

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020- 7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, 48079. The meeting was held virtually via the ZOOM meeting platform.

**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; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

**AUDIENCE:** There were 6 people in (virtual) attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motions made and supported to approve consent agenda items A., B. and C. as presented. All roll call votes were unanimous.

- A. City Council Minutes of November 16, 2020 Regular: Approved
- B. St. Clair Boat Harbor Minutes of August 13, 2020 Meeting: Received
- C. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of October 6, 2020 Meeting: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (20-20) Establish Authorized Signatories for MERS contracts & service credit purchase approvals- Approved the positions of City Superintendent and City Accountant as authorized signers. Ellery moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (20-20) as recommended.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Resolution (20-xx) Charter Amendment Ballot Language- The Resolution would place a ballot proposal on the November 2021 ballot. The proposal is a Yes/No question to change the Charter to require Councilmember candidates to live in the Ward they represent.

Ellery moved, Watt seconded, FAILED (required 5 to pass), to adopt Resolution (20-xx) as presented.

Ayes: Ellery, LaPorte, McCartney, Watt

Nays: Kindsvater, Kuffa, Cedar

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Staff received the draft engineering study of the Water Treatment Plant improvement project. The results will be brought to council very soon. Cost appears to be within the original estimate between 3-5 million. Please continue to take care of each other and help mitigate the spread of COVID-19

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** None

**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative** – Councilmembers requested for council agenda packet documents not be printed double-sided.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Interlocal Agreement for St. Clair County Designated Assessor- Per a memo from Superintendent Rothe, the agreement must be approved by a majority of municipalities within the County.

Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve agreement as presented.

Ayes: Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, Watt, Cedar

Nays: McCartney, Ellery

Approve Defined Benefit Addendums- These addendums do not change the current benefits but only codifies the records between the City and MERS.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve addendums as presented.

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

Nays: None

Schedule public hearing for Industrial Development District- Per PA 198 of 1974 a public hearing is required as part of the establishment of an Industrial Development District. Administration is in receipt of a request by Magna Electric Vehicle Structures of such a hearing.

Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing on December 21, 2020 at 7:00pm as recommended.

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

Nays: None

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – November 19, 2020 & December 3, 2020**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending November 19, 2020 (check numbers 51417-51462) in the amount of \$96,205.39 and the period ending December 3, 2020 (check numbers 51463-51501) in the amount of \$80,831.10 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of November 19, 2020 & December 3, 2020 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –** Comments heard in favor of the Charter Amendment ballot proposal & requests made to allow more time for public comment including for agenda items.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Mayor Cedar stated his intent to have a workshop on the Charter Amendment with the goal to place the ballot proposal before voters and observed December 7 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Councilmember Watt expressed follow through concern regarding the Charter Amendments. Councilmember McCartney questioned validity of permits for the West side of M-29 and part of 6<sup>th</sup> street and requested the process to move forward with removing the structure. Administration will continue to address the issue and keep Council informed of options

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:55pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor