

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020- 7:00 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

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

ABSENT: Member Ellery (excused)

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

AUDIENCE: There 7 people in (virtual) attendance.

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

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

Nays: None

A. City Council Minutes of May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting: Approved

PRESENTATION

2020-2021 Proposed Annual Budget-Superintendent Rothe provided an overview of several funds including streets, wastewater, water, golf and harbor, suggested to change the Charter provision of the fiscal year schedule, explained how COVID-19 will impact future revenue, summarized total revenues and expenditures, tax information, legacy cost challenges and offered suggestions for expenditure of equipment pool funds to include additional vehicle purchases.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on 2020-2021 Annual Budget-Hearing opened at 7:36pm. No comments heard for or against the proposed budget. Hearing closed at 7:38pm.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (20-11) Establishing a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response plan-Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to table Resolution (20-11).

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

Nays: None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – The Golf Deficit Elimination Plan was accepted by the Department of Treasury, a new bridge operator has been hired, an updated schedule of fees and charges will come soon and DPW completed city-wide hydrant flushing. City Hall parking lot paving, Pine Street and St Clair highway maintenance projects are moving forward. 2020 Streets project sealed bids due June 4 with intent to be awarded at the June 15 meeting.

City Attorney- The current Stay at Home Executive Order is set to expire May 28th. After that date, council meetings will resume in person.

City Departments-For Immediate Release: Community Pool will remain closed for the summer, YAPS will not be offered, all city-sponsored program and events scheduled for June will not be offered and all other city-sponsored recreation programs are suspended until further notice

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS -None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – May 7 & May 14, 2020

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending May 7, 2020 (check numbers 50183-50217) in the amount of \$79,221.15 and the period ending May 14, 2020 (check numbers 50218-50291) in the amount of \$132,338.48 were presented for Council review. Councilmember LaPorte pointed out the addition of the MERS monthly payment now appearing on the check register.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of May 7 & May 14, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Discussion occurred on how to conduct future meetings. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT - LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:09pm.

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

Nays: None

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor