

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 5 people in attendance.

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

A. City Council Minutes of November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting: Approved

**PRESENTATION**

St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management-Mark White, Deputy Director, discussed the impacts and effects of the 2019 rising flood waters and anticipated High Water, Flooding, and Ice Damage for 2020. The predication calls for 7-8 inches of expected rising water in this area. Property owners are encouraged to check the FEMA map to see if the property is in a floodplain and communicate with their insurance carrier if any changes need to be made.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (19-27) Authorizing City of St. Clair Signatory for MDOT Contract No. 19-5442- **CITY OF ST. CLAIR ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN RESOLUTION NO. 19-27 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SIGNATORY FOR MDOT CONTRACT 19-5442 WHEREAS,** the City of St. Clair is entering into agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the installation of signage on Highway M-29; and, **WHEREAS,** that agreement is also known as MDOT Contract No. 19-5442; and, **WHEREAS,** MDOT requires specific authorization of signatories for each contract it enters with a local municipality. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City of St. Clair City Superintendent Warren Rothe is hereby authorized by the City Council to act as signatory for this agreement, MDOT Contract 19-5442

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (19-27) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Departmental budget meetings have concluded. 2020-21 annual budget meetings will start in the Spring. Administration is working closely with DPW to determine 2020 road repair and is working together with the Treasurer on investments and interest rates.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** November 5, 2019 Special Election results are now available on the City and County Clerk websites. The city proposal did pass. The next election is the Presidential Primary on

March 10, 2020. Applications for election inspectors are available on the city website or at city hall.  
**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative – None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

St. Clair County Foreclosed Property- Council received information from the St Clair County Treasurer with an offer, at no cost to the city other than the registration fee, of 1 foreclosed property. In 2018 the assessor recommended, and the city accepted, 4 other properties in the same area. If the City accepts the property, the City Treasurer will notify the County of Council's action. The deadline to accept the properties is December 20, 2019.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED (voice vote), to accept the foreclosed property, Parcel #07-970-0018-000 as offered from the St. Clair County Treasurer's Office.

Approve Special Event permit for Christmas Tree Stroll and Downtown Holiday Light Display- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Stroll and Downtown Holiday Light Display November 22 through January 31, 2020. 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 special event permit as presented.

## **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – November 7, 2019 & November 14, 2019**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending November 7, 2019 (check numbers 49072-49095) in the amount of \$74,692.91 and the period ending November 14, 2019 (check numbers 49096-49177) in the amount of \$101,053.57 were presented for Council review. LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of November 7, 2019 and November 14, 2019 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –** Concerns heard regarding compliance of the Home Occupation residency requirement at 602 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the timeline of a previous complaint review. Requests made for repair of the Palmer Park Arch lighting and action to remedy blight at the property on 8<sup>th</sup> Street (old middle school).

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Congratulations to Mary Beaudua St. Clair Women's League Volunteer Extraordinaire Award for her over 50 years of community service. Congratulations to Bob Plonka on his retirement after 30 plus years of service. Special events: Santa Parade 11/22/19 @6pm, Block party fundraiser 11/23/19 @5pm & Historical Museum photos with Santa 11/29/19-12/1/19. City Hall is closed 11/28-11/29 for the Thanksgiving holiday and "Garbage day" is also delayed to Friday 11/29 that week. Council requested goal setting sessions.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:34pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor