

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Watt

**ABSENT:** None

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

**AUDIENCE:** There were 6 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – LaPorte moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda items A., *with addition to the Regular meeting minutes to add inquiry on the schedule to bid the Property and Liability Insurance Carrier*, and B. as presented.

- A. City Council Minutes of September 8, 2020 Special, Regular & Closed Meetings:  
Approved with correction
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of September 9, 2020 Meeting: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (20-14) 2019-20 Budget Adjustments- Several funds discussed including DPW, Fringe Benefits, Fire Authority, Community Promotions, Forestry and Tree Maintenance, Police and Superintendent. Correction to the adjustments should show no change to Police.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-14) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Resolution (20-15) Non-Profit recognition of Lelito's Legacy Foundation-

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-15) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Provided an update on the N. Riverside Sewer and St. Clair Highway projects, the EGLE inspection of Storm Water Audit and recognized Chad Muldermans for his lead on that item. CTV has acquired technology to do live broadcasts. Thank you to Paul Dingeman, Cable Director, for fundraising \$13000 for this project. Compliments provided to Murray Underground for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** Clerk Sturdy advised Absent voter applications available for 11/3/20 election and provided update on RRC certification.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

### Approve proposal for Cleaning Services-

Kuffa moved, McCartney, CARRIED, to approve proposal from Tammy Markwardt Cleaning Services as presented.

Dave McCoy, McCoy Maintenance, commented on status of employment contract between his business and Tammy Markwardt. Per Attorney Downey, the comments are not reason for the City to not approve the proposal.

### Approve amendment of Industrial Park Purchase Agreement- This amendment changes the deadline to November 13, 2020.

McCartney moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve amendment as presented.

### Approve purchase of VAC Truck-

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to waive the sealed competitive bid process, direct administration to select competitive finance options to be presented to council and approve the purchase from Frederickson Supply in the amount of \$425,027.55.

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

Nay: Kindsvater

### Approve Traffic Control Order- Order would prohibit parking on the east side of S. Riverside from the intersection of Palmer Street south 40 feet.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve traffic control order as presented.

Discuss Cell Tower Lease- Superintendent Rothe provided an update on the continued negotiations with the interested party and the offer is now at \$465,000 with the City receiving 60% of any new revenue generated on the facility. Administration is directed to reach out to others municipalities who were in this same situation for more information. No further action taken.

### Approve special event permit for St. Mary's Fall Festival- Council received a memorandum from

Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Mary's Fall Festival September 22-28, 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 application as recommended.

### Approve special event permit for St. Clair Halloween Nights - Council received a memorandum from

Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for St. Clair Halloween Nights Parade on October 29, 2020 and a Trick or Treat Trail in Greig Park. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve special event application as recommended.

## **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – September 10 & September 17, 2020**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending September 10, 2020 (check numbers 50949-50986) in the amount of \$134,971.35 and the period ending September 17, 2020 (check numbers 50987-51035) in the amount of \$938,569.76 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of September 10, 2020 & September 17, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Thank you for Paul Dingeman and Bruce Holladay for commitment to live streaming local sports. At this time, there is no change to Halloween Trick or Treat hours.

**CLOSED SESSION** McCartney moved, Kuffa 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: Watt, Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar  
Nays: None

At 7:38pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:40pm.  
No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:42pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor