

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 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; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 21 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting: Approved
- B. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of May 7, 2024 Meeting: Received
- C. Planning Commission Minutes of May 8, 2024: Received
- D. Golf Commission Minutes of May 14, 2024 Meeting: Received

**PROCLAMATION**

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Clair Landscape & Irrigation, originally known as St. Clair Nursery- Mayor Cedar recognized the Snodgrass and McCartney families for 100 years of community beautification.

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Report heard on Yankee/Range water main, Clinton Ave bikepath project timeline, LDFA, water treatment plant and infrastructure update.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** State Primary Election 8/6/24. Early Voting 7/27-8/4 8am-4pm.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve schedule of budget workshops

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to schedule budget workshops July 1 & July 15 @6pm.

Approve County Contract for Assessing Services-

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to table approval of County Contract for Assessing Services.

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

Nays: None

Approve recommendation from Planning Commission-traffic study-

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to table approval of recommendation for traffic study.

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

Nays: None

Approve permit application for annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display- PA 256 of 2011, MCL 28.466 requires approval from the local legislative body for public display of fireworks. Even though the City is the applicant, approval of the permit is still required. All the paperwork and necessary documents are complete and approval is recommended.  
LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve application as presented.

Extend July 4<sup>th</sup> vendor hours

Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve extension of vendor hours from 9pm to 11pm or the end of the fireworks show, whichever comes first, Thursday, July 4, 2024.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – June 7 & June 12, 2024**

Check register listing the bills for the period ending June 7, 2024 (check numbers 59200-59249) in the amount of \$327,299.60 and for the period ending June 12, 2024 (check numbers 59250-59293) in the amount of \$247,766.31 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of June 7 & June 12, 2024 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –** Comments heard on Waste Management schedule, concerns on Adams St. traffic, Goffe Street projects, gravel encroachment and landscaping on Clinton, 301 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. lawn maintenance and Gray apartments disorderly conduct. Robert Fielitz, District 5 Commissioner candidate, introduced himself.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Special event: Palmer Park Arch beautification dedication 6/23/24 @1pm. Mayor Cedar extended sympathy to the Markel Family.

**CLOSED SESSION** Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to grant request for closed Session to Discuss Strategy Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employees Represented by AFSCME.

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

Nays: None

At 8:06pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:23pm.  
No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:24pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor