

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021- 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 Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul

**ABSENT:** Member Volz (excused)

**ADMINISTRATION:** James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim and Downey; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

**AUDIENCE:** There were 3 people in attendance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS** – Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to add to Closed Session a Request to Confer with Legal Counsel for the Purpose of Discussing a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication of a Legal Opinion.

**CONSENT AGENDA** –Kuffa moved, Kindsvater, seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda items A., B. with edits to include the reference to the accurate map, and C. as presented.

- A. City Council Minutes of December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting: Approved with edit.
- B. Planning Commission Minutes of November 10, 2021 Meeting: Received
- C. Planning Commission Annual Report: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (21-37) MDOT Performance Resolution - This Performance Resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a municipal utility an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way", or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way". The Resolution named who is authorized to apply for the permit.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (21-37) as presented

Ayes: LaPorte, Paul, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, Cedar

Nays: None

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Reported on Planning Commission activity. Announced public bid opening on 3 projects 12/21/21, Abonmarche will be on site 1/10/22 to assess the harbor project, city offices closed 12/23, 12/24, 12/30 and 12/31, no change to Waste Management service during the holidays and offered congratulations to Steve Blake for new certification. The City was awarded a \$210,000 EGLE grant.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** None

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve 2022 Authority, Board and Commission appointments- Mayor Cedar recommended the following appointments of Councilmembers and administrators: Councilmember Kindsvater- Golf Commission, Councilmember Klieman-Cemetery Board of Trustees, Councilmember Kuffa-DDA and Harbor Commission, Councilmember LaPorte-Planning Commission, Councilmember Paul-Recreation Commission and Councilmember Volz-Historical and Library Commissions. Reappoint Warren Rothe and alternate Butch Kindsvater to the I-69 International Trade Corridor-MI Development Corporation Board and Warren Rothe and Mike LaPorte to SEMCOG.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve mayoral recommendations for councilmembers and administrators to one-year terms to expire December 31, 2022.

Mayor Cedar recommended the following appointments: **Board of Review**: Reappoint Blake Eitniear and Judith Shaune each for a one-year term expiring 12/31/22, **Building Commission**: Reappoint Bill Klieman for a three-year term expiring 12/31/24, **Electrical Commission**-Reappoint Steve Postill for a three-year term expiring 12/31/24; **Historical Commission**: Reappoint Georgiana Burns for a three-year term expiring 12/30/24; **Historic District Commission**: Reappoint Bill Cedar & DJ Boulter each to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term expiring 12/31/22, Annette Sturdy to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term expiring 12/31/23, Chrissy Gorzen to a three-year term expiring 12/31/24 and Robert Freehan to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term expiring 12/31/22, **Recreation Commission**: Reappoint Blake Eitniear and Jim Shafran for three-year terms expiring 12/31/24.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to appoint residents and non-residents, with a residency waiver, as recommended.

Approve special event permit application East China Educational Foundation Chili-Heart 5k run/2mile walk-Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the East China Educational Foundation to hold the annual Chili-Heart 5k/2mile run on February 12, 2022. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve special event permit application as recommended.

Approve special event permit application for St. Clair Art Association Art Fair- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Clair Art Association to hold their annual Juried Art Fair on June 25 and June 26, 2022. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve special event permit application as recommended.

## **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – December 9 & December 16, 2021**

Check registers listing the bills and electronic payments for the period ending December 9, 2021 (53659-53701) in the amount of \$102,265.65 and for the period ending December 16, 2021 (53702-53768) in the amount of \$353,113.88 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of December 9 & December 16, 2021 Claims and Accounts as presented.

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Happy Holidays! Councilmember Kuffa thanked Mike Vinckier, Bryan Neiman, Jeff Bohm and GFS for their donations towards providing full turkey dinners to 130 families and recognized Murphy's, War Water, Mannina's Wine House, The Voyageur and Drifters for their willingness to contribute to the cause.

**CLOSED SESSION** Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to grant request to consider a personnel evaluation of employee and to Confer with Legal Counsel for the Purpose of Discussing a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication of a Legal Opinion.

Ayes: Paul, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar

Nays: None

At 7:16pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:54pm.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to amend the City Superintendent contract to increase annual wages to \$80,000 effective December 20, 2021.

Ayes: Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Cedar

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:58pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor