

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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, Clemens, Joachim and Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 5 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENT- McCartney moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to add "Resolution (20-18) Support of ECSD vacation of Hugo Street".

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

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA – Kuffa moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented, with Closed meeting minutes 10/19/20 tabled pending correction.

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

Nays: None

A. City Council Minutes of October 19, 2020 Regular meeting: Approved

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (20-17) Approve Addendum to City Superintendent Employment Agreement- **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY. A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of St. Clair adopted at a regular meeting of said Council held at City Hall located at 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, on the 2nd day of November, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

WHEREAS, the City Council has recently completed its Annual Evaluation of the City Superintendent's performance pursuant to Section XVIII of his contract; and **WHEREAS**, the City Council has the prerogative to adjust the City Superintendent's compensation under Section III of his contract following said Annual Evaluation; and **WHEREAS**, the City Council has found the performance of the City Superintendent to be satisfactory; and **WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to recognize the performance of City Superintendent Warren J. Rothe by making the following changes to his compensation package: (1) granting a three-percent (3%) increase in his annual salary, effective the anniversary of his start date, October 7, 2020; (2) awarding him a one-time cash bonus of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and (3) making a one-time bonus payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to his International City Management Association Retirement Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes an Addendum to the Employment Agreement of City Superintendent Warren J. Rothe memorializing the above-referenced terms in recognition of his service to the City.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-17) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (20-18) Support of ECSD vacation of Hugo Street- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EAST CHINA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S VACATION OF HUGO STREET BETWEEN ORCHARD STREET AND ADAMS STREET AS PART OF ITS GEARING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAT AMENDMENT. A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of St. Clair adopted at a regular meeting of said Council held at City Hall located at 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, on the 2nd day of November, 2020 at 7:00 PM. **WHEREAS**, the East China School District ("ECSD") is initiating a petition to amend the plat that includes Gearing Elementary School, as reported by its Attorney T. Allen Francis at the time of the October 19, 2020 regular meeting; and, **WHEREAS**, the ECSD discovered that a portion of platted Hugo Street extends beyond the school boundary between Orchard Street and Adams Street; and, **WHEREAS**, the ECSD has sought the City's concurrence in vacating this portion of platted Hugo Street; and, **WHEREAS**, City administration has consulted with the Attorney and the Engineer and has determined that the ECSD's proposed vacation is in the best interest of the City; **NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the City Council of St. Clair, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, to support the East China School District's effort to vacate Hugo Street between Orchard Street and Adams Street. Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED (voice vote), to adopt Resolution (20-18) as presented.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Waste Management seasonal leaf collection continues until the end of November. City hall is closed 11/11/20. AEW began survey of Clinton. 11/19/20 first public outreach event for Engineer & Trails Committee to hear public comment on the bike path project.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- General election tomorrow 11/3/20. Polls open 7am-8pm. Chief Raker commented the prescription drop box in City Hall has been well received.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative – Applications now accepted for a Golf Commission vacancy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Termination of Signature Associates Agreement- Kuffa moved, Ellery seconded, CARRIED, to terminate the agreement.

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

Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – October 22 & October 29, 2020

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending October 22, 2020 (check numbers 51203 - 51246) in the amount of \$251,066.61 and the period ending October 29, 2020 (check numbers 51247-51282) in the amount of \$451,607.06 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of October 22, 2020 & October 29, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard on Immanuel Lutheran Adopt-a-cop program with compliments to SCPD, Goffe Street infrastructure & Clinton Ave. bike path.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Veterans day 11/11/20. Polls open 11/3/20 7am-8pm. Special events: Santa Lighted Parade 11/20/20.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:22pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor