

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024- 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; Kevin Markel, DPW; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 8 people in attendance.

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

A. City Council Minutes of January 22, 2024 Regular & Closed meetings: Approved

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Adoption (2024-03) International Property Maintenance Code, IPMC, update-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO AMEND CHAPTER 14 “BUIDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,” ARTICLE IX “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE,” SECTION 241 “CODE ADOPTED; PURPOSE; COPIES ON FILE” TO REFLECT A NEW ADDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Sec. 14-241. - Code adopted; purpose; copies on file. The International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 Edition, is adopted by reference as the property maintenance code in the city. The purpose of this code is to regulate and govern the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the City of St. Clair, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore. A complete copy of such code is available for public use and inspection at the office of the city clerk. The regulations set forth in the adopted code shall apply to all property, structures and buildings in the city. **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** This Ordinance and each of the various parts, sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, and clauses hereof are declared to be severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, phrase, or clause is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is hereby provided that the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect. **SECTION 3. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.** Any and all Ordinances of the City of St. Clair or any parts or provisions thereof, to the extent that they are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the within Ordinance, are hereby expressly repealed. **SECTION 4. RATIFICATION.** All other provisions of the code of Ordinances of the City of St. Clair, Michigan except as herein modified or amended are hereby expressly ratified and affirmed. **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** This Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the terms, provisions, and requirements of the City Charter of the City of St. Clair, Michigan, and in accordance with and to the extent required by the statutes of the State of Michigan. **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the City Charter of the City of St. Clair.

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Ordinance (2024-03) as presented.
Ayes: Paul, Volz, Watt, Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar
Nays: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (24-03) -Lot Split- **RESOLUTION APPROVING LOT SPLIT WHEREAS**, a request has been made by the owner of property located at 2015 Range Road and the City of St. Clair to split a section of property from one parcel and create another. The current lot described as per the attached Certificate of Survey: **Parent Parcel:** (2015 Range Road) PARCEL # 07-07-057-0020-000
And **WHEREAS**, the authority to approve lot splits is vested in the City Council by virtue of the provisions of Ordinance No. 1973-2 enacted pursuant to the provisions of MCLA 560.263; MSA 26.430 (263); **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the premises hereinbefore described be combined into the following parcels of land:

Created Parcels A and Remainder:

NEW LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND PARCEL NUMBERS TO BE PROVIDED BY ST. CLAIR COUNTY LAND FILE.

Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-03) as presented.
Ayes: Volz, Watt, Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Cedar
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (24-04) MDOT Performance Resolution-

This performance resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a Municipality an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way", and/or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way".
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following positions are authorized to apply to the Department for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the Municipality: Police Chief, or in the case of a safety emergency, any officer; City Superintendent; and Department of Public Works Supervisor.

Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-04) as presented.
Ayes: Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Watt, Cedar
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard on MME conference that included, but was not limited to, cybersecurity and Diversity, Equality and Inclusion.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Presidential Primary Election 2/27/24. Absent voter ballots now available. Early Voting 8:00am-4:00pm Saturday, Feb 17 through Sunday, Feb 25.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Approve special event permit application for St. Clair Art Association Art Fair-Council received a memorandum from Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Clair Art Association to hold their annual Art Fair Saturday and Sunday, June 29 & 30, 2024. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance & issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit, including the lease of Palmer Park and use of Pine Shores parking lot, as recommended.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – January 25 & February 1, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending January 25, 2024 (check numbers 58445-58486) in the amount of \$255,599.85 and for the period ending February 1, 2024 (check numbers 58487-58518) in the amount of \$68,278.87 and credit card register for December was presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of January 25 and February 1, 2024 Claims and Accounts and credit card purchases as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments and concerns heard from the American Legion on the Clinton Ave Bike path.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Mayor Cedar expressed sympathy to several St. Clair families. Good job to DPW and Administration for diligence on a water main break over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:14pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor