

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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; James T. Downey, Joachim, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Timothy Raker, Chief of Police; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 9 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENT-Mayor Cedar recommended to add New Business 9D) to authorize administration to negotiate a letter of interest with Whittlesey Development regarding Industrial Park property.

McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to amend the agenda as recommended.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Planning Commission Minutes of January 9, 2019 Meeting: Received
- C. St. Clair Historical Commission Minutes of March 14, 2019 Meeting: Received

PRESENTATION

2017--2018 Annual Audit Presentation-William I. Tucker IV, CPA, Maner Costerisan-Bill Tucker provided copies of the audit presentation outline and referenced the Financial Statement for September 2018 and board communication letter. The purpose of this audit is for independent auditors to prepare an opinion on 10 opinion units using generally accepted accounting principles. Several items were specifically mentioned in the presentation such as Pension and Other post-employment benefits (OPEB). Revenues have exceeded expenditures for the past 5 years and the city received a clean, unmodified opinion.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation Designating April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day-Mayor Cedar declared the date of April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day 2019 for the City of St. Clair. The City has been awarded the title of Tree City USA for the 21st consecutive year.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – City hall will be closed this Friday, April 19. The Henry, S 11th Street and Thornapple Street repair updated scheduled will be available the week of 4/15. The Round-a-bout at Fred Moore Highway/Wadhams and additional repairs on Fred Moore Highway are scheduled to begin in August with an anticipated completion date of September. No update yet on the M-29 Road Diet. Administration will contact Chartiers for additional detour signage during Clinton construction.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Reminder of the Special Election May 7, 2019. Polls are open 7am-8pm.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-

Schedule public hearing for 2019-2020 annual budget -Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Approve Freedom of Information Act Policies & Guidelines – Kindsvater moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve current FOIA policy and documents.

Approve Additional Contribution to MERS Pension Fund-The previously submitted waiver for the underfunded pension was denied by the State which then required a correction action plan be created and implemented. This contribution is part of the plan to move forward to fund at least 60% by about 2024.

McCartney moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve additional contribution as requested.

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

Nays:None

Authorize administration to negotiate a letter of interest with Whittlesey Development regarding Industrial Park property.- LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to authorize letter as requested.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – April 5 & April 11, 2019

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending April 5, 2019 (check numbers 47635-47694) in the amount of \$248,025.53 and for period ending April 11, 2019 (check numbers 47695-47731) in the amount of \$34,850.07 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of April 5 & April 11, 2019

Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard on proposed M-29 Road Diet bicycle lane placement, resident complaints and a special event application.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special events:
Salmon Stake Fishing Tournament 4/27/19.

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

Nays: None

At 7:45pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:22pm.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:23pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor