well. Administration noted the 2 streetlights 'out' on Clinton.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- None

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative – Councilmember McCartney on behalf of the Recreation Commission announced the Blueways Strategic Plan local community meeting 6:00pm Thursday, February 7th at Pine Shores.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 2019 Boards and Commissions appointments - Mayor Cedar reported recommendations for appointments of residents to various city authorities, boards, and commissions as follows:

Board of Review - Reappoint Jason Stoltz for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2019.

Historical Commission – Reappoint Beverly Stewart for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2021.

Mayor Cedar reported recommendations to appoint the following as Council Representatives to various city authorities, boards & commissions, each for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2019: Member Kindsvater-Golf Commission; Kuffa-Harbor Commission; LaPorte-Planning Commission; McCartney-Cemetery Board of Trustees and Recreation Commission; Watt-DDA and Historical

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointments as recommended.

Approve Off-Street Parking variance for 132 Trumbull-Delos Boulter explained the proposal of reverse angle parking added to Trumble. The developer intends to add 2 floors and an entry to residential suites to the existing building and wants the parking as close as possible to the tenant entrances. The Planning Commission held a public hearing in December and approved the variance request. The petitioner is requesting public parking that is not assigned for that particular use but council has the option to create designated parking. This parking does not narrow the street and the sidewalk will be relocated and maintain a 5-foot clearance. There is currently a lease of the existing parking lot and those 3 owners can reallocate those as they need. Reviews from the fire and police departments stated no issues with the request. Landscaping changes and the addition of a licensing agreement was discussed. Reverse angle parking best meets the need so loading and unloading isn't into the street. The owner and architect are present for any questions.

Ellery moved, Kuffa seconded, FAILED, to approve the variance as requested
Ayes: Ellery, Kuffa, Cedar
Nays: McCartney, Watt, Kindsvater, LaPorte

Approve Special Event Permit for Blue Water Salmon Stakes- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the Voyageur and Blue Water Sport Fishing Association to conduct the Salmon Stake Fishing Tournament on April 27, 2019. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.
Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED (LaPorte abstained), to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve special event permit for American Legion Memorial Day Parade and Celebration- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the American Legion Post 382 to conduct a Memorial Day Parade and Presentation on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 1:00pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special events permit as recommended.

Approve Special Event Permit for St Clair Chamber of Commerce Beer and Wine Fest- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce/Funfest Productions to conduct a Beer and Wine Festival on June 22, 2019. The applicant has complied with the 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 recommended.

Approve Vendor Hour Extension-Council received a memorandum from Clerk Sturdy requesting Council extend vendor hours to 11:00pm for the special event on June 22, 2019.
Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve the extension of vendor hours.

Approve Temporary Outdoor Service application from Voyageur- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the Voyageur to host outdoor service during Riverfest July 25-28, 2019. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED (LaPorte abstained), to approve request for Voyageur's Temporary Outdoor Service Permit as requested.

Approve Boathouse Lot Lease Transfer for 1107 Juliet- The transfer is a result of a direct sale to a person on the waiting list. 1107 Juliet is currently leased to Christine Klieman. She wishes to transfer the lease to Bill Klieman, 1374 S. Riverside Avenue. All sale notification procedures as stated Sec. 70-30 of the St. Clair City Code of Ordinances were followed. The new lessee meets all the qualifications as stated in Sec. 70-28 of the St. Clair Code of Ordinances. Council approval of the boathouse lot lease transfer from Klieman to Klieman for 1107 Juliet is requested. Once approved, the appropriate lease agreement will be drawn up for signatures. The property lease is for the area the structure sits on and the area directly in front of the boathouse (over the water). All leases are 5 year terms and this lease will expire in March or April of 2020.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve transfer as requested.
Ayes: Watt, Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar
Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – January 10 & January 17, 2019

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending January 10, 2019 (check numbers 47196->47230) in the amount of \$45,358.23 and January 17, 2019 (check numbers 47231->47275) in the amount of \$338,675.08 were presented for Council review.

Laporte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of January 10 & January 17, 2019 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – B. Ulatowski, St. Clair Chamber of Commerce, stated they are using a new vendor and adding a few more things to this year's Beer and Wine Fest. Regina Stocco, The Social Connection, stated she founded the St. Clair Beer and Wine Festival and was notified recently that they [Chamber] are not including them in this years event. K. Huffmaster, 1507 Oakland, Chamber member as a local business owner, supported the Chambers choice to switch companies. M. Flynn, Ultimate Fun Productions, reviewed the history of the event as one of the original partners and stated his claim of the event. Attorney Downey will investigate the claims.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Congratulations to St. Clair Police Department who raised \$350 during No Shave November for K.I.D.S. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Homemade Chili and Grilled Cheese Dinner on January 27.

CLOSED SESSION McCartney moved, LaPorte 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.

Ayes: Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Watt, Cedar
Nays: None

At 7:46pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:37pm.
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:38pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor