

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Joachim, Clemons, Kane & Downey; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Jake Patchett, Sergeant; Annette Sturdy; City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 19 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of August 21, 2023 Special & Regular meetings: Approved
- B. Housing Commission Minutes of June 20, 2023 Meeting: Received

PUBLIC HEARING

2023-2024 Fiscal year budget-Mayor Cedar opened hearing at 7:01pm. The proposed Resolution was displayed for the public. No public comments heard. Closed at 7:02pm

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (23-30) 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget, Millage Levy and Appropriations Act-
2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ADOPTION, MILLAGE LEVY AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT
BE IT RESOLVED, that the following summary of revenues and expenditures for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget be approved:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General	\$4,986,357	\$4,427,405
Major Streets	\$616,531	\$524,924
Local Streets	\$1,359,471	\$1,521,105
Municipal Streets	\$703,916	\$593,916
Recreation	\$323,019	\$233,021
DDA	\$40,000	\$40,000
Building	\$142,427	\$142,427
Cable	\$121,500	\$121,500
Pension	\$796,732	\$770,000

Golf Course	\$247,120	\$277,245
Sewer	\$1,512,460	\$1,412,007
Water	\$1,310,631	\$2,112,074
Harbor	\$839,252	\$787,072
Rubbish & Garbage	\$433,126	\$433,126
Equipment Pool	\$279,125	\$279,125
Perpetual Care	\$2,030	\$4,500
Public Employee Health Care	\$25,000	
Total	\$13,738,697	\$13,679,447

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following total millage requirement for local purposes and the general operating millage of 12.8641 mills for the 2023-2024 City of St. Clair fiscal year budget be approved and authorized to be levied as follows:

Proposed Millage Rate

General Operating Millage

Total Operating 12.8641

Headlee Cap 12.8641

Road Millage

Municipal Street Funds (204) 2.4551

Employee Pension

Pension Fund (299) 0.9859

Total Local Millage 16.3051

and; FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 shall establish the approved appropriation levels for the said fiscal year; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schedule of Fees and the Utility Rate Schedule be adopted as part of the budget; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby authorize the City Superintendent to execute transfers between appropriations provided that each transfer be approved by the City Council prior to its execution; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council retains authority to amend the city budget and this appropriations act at such times when deviations from the projected revenues and authorized expenditure levels become necessary and the amount of the deviation becomes known.

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (23-30) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (23-31) Nonprofit recognition of Tires and Treads organization-

Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (23-31) as presented to recognize Tires and Treads as a nonprofit organization.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (23-32) St. Clair County Grant application for ReCreate Klecha Park project-

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A ST CLAIR COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RECREATE KLECHA PARK PROJECT WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Clair supports the submission of an application titled, "ReCreate Klecha Park" to the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission for development of a Splashpad, Multi-use Sports Courts and Pathway at Klecha Park located on Goffe Street and owned by the City of St. Clair, and;

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Grant request priority is given to Splashpad, Multi-Use Sport Courts and Trail Development estimated at \$500,000, and; WHEREAS, the City of St. Clair Recreation Commission is the designated advisory group for fundraising and design input on the project, and; WHEREAS, the City has been able to raise additional funds for this project and is awaiting the final decisions regarding several other requests from private donors, foundations, civic organizations including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant program, and; WHEREAS, if approved for a St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission grant, the City of St. Clair hereby agrees and shall acknowledge and adopt the current “Rules and Procedures” as provided by the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, and; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St Clair hereby authorizes submission of a St. Clair County Grant Application in the amount of \$30,000, and further resolves to secure funding for this project.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (23-32) as presented to support the grant application for the amount of \$30,000 towards the project.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard to recognize J & J's lawn service, state Carney Drive culvert will be an upcoming discussion item and introduced by name the new Finance Director and Water Treatment Plant Operator.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- None

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative-

Councilmember Volz stated the SCHS Homecoming parade is Sunday 9/17/23 @5pm. The parade will start at St. Mary's church located at 6th and Vine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS –

Approve adaptive re-use permitted uses for 301 N. 9th

LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve recommendations from the Planning Commission to add & modify the Adaptive Re-use for the Eddy Development to include the following as permitted uses:

Office buildings for such occupations as executive, administrative, clerical, accounting, engineering, architecture, drafting, medical offices and sales functions; Data processing and computer centers including sales, service and maintenance of electric data processing equipment; Personal services such as repair shops for watches, small appliances, shoes and televisions, beauty and barber shops; Laundry and dry-cleaning pick-up stations; Professional office of doctors, dentists, lawyers, architects, engineers, and other similar professions; Financial and business service offices; Business or trade schools, dancing or music studios.

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

Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – August 24 & August 31, 2023

Check register listing the bills for the period ending August 24, 2023 (check numbers 57538-57572) in the amount of \$725,016.25 and for the period ending August 31, 2023 (check numbers 57573-57597) in the amount of \$50,958.50 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of August 24 & August 31, 2023

Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Complaint heard on volume and duration of live music in the Riverview Plaza Courtyard and request heard to revisit the noise Ordinance to check for compliance. Comments heard on pedestrian options along Cox road to make a path instead of a sidewalk. Comments heard on the new Carney/Clinton and Carney/Vine crosswalks and request to look into the northwest corner of Carney/Vine for possible sinkholes.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –Due to the Labor Day holiday, “Garbage Day” is delayed to Friday, September 8. Fourth and 5th street resurfacing starts tomorrow. M29 concrete patching will be completed within the next 2-3 weeks.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:26pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor