

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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.

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Amy Hart, Accountant; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Warren Rothe, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 8 people in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA – LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting: Approved

PRESENTATIONS

2020-2021 Annual Audit Presentation-Maner Costerisan-Jordan Smith, Maner Costerisan, summarized audit findings with a review of revenues, expenditures and current fund balance. The auditor concluded that all financial statements were presented fairly and in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The city has a healthy fund balance. General Fund, Proprietary funds (sewer, water, harbor) and Debt Service were reviewed. The management letter included journal entries for OPEB and Pensions. Audit was submitted to the state in a timely manner. The full audit is available upon request.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (22-05) Modification of Water and Sewer Tap-in Fees: Riverbank Theater-

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE WATER AND SEWER TAP-IN FEES OF THE RIVERBANK THEATER, A MICHIGAN NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR ITS THEATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FROM A TWO-INCH (2”) LINE CHARGE TO A ONE-INCH (1”) LINE CHARGE.

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 4th day of April, 2022 at 7:00 PM. **WHEREAS**, the Riverbank Theater is a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and, **WHEREAS**, the Riverbank Theater is developing a theater project within the City that requires the payment of certain permit fees; and, **WHEREAS**, the Riverbank Theater has asked the City for relief from the permit fees it must pay to complete its project, given its non-profit status; and, **WHEREAS**, Section 3.9 of the Zoning Ordinance grants the City Council authority to determine and set the fees to be charged for all permits by resolution; **NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the City Council of St. Clair, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, to modify the tap-in fees paid by the Riverbank Theater for its project's connection to City water and sewer services from a two-inch (2”) line charge to a one-inch (1”) line charge. **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-05) as presented.

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

Nays: None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Updates heard on the federal grant award for Waste Water Plant and confirmation that the LED street light project has been completed.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Updates heard on the Superintendent Search & 5/3/22 election. Affidavits of Identity and Nominating Petitions are due by 4pm 4/19/22.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Approve proposal for 2022 Local street resurfacing- East and West Meldrum Circle, Benedict, North 4th, Devon, Stratford, Ash, Highland Drive, Turnberry, Gleneagles and St. Andrews. Kindsvater moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal for 2022 local street resurfacing from T.G. Priehs in the amount of \$387,591.84.

Ayes: LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, Cedar
Nays: None

Approve Interim City Superintendent –

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointment of Annette Sturdy as interim City Superintendent.

Approve interim City Superintendent compensation proposal

Kindsvater, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve compensation proposal as presented.

Designate MDOT Street Administrator (Resolution)

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-06) as presented and name Annette Sturdy as the Street Administrator.

Ayes: Paul, Volz, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar
Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – March 24 & March 31, 2022

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending March 24, 2022 (check numbers 54208-54237) in the amount of \$33,704.61 and for the period ending March 31, 2022 (check numbers 54238-54258) in the amount of \$76,151.60 were presented for Council review.

Laporte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of March 24 and March 31, 2022 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –Comments heard on Mr. Rothe’s professionalism. He was presented a personalized photo. Mr. Rothe shared his resignation letter.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Rothe for his service. Question asked to consider future requests for fee waivers.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:49pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor