

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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, LaPorte, McCartney, Watt

ABSENT: Member Kuffa (excused)

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

AUDIENCE: There were 12 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENT- Mayor requested to delete New Business "A".

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

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

Nays: None

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

A. City Council Minutes of February 3, 2020 Regular & Closed Meetings: Approved

B. Recreation Commission Minutes of November 18 & December 17, 2019: Received

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Adoption (2020-02) Regulation of Handbills- Kindsvater moved, Ellery seconded, **CARRIED**, to adopt Ordinance (2020-02) as presented.

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

Nays: None

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Resolution (20-05)- Support for MDOT TAP grant application- R. Ryan Kern, distributed the proposed Clinton Avenue Bikeway, Application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. The proposal is a 10 foot asphalt path on Clinton Avenue from Carney Drive to Riverside in order address the critical gap identified by the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commissions 2019 Trails Master Plan gap. No change to any of the parking available between 5th to Riverside Avenue. The proposal is to match the current decorative stamped concrete. The city will have the opportunity to review several times within the project. The potential city cost could be \$420,000 if there were no Community Foundation or other sources of funding received. It is the City Superintendent recommendation to not follow through with the project if additional funding is not received.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CLINTON AVENUE SIDE PATH BIKEWAY TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION LOCAL MATCH FUNDING
WHEREAS, the City of St. Clair plans to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to construct a non-motorized trail at an 80% grant and 20% local match; and **WHEREAS**, the St. Clair County Trails Plan identified Clinton Avenue as a Bridge To Bay Trail critical gap connection; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair Recreation Commission and St. Clair Trails Advisory Committee supports the City of St. Clair proceeding with the TAP application for funding of the Clinton Avenue Side Path Bikeway; and **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Clair does hereby authorize \$291,400.00 toward a 40% grant local match of the construction costs; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Clair would be responsible for all costs related to engineering design, construction observation and administration, permit fees and any franchise utility relocations required to construct this project; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the funds will be payable out of the City of St. Clair 2020-2021 General Fund Budget and other sources of funding upon the project engineer's certification that the trail project has been completed to Transportation Alternatives Program grant specifications.

McCartney moved, Watt seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-05) as presented.

Ayes: LaPorte, McCartney, Watt, Kindsvater, Cedar

Nays: Ellery

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Policy updates are moving forward, MML compensation study proposal presented at the next meeting & resident handbook almost completed. Public Act 202 of 2018 requires local governments to pre-fund retirement for employees retirement hired after 6/30/18. The city must create a new trust fund account with MERS and transfer money into that fund.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director, shared Klecha Park renovations are being discussed and she is working on applying for another MDNR trust fund grant. Deadline for the application is April 1st. A public hearing must be scheduled as part of that process. The recommendation to schedule the public hearing on March 2 @7pm.

McCartney moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to schedule public hearing on March 2 @ 7pm.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – February 11 & February 13, 2020

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending February 11, 2020 (check numbers 49591-49654) in the amount of \$195,156.90 and the period ending February 13, 2020 (check numbers 49655-49704) in the amount of \$39,093.80 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of February 11, 2020 and February 13, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Question asked for an Oak Street update and comment heard to congratulate the SCPD for community service. Diane Ives, St Clair Garden Club, proposed a project at the scenic turnout area on M-29 to design and install 2 raised block planter beds for low growing plants with irrigation. The project also includes sod in the alternate areas. There are no funds requested by city council. McCartney moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to support the project.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon Stake Tournament will not be held in St. Clair this year.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:29pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor