

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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:** Bob Bieth, DPW Supervisor; James T Downey, Kane, Clemens, Joachim and Downey; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

**AUDIENCE:** There were 7 people in attendance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT-** McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to add “Discuss a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication Concerning a Legal Opinion from Counsel” to closed session.

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

Nays: None

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

- A. City Council Minutes of October 5, 2020 Regular & Closed Meetings: Approved
- B. St. Clair Historical Commission Minutes of June 11, July 9, August 13 & September 10, 2020 Meetings: Received
- C. Golf Commission Minutes of August 11, 2020 Meeting: Received
- D. Planning Commission Minutes of August 12, 2020 Meeting: Received
- E. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of September 1, 2020 Meeting: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (20-16) Authorization for Final Approval of Master Plan- A RESOLUTION FOR THE RIGHT OF FINAL APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF ST CLAIR MASTER PLAN WHEREAS, the City of St. Clair established a Planning Commission to prepare plans for the development of the City, and **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008 establishes the procedures for the development and adoption of Master Plans, and **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act provides the City Council with the option of assuming for themselves the right of final approval of a Master Plan adopted by the Planning Commission, and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair Planning Commission has prepared an update to the City of St. Clair Master Plan and has presented it to the City Council to authorize a public hearing on the plan, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St. Clair City Council reserves for itself the right to final approval of the City of St. Clair Master Plan as authorized under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-16) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent –** Interviews will occur this week to fill the vacant DPW laborer position. The state noted compliance with our permit. City service of leaf pick up will resume next month. AEW is

conducting a PASER rating of the roads. The cell tower lease discussion has continued. Sidewalk repair is ongoing. Discussion occurred about an outside service to complete sidewalk ratings.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** Polls open 7am-8pm 11/3/20. Welcome new businesses Amunni Boutique and Le Marche to Riverview Plaza.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Boathouse Lot Lease Transfer for 1147 S. Fifth Street – McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED (Ellery-Nay), to approve the boathouse lot lease from M. Karas to K. Kemp as recommended.

Approve Proposal for Palmer Park Tree Maintenance-City Superintendent Rothe explained the bids. Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to accept proposal from Timbers in the amount of \$6800.

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

Nays: None

### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – October 9 & October 15, 2020**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending October 9, 2020 (check numbers 51113-51153) in the amount of \$71,098.94 and the period ending October 15, 2020 (check numbers 51154-51202) in the amount of \$35,004.24 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of October 9, 2020 & October 15, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –** Al Francis discussed intent to prepare for sale the current vacant school property, city street vacations that need to occur and the legal process needed to complete those. Council will have final consideration of street vacation options. Jeff Bohm, spoke of the special events this summer and the planning for Friday-Sunday entertainment during summer 2021. A budget was shared about potential funds needed.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Congratulations to Chamber of Commerce for last weekend's "Trick and Treat Trail". Applications available for Housing Commission vacancy. Mayor Cedar proposed adding a pulley system for steps from the boardwalk into the St. Clair river. Administration is requested to confer with the insurance agent about liability and signage. Mayor Cedar received direction to continue researching the project.

**CLOSED SESSION -** McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to grant request for Closed Session to Consider a Personnel Evaluation of Employee and to Discuss a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication Concerning a Legal Opinion from Counsel.

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

Nays: None

At 7:28pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:15pm.

Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to direct Attorney Downey to draft addendum to Warren Rothe's current contract with the changes discussed during closed session.

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:17pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor