

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022- 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 as led by Troop 261.

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Donovan Ennis, Detective Corporal; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Dave Shorkey, Harbormaster; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 24 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENT- Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to add New Business item E) Gypsy Moth Treatment Program.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of March 7, 2022 Regular & Closed Meetings: Approved
- B. Recreation Minutes of January 17, 2022 Meeting: Received

PROCLAMATIONS

Recognition of service-Sue Daniels and Margaret Pauly- Mayor Cedar presented certificates and thanked them for their decades of service. Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director, spoke of their many contributions to the community and partnership with the St. Clair Recreation Department.

PRESENTATIONS

St. Clair County Community Foundation grant awards- Dan Lockwood, St. Clair Endowment funds, presented awards totaling \$41,000 for the Golf course drainage project, flower bed, landscaping, Christmas decorations and the YAPS program.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (22-04) Alcohol on Public Property- Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-04) as presented.
Ayes: LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Kindsvater, Kuffa, Cedar
Nays: Klieman

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Expressed thanks to Sue, Margaret and Troop 261. Summarized Cox bike path history & participating parties. Introduced new Water Treatment Plant Operator, Nathan Simmons. Announced resignation as of April 8, 2022.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Affidavits of Identity & Nominating Petitions for Mayoral & Councilmember deadline 4/19/22 @4p. “Be a Tourist in your own town” 5/21/22. Chief Raker and Detective Corporal Ennis reported participation in 2 programs including a new Emergency Alert Program that identifies occupants with special needs & Smart 911. Thanks given to Dale Carney for donated technology equipment & grant funds for pedestrian signs.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative - None
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Approve proposal for Harbor restroom flooring-

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve the project in the amount of \$19,689.19 from Michigan Specialty Coatings, Inc. The Harbormaster will double check on warranty information.

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

Nays: None

Approve proposal for Sanitary Sewer Repairs-Fred Moore Highway-

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to award the bid to Murray Underground Systems in the amount of \$14,788.50.

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

Nays: None

Approve proposal for Professional Services-Drinking Water Asset Management Plan-

Volz moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal for Professional Services-Drinking Water Asset Management Plan from AEW in the amount of \$27,500.

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

Nays: None

Approve special event permit for Artful Dodger 10k/5k run-

Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting Council approve a special event permit for the Artful Dodger 10k/5k to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 @8am. The route will begin and end at St. Clair Middle School on bike path and local streets. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance & issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve application as presented.

Gypsy Moth Treatment Program-

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve the letter of commitment for the Agreement for Gypsy Moth Spray Blocks for 2022.

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

Nays: Volz

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – March 10 & March 17, 2022

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending March 10, 2022 (check numbers 54118-54169) in the amount of \$269,564.74 and for the period ending March 17, 2022 (check numbers 54170-54205) in the amount of \$106,074.50 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of March 10 and March 17, 2022 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard on possible funding options for Cox road sidewalk/bike path, personal experiences with Gypsy moth spraying & from residents and AEW on Clinton Ave. bike path plans. Request heard for Councilmember representation at Clinton Ave. bike path meetings.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Cedar congratulated Sue & Margaret and thanked Dan Lockwood and Troop 261. Member Kindsvater inquired about Superintendent search timeline.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:22pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor