

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019- 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, 48079.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 9 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of October 21, 2019 Regular & Closed Meetings: Approved
- B. City Council Minutes of October 24, 2019 Special Meeting: Approved
- C. St Clair Historical Commission Minutes of July 11, 2019 Meeting: Received
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of September 4, 2019 Meeting: Received

PROCLAMATION

St. Clair Library 150th Anniversary-Mayor Cedar proclaimed 2019 The Year of the Library and congratulated the local branch on their 150th anniversary.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Departmental meetings with the Accountant, Treasurer and Department heads are ongoing and well-received. Administration approved the SCPD initiative to purchase rifles as part of a rifle buy-back program. Per the Arbitrator, a contract agreement has been reached by the City and POLC. A few items to note include a closed pension system to new hires with a 457 account and city contribution instead and a wage increase retroactive to 2018.

City Attorney- None.

City Departments-The Special Election is tomorrow-- polls open from 7am-8pm. The ballot question is a renewal of 1 mill for city-employee pension funding. Proposal 3 approved by voters in 2018 allows for same-day registration. On election day residents may visit the local clerks office with proper identification and proof of residency, register and receive a ballot.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Special Event permit for Charity Block Party- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the LeTarte family to hold a Charity Block party fundraiser for a local family on November 23, 2019 from 5pm-11pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – October 24 & October 31, 2019

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending October 24, 2019 (check numbers 48975 - 49034) in the amount of \$95,402.63 and the period ending October 31, 2019 (check numbers 49036-49071) in the amount of \$143,666.31 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of October 24, 2019 and October 31, 2019 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –Comment heard for appreciation of the 2nd street pothole repair and question asked on sidewalk repair schedule.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – City offices are closed Monday, November 11th to observe Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:21pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor