

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Cedar convened the Special Meeting of the City Council to order in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 547 N Carney Drive at 6:00pm to discuss infrastructure projects, the potential sale of the cell tower and purchase of a VAC truck.

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Bob Bieth, DPW Supervisor; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 3 people in attendance

Infrastructure projects- Ryan Kern, AEW, summarized the proposal for improvements to the existing sanitary sewer along the east side of N. Riverside Avenue, north of Brown Street. Approximately 1300 feet of sewer would be relocated away from the influence of the seawall and accessory buildings. Discussion included reasons for moving the sewers (higher ground for no infiltration), requests for easements to be reviewed to avoid this issue in the future (private homeowners built in the easement) and the effect the improvement would create for sewer capacity (possibly 150000 increase).

VAC Truck Purchase- City Superintendent Rothe explained the current use of the vehicle and the expected upcoming projects regarding the new lead-and-copper-rule. Three quotes were received from the solicitation. Discussion included purchase vs rent cost, explanation of support for the 2nd lowest bidder instead of lowest bidder, timeline for receipt of vehicle, special features of vehicle, repair estimate comparisons of the current equipment, financing options of the new vehicle and a new purchase and possibilities for refurbishing current vehicle. Superintendent Rothe reiterated the intended future equipment purchases for 2021-22 and stated they were included in the budget.

Cell tower lease- City Superintendent Rothe explained the amount of the current offer, the intent to use the amount of the sale for new builds in Public spaces, potential grant opportunities and scenarios of what could happen if the city did not sell the lease. Discussion included negotiating other offers, current tenants and contracts, the future of 5G, how the funds currently affect the budget and how they could be affected in the future.

No action taken.

Public Comment- Questions heard to inquire if there are any Township residents on the N Riverside sewer line and financing rates for the VAC truck. Comment heard regarding cell tower.

Adjourned 6:54pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor