

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 20, 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

ABSENT: Member Watt (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Bob Bieth, DPW Supervisor; Delos Boulier, Building Inspector; Tim Raker, Police Chief; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 9 people in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA – Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda items A., C., D. and E., with deletion of B due to typo, but otherwise as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting: Approved

~~B. Golf Commission Minutes of November 9, 2019 Regular Meeting:~~

C. Planning Commission Minutes of December 11, 2019 Meeting: Received

D. Cemetery Board of Commission Minutes of March 3, 2020 Meeting: Received

E. Harbor Commission Minutes of November 19, 2019 & June 16, 2020 Meetings: Received

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Introduction (2020-05) Prohibiting the shooting of bows and arrows within city limits-
LaPorte moved, Cedar seconded, FAILED, to refer the Ordinance back to legal counsel for further review. (Tied=failed)

Ayes: LaPorte, Ellery, Cedar

Nays: Kindsvater, Kuffa, McCartney

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Road update: Vine Street mill and fill will begin July 23 & July 24 and is intended to conclude on Friday. Residents have been notified. St. Clair Highway, Cass and 3rd street repairs will begin in August. Residents encouraged to complete the 2020 Census. The Community Foundation awarded \$302,000 towards the Bridge to Bay critical gap project and awarded \$10,000 towards improvements on the existing bike path.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve right of way construction permit-

McCartney moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve the right of way permit for 401 Fred Moore Highway contingent on review and approval from the SCFD.

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

Equipment Pool discussion- City Superintendent presented information on current inventory, how usage is allocated per department, how the equipment pool is funded and future purchasing intentions.

Approve purchase of Street Sweeper- McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve purchase of 2016 street sweeper for \$123,000.

Ayes: LaPorte, McCartney, Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, Cedar
Nay: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – July 9 & July 16, 2020

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending July 9, 2020 (check numbers 50572-50610) in the amount of \$264,854.63 and the period ending July 16, 2020 (check numbers 50611-50669) in the amount of \$112,872.25 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of July 9 & July 16, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard regarding changes to alcohol consumption in Palmer Park, details of Riverbank Theater’s summer events and question asked for details of action stemming from closed session on 6/22/20.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CLOSED SESSION: Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to grant request for Closed Session to Discuss Strategy Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employees Represented by AFSCME.

Ayes: McCartney, Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar
Nays: None

At 7:49pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:13pm.
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:14pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor