

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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; Morgan Hustek, Deputy Clerk; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk/Interim City Superintendent.

AUDIENCE: There were 28 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Historical Commission Minutes of August 11, 2022 Meeting: Received
- C. Housing Commission Minutes of August 16, 2022 Meeting: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (22-21) St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan- A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WHEREAS, the City of St. Clair recognizes the threat that natural, social, and technological hazards pose to people and the community; and **WHEREAS**, the mission of the City of St. Clair includes the charge to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of City of St. Clair and **WHEREAS**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and **WHEREAS**, St. Clair County, with the assistance of a Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee, comprised of representatives from the County, municipalities, and stakeholder organizations, has prepared a recommended Hazard Mitigation Plan that reviews the options to protect people and reduce damage from these hazards; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has participated in the planning process for development of this Plan, providing information specific to local hazard priorities and encouraging public participation; and **WHEREAS**, on 8/18/2022, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners adopted the St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a Committee of the Whole as an official document of the County, pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (PL-106-390) and associated regulations (44 CFR 210.6); and **WHEREAS**, on 8/3/2022, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officially approved the St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan, making the County and its participating communities eligible for disaster mitigation funding; and **WHEREAS**, an adopted hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future funding for multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and **WHEREAS**, the Plan has been widely circulated for review by the County's residents, municipal officials, and state, federal, and local review agencies and has been revised to reflect their concerns; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan is/are hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of St. Clair.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-21) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Resolution (22-22) Transportation Economic Development Fund Cat. A program-CBH/Jordan Creek Dr.- **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CHRISTIAN B HAAS DRIVE AND JORDAN CREEK DRIVE FROM RANGE ROAD TO YANKEE ROAD FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND CATEGORY A PROGRAM. WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair is applying for \$1,005,180.00 in funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category A Program to improve Christian B Haas Drive and Jordan Creek Drive by completing a complete reconstruction of the existing roadway from Range Road to Yankee Road. **WHEREAS**, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining this infrastructure project. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City has authorized Annette Sturdy, Acting City Superintendent/City Clerk, to act as agent on behalf of the City to request Transportation Economic Development Fund Category A Program funding, to act as the applicant's agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City attests to the existence of, and commits to, providing at least a 25 percent match toward the construction costs of the project, in addition to design, permit fees, administration costs, and cost overruns. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City commits to owning operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development Fund Category A Program funding.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-22) as presented.  
Ayes: Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Kindsvater, Cedar  
Nays: None

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

#### **REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Special meeting 10/4/22 @6pm for City Superintendent interviews.

**City Attorney**- None

**City Departments**- None

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve contract and amendment for Tri-Hospital EMS services-

Kindsvater moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve contract as presented.

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

Nays: None

Authorize Waste Management agreement-Recommendation to extend current agreement with Waste Management for one year with a nominal 3% increase.

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

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

Nays: None

Approve temporary sign variance –Request for 9 banners to be placed in Greig Park and Riverview Plaza Courtyard for October Halloween Night events & December Christmas Market received.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve temporary sign variance as requested.

Approve special event permit for 7<sup>TH</sup> Street Charity Block party- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 7<sup>th</sup> Street Charity Block Party on Saturday, November 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, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve special event permit as requested.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS** –September 22 & September 29, 2022

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending September 22, 2022 (check numbers 55414-55457) in the amount of \$893,925.48 and for the period ending September 29, 2022 (check numbers 55458-55485) in the amount of \$183,584.91 & the register for credit card payments were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of September 22 & September 29, 2022 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Several comments heard requesting repair for all roads in Oakwood sub. A petition and photographs were presented to Council. Comments heard requesting investigation to a path on Cox Road. Comments heard stating electric car charging station at the scenic turnout does not work.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Special events: Halloween Nights-St. Clair Chamber website and Facebook page for all details; St. Clair Authorfest 10/8/22 and SCHS Homecoming parade 10/9/22 @5pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:43pm

Morgan Hustek, Deputy Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor