

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 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, Watt

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim and Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 13 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENT- Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to add 9D) Schedule a public hearing to consider an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate application.

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

A. City Council Minutes of April 17 & April 25, 2023 Regular and Special Meetings: Approved

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day- Mayor Cedar proclaimed May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week and May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (23-13) Cross Connection Program- **CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR'S PUBLICLY OWNED WATER SYSTEMS** I. Introduction In accordance with the requirements set forth by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the City of St. Clair of has officially adopted the state of Michigan cross connection control rules to protect the public water supply system. "Cross Connection" is defined as a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which a backflow could occur. "Backflow" means water of questionable quality, waste, or other contaminants entering a public water supply system due to a reversal of flow. The cross connection control program will take effect immediately upon approval of the DEQ. II. Local Ordinance The authority to carry out and enforce a local cross connection control program will be in accordance with City of St. Clair ordinance No. 1998-02, a copy of which is included in the program. III. Local Inspection The water superintendent and/or his designated agent shall be responsible for making the initial cross connection inspections and reinspections to check for the presence of cross connections with the municipal water supply system. Individuals responsible for carrying out the cross connection inspections and reinspections shall have obtained necessary training through any available manuals on cross connection prevention, including the Cross Connection Rules Manual as published by the DEQ and attendance of any cross connection training sessions sponsored by the DEQ or other recognized agencies. V. The schedule for inspections shall be in accordance with the following general outline:

1. Known or suspected secondary water supply cross connections shall be inspected first (surface

water, private wells and storage tanks, recirculated water, etc.).

2. Known or suspected submerged inlet cross connections will be inspected next. All suspected high hazard establishments, including all industrial, commercial and municipal buildings will be inspected first, typically within 6 months following the approval of this program. All other buildings and water system connections, including residential accounts, shall be inspected in a logical sequence as time permits.

V. Schedule for Reinspection In order to ensure against the hazards of cross connections, it will be necessary to periodically and systematically reinspect for the presence of cross connections. The schedule for reinspection shall be in accordance with the schedule as noted in the Cross Connection Rules Manual. Whenever it is suspected or known that modifications have taken place with piping systems serving a particular water customer, reinspections of the premise will be made.

VI. Protective Devices The methods to protect against hazards of cross connections as outlined in the Cross Connection Rules Manual will be incorporated into the (village, city, township) cross connection control program. VII. Compliance Time The time allowed for correction or elimination of any cross connection found shall be as follows:

1. Cross connections which pose an imminent and extreme hazard shall be disconnected immediately and so maintained until necessary protective devices or modifications are made.

2. Other cross connections which do not pose an extreme hazard to the water supply system should be corrected as soon as possible. The length of time allowed for correction should be reasonable and may vary depending on the type of device necessary for protection. The water utility shall indicate to each customer the time period allowed for compliance.

VIII. All testable backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested at the time of installation or relocation and after any repair. In addition, all high hazard and reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall be tested annually. All other assemblies shall be tested at least once every three years. Records of test results shall be maintained by the water utility. Only individuals that hold a valid Michigan plumbing license and have successfully passed an approved backflow testing class shall perform such testing. Each tester shall also be approved by the (name of the local agency). Individual(s) performing assembly testing shall certify the results of his/her testing.

IX. The water utility shall maintain sufficient and accurate records of its local cross connection control program and report annually on the status of the program to the DEQ on a form provided by the department.

Volz moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (23-13) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Reported on intention to hire Water Treatment Plant intern for summer 2023 and commended Thom Fountain, Water Treatment Plant, for continued

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Chief Raker presented the inaugural St. Clair Police Foundation Scholarship to Sophie Kenyon and reiterated the usage of Golf Carts in the City is permitted if they meet state requirements and do not operate on 'M' roads (state highways). Clerk Sturdy encouraged residents to get out and explore the community on Saturday, May 20 for Be A Tourist in your Own Town and visit stclairontheriver.com any day for all things 'St. Clair'.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve special event for St. Clair Garden Club “St. Clair in Bloom”-Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit from St. Clair Garden Club to conduct a Garden Walk on July 15, 2023. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

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

Approve special event permit for BWORA 29th St. Clair River Classic -

Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit from Blue Water Offshore Racing Association for their annual Offshore powerboat races to be held July 27-July 30, 2023. St. Clair Chamber of Commerce will be organizing the retail and food vendors. Approval of the special event permit includes a lease of City property and extension of vendor hours. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit, lease and extended vendor hours as recommended.

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

Nays: None

Approve 2023 Boards and Commission appointments- Mayor Cedar recommended the following appointments: Downtown Development Authority- Reappoint Al Johnson & Lynn Grover each for a two-year term expiring 12/31/24 and Tim Burns for a one year term expiring 12/31/23 and Housing Commission- Reappoint Candace Nagel to a five-year term expiring 6/1/28.

Kuffa moved, Gottler seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointments as recommended.

Schedule public hearing for IFT- The City Clerk is in receipt of an application for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate from Magna Electric Vehicle Structures-Michigan, Inc. A public hearing is required and recommended for May 15, 2023 @7pm.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing for May 15, 2023 @7pm.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – April 24 & April 27, 2023

Check register listing the bills for the period ending April 24, 2023 (check numbers 56650-56693) in the amount of \$122,790.17 for the period ending April 27, 2023 (check numbers 56694-56730) in the amount of \$221,293.91 and credit card register for April were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of April 24 & April 27, 2023 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special events:

Hillside Cemetery Tour 5/20/23 @11am, 05/06/23 @9am SCLL Little League parade & ceremony, 5/7/23 @3pm SCHS Class of 2023 Senior Cruise.

Superintendent Bishop discussed additional 2023 local road resurfacing projects.

Gottler moved, Kuffa seconded, to direct administration to move forward with an additional 2023 local street resurfacing bid for 4th and 5th streets.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT at 7:24pm.