

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 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, Watt

**ABSENT:** Member McCartney (excused)

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

**AUDIENCE:** There were 30 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of April 15, 2019 Regular & Closed Meetings: Approved
- B. Golf Commission Minutes of October 30, 2019 Meeting: Received

**PROCLAMATION**

National Police Week-Mayor Cedar proclaimed May 13-19 as National Police Week.

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – The 2019-20 fiscal year budget public hearing is 5/20/19 @7pm. Henry, S 11th and Thornapple repair has been moved back one week because of the weather.

**City Attorney**- None

**City Departments**- Special Election May 7, 2019 polls open 7am-8pm. Food Truck Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the Scenic Turnout open 10am-2pm.

**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative** – Golf Commission provided irrigation system update.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- None

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Approve recommendation to revert property at 678 N. Riverside from PUD to R1-In regards to this zoning change, a position letter will be submitted from the property owners Attorney for consideration before the next meeting.

Kindsvater moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, for administration to draft an ordinance of the amendment requested.

Ayes: Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, Watt, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve purchase of 2019 Ford F250 Plow Truck-The purchase will replace a 2002 vehicle.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve 2019 F250 Plow Truck purchase.

Ayes: Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, Watt, Ellery, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve Pension Corrective Action Plan- During the April 15, 2019 regular meeting, Council approved a \$250,000 pension payment. Per the State's request, Superintendent Booth created a corrective action plan which includes that \$250,000 payment, highlights completed benefit reductions and other changes planned going forward.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve Pension Corrective Action Plan as presented.

Ayes: Kuffa, LaPorte, Watt, Ellery, Kindsvater, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve Special Event Permit for St Clair Beer and Wine Fest-Discussion included need for police security, the use of the public boardwalk for paid private use and how local charity donations are determined.

Kuffa moved, Watt seconded, FAILED, to approve special event permit as requested if the event is free entry and the snow fencing around the event does not include the boardwalk.

Ayes: Watt, Kuffa

Nays: LaPorte, Ellery, Kindsvater, Cedar

Approve Lease for St Clair Beer and Wine Fest -No action taken.

### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – April 18 & April 25, 2019**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending April 18, 2019 (check numbers 47732-47772) in the amount of \$100,547.35 and for period ending April 25, 2019 (check numbers 47773-47805) in the amount of \$51,835.58 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of April 18 & April 25, 2019 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Comments heard on St Clair Art Association 48<sup>th</sup> annual Art Fair and Artful Dodger, the status of S. Riverside sewer line repair, an opinion on Riverview Plaza gated parking, Boardwalk maintenance, bathrooms and water at Klecha Park, sidewalk replacement and crack sealant and statements on the Beer and Wine fest.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Residents can request sandbags from DPW if rising water is a problem.

**CLOSED SESSION-** Kuffa 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: Watt, Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar

Nays: None

At 7:40pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:28 pm.

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:30pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor