

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023- 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 Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz

**ABSENT:** Member Watt (excused)

**ADMINISTRATION:** Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim and Downey; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Morgan Hustek, Deputy Clerk; Timothy Raker, Police Chief

**AUDIENCE:** There were 9 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of February 20, 2023 Regular Meeting: Approved

**PRESENTATIONS**

Community Foundation of St. Clair County- Dan Lockwood presented the City with several grant awards including \$24,000 towards the hanging basket program and beautification of Memorial Park, \$3000 to Recreation programming, \$5000 to fireworks display and \$15,000 to the St. Clair Jazz Fest.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (23-08) MDOT agreement amendment-Carney Drive- **A RESOLUTION APPROVING MDOT CONTRACT NO. 23-5078 FOR THE RESURFACING OF CARNEY DRIVE FROM FRED W. MOORE HIGHWAY TO RANGE ROAD WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has been awarded an amended Transportation Economic Development Category A grant to be applied to the eligible items of the project cost at a total grant amount of \$1,455,828.00 for asphalt milling and resurfacing of Carney Drive from Fred W. Moore Highway to Range Road including drainage improvements, sidewalk ramp replacement, the reconstruction of the Clinton Avenue intersection and all together with necessary related work; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair desires to enter into an amended contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the roadway resurfacing work along Carney Drive. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Clair City Council does hereby approve MDOT Contract No. 23-5078 for the roadway resurfacing of Carney Drive from Fred W. Moore Highway to Range Road, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Clair City Council does hereby authorize the Street Administrator to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution (23-08) as presented.

Ayes: Paul, Volz, Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to amend the agenda to add Resolution (23-09).

Resolution (23-09) Authority to execute documents-LDFA- **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF CITY SUPERINTENDENT QUENTIN L. BISHOP AND/OR MAYOR WILLIAM CEDAR, JR. TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CLOSING OF THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE CITY, THE I-69 INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY ST. CLAIR #1 DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND MAGNA ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRUCTURES - MICHIGAN, INC. ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 21, 2023.** 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 6th day of March, 2023 at 7:00 PM. **WHEREAS**, in February 2023, the City of St. Clair (“City”); the I-69 International Trade Corridor Local Development Authority St. Clair #1 Development Area (“LDFA”); and Magna Electric Vehicle Structures - Michigan, Inc. (“Magna”) negotiated the sale of certain real property located in the City’s industrial park; and **WHEREAS**, the St. Clair City Council approved the proposed Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”) at its regular meeting of February 20, 2023 and authorized administration to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction; and **WHEREAS**, City Superintendent Quentin L. Bishop and Mayor William Cedar, Jr. executed the Agreement on or about February 21, 2023; and **WHEREAS**, City Superintendent Quentin L. Bishop executed a Warranty Deed in favor of the LDFA on March 2, 2023 in furtherance of completing the transaction; and **WHEREAS**, all actions taken by City Superintendent Quentin L. Bishop and Mayor William Cedar, Jr. to date, or any actions they take subsequently concerning the Agreement, have been and are done in furtherance of the authority expressly granted to them by the St. Clair City Council by way of its motion of February 20, 2023; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St. Clair **CONFIRMS** that City Superintendent Quentin L. Bishop and/or Mayor William Cedar, Jr. have had and continue to have the authority to execute all documents necessary to complete the closing of the sale on behalf of the City since being expressly granted same on February 20, 2023.

Paul moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution (23-09) as presented.

Ayes: Volz, Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Cedar

Nays: None

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

#### **REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Updates provided on meetings and grant request for training and EGLE certifications. Thank you for DPW for extra work over the weekend.

**City Attorney**- None

**City Departments**- Chief Raker reported on the Citizens Academy and shared dates for the SCHS Senior Cruz 5/7/23 and Historical Museum historical walk 5/20/23.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve proposal for Carney Drive resurfacing -

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal from Raymond Excavating in the amount of \$1,822,878.68.

Ayes: Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve License agreement – The request is regarding a city easement and property on 2<sup>nd</sup> street.

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to table until next meeting.

Approve purchase of 2023 John Deere Gator-  
Paul moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to table until the next meeting.

Approve purchase of Caterpillar Excavator-  
Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to table until the next meeting.

Approve purchase of Channel 6 camera and equipment- No approval required.

Approve Special event permit application for American Legion Post 382 Memorial Day Parade  
Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit from the American Legion Post #382 to conduct their annual Memorial Day parade and presentation on Monday, May 29, 2023.

The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – February 23 & March 2, 2023**

Check register listing the bills for the period ending February 23, 2023 (check numbers 56333-56371) in the amount of \$185,729.35 and for the period ending March 2, 2023 (check numbers 56372-56404) in the amount of \$429,663.57 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve payment of February 23 & March 2, 2023 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Comment heard on the condition of 10<sup>th</sup> and Cedar.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mayor Cedar extended sympathy to the Watt family.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:39pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor