

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk/Interim City Superintendent.

AUDIENCE: There were 18 people in attendance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**- Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to remove item 14) Closed Session.

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

Nays: None

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

- A. City Council Minutes of November 21, 2022 Regular Meetings: Approved
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals of October 19, 2022 Meeting: Received
- C. St. Clair Historical Commission Annual Report: Received

**PROCLAMATION**

United Way of St. Clair County- Mayor Cedar proclaimed December as United Way of St. Clair County 'Giving month'.

**PRESENTATION**

Splashpad committee report-Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director, presented an update from the splashpad committee and Recreation Commission on renovations to Klecha Park. Renovations include playground equipment, a splashpad and new walkways. These projects are included in the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the SPARK grant application. Mike Barnum requested consideration for the park to be in memory of his brother, Don Barnum.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (22-23)- MDNR SPARK grant intent to apply – Klecha Park- **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SPARK GRANT FOR THE RENOVATION OF KLECHA PARK** WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Clair supports the submission of an application titled, "Klecha Park Improvements" to the Spark grant program for installation of playground equipment, splashpad, pathway and accessibility at Klecha Park located on Goffe Street and owned by the City of St. Clair, and, WHEREAS, the City of St Clair is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of 20 percent of the total project cost estimated at \$180,000 in matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St Clair hereby authorizes submission of a

Spark Application in the amount of \$900,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$180,000 during the 2023 fiscal year.

Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-23) as presented.  
Ayes: LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, Cedar  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Resolution (22-24)- MDNR SPARK grant intent to apply- Greig Park- A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SPARK GRANT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM FACILITIES AT GREIG PARK  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of St. Clair supports the submission of an application titled, "Greig Park Restroom Facilities" to the Spark grant program for installation of a new restroom facility, 24 feet by 24 feet in size at Greig Park located on North Carney Drive and owned by the City of St. Clair, and, **WHEREAS**, the City of St Clair is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of 20 percent of the total project cost estimated at \$98,420 in matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St Clair hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application in the amount of \$492,090.00, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$98,420 during the 2023 fiscal year.

Kindsvater moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-24) as presented.  
Ayes: Paul, Volz, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Resolution (22-25) MDNR SPARK grant intent to apply-Palmer Park- A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SPARK GRANT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM FACILITIES AT PALMER PARK  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of St. Clair supports the submission of an application titled, "Palmer Park Restroom Facilities" to the Spark grant program for installation of a new restroom facility, 30 by 30 feet in size at Palmer Park located on North Riverside Avenue and owned by the City of St. Clair, and, **WHEREAS**, the City of St Clair is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of 20 percent of the total project cost estimated at \$129,680 in matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St Clair hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application in the amount of \$648,420.00, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$129,680 during the 2023 fiscal year.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (22-25) as presented.  
Ayes: Volz, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Cedar  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Report heard on SWIPP certification, MML Liability and Property Pool dividends, MAMC Master Academy, road repair concerns and guardrail damage.

**City Attorney**- None

**City Departments**- None

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve engagement letter from Miller Canfield for Bond Counsel services- Miller Canfield will provide the city with a financial attorney and financial advisor to advise on the issuance of bonds regarding the DWSRF program for the Water Treatment plant improvement project already in

motion. If approved, there will be a comprehensive in-person presentation by Bond Counsel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January to provide detailed information.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve, waiving the competitive bid process, the proposal from Miller Canfield in the amount of \$47,500.

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

Nays: None

Approve selection of Regular Council Meeting dates for 2023-Each date is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month except for September 5, 2023, due to office closure on Labor Day.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve regular Council meeting dates as presented.

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – December 2, 2022**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending December 2, 2022 (check numbers 55848-55907) the amount of \$469,432.04 were presented for review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payment of December 2, 2022 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Comments heard on M29 bridge scheduled repair and ice jam concerns.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mayor Cedar extended sympathy to the Beaudua and Sieman families. Special event: Santa visits at War Water Brewery 12/10 -12/11.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:46pm

Morgan Hustek, Deputy Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor