

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020- 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 22 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 December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of October 23, 2019 Meeting: Received

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Introduction (2020-01) Sign Ordinance- **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO AMEND APPENDIX B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR ORDAINS: SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend various sections of Appendix B of the Codified Ordinances of the City of St. Clair pertaining to regulation of signage. **SECTION 2. SECTIONS AMENDED & UPDATED** Article 6, Section 7.3 of Article 7, Article 8, and Section 8.32 of Article 8B of Appendix B of the Codified Ordinances of the City of St. Clair are hereby amended and updated to read in their entirety as shown on the following pages.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to introduce Ordinance (2020-01) as presented.

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

Nays: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Resolution (20-01) 2018-19 Budget Adjustments- **RESOLUTION AMENDING 2018-19 ANNUAL BUDGET BE IT RESOLVED**, that the revised list of expenditures for the 2018-2019 budget, attached as "Exhibit A" to this Resolution, be approved effective immediately, and the amendments adopted on September 16, 2019 shall be immediately rescinded.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-01) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Three police officers enrolled in the new health coverage plan. Full-time city accountant begins 1/20/20. Repair the Municipal Building parking lot was stated as an additional short-term goal.

City Attorney- Provided update on the investigation into the 8th Street home occupation issue with

the opinion concluded as the city does not have a claim against the owner for misrepresentation.
City Departments- Chief Raker welcomed 2 part-time officers, Tyler Schroll and Ashley Trenz, to the department and provided update on several St. Clair Inn issues. Corporal Ennis shared the SCPD parking lot will have signs and additional cameras to enhance the new "Safe Place" area as a monitored place to exchange goods. Lee Westrick, Cargill, and Rene Ofeno, Cargill Cares, and MBK Alarm Systems were recognized for their partnership and donations.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve engineering proposal from AEW for 2020 Street projects- McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal as presented.

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

Nays: None

Approve 2020 Boards and Commissions Appointments- Mayor Cedar reported recommendations for appointments of residents to various city authorities, boards, and commissions as follows:

Golf – Re-appoint Beth Obermesik for a 1yr term expiring December 31, 2020, representing the St. Clair Lions Club.

Harbor – Re-appoint Dennis Bucholtz & Chuck Harder for 3 yr terms expiring December 31, 2022.

Planning Commission – Re-appoint Dan McCartney for a 3 yr term expiring December 31, 2022.

Recreation Commission- Re-appoint Karen Foley & Lisa Whittlesey for 3 yr terms expiring December 31, 2022.

ZBA – Re-appoint Jim Bier and JoAnn Westrick for 3 yr terms expiring December 31, 2022.

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

And with a residency waiver, to various city authorities, boards and commissions as follows:

Planning Commission – Re-appoint Terry Beier for a 3 yr term expiring December 31, 2022

McCartney moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointment as recommended.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – December 19 & 26, 2019 and January 2, 2020

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending December 19, 2019 (check numbers 49330-49387) in the amount of \$134,933.89, the period ending December 26, 2019 (check numbers 49388-49405) in the amount of \$104,852.84 and the period ending January 2, 2020 (check numbers 49406-49431) in the amount of \$26,327.72 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of December 19, 2019, December 26 and January 2, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Questions asked on St Clair Inn parking & 8th St home occupation.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Schmude oil will hold two public forums for Q & A on natural gas exploration January 16 & 23 @6pm at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:27pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor