

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024- 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, 48079 for a budget workshop.

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Watt

ABSENT: Member Volz (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 3 people in attendance.

Budget workshop- Superintendent Bishop discussed staffing, library building maintenance, additional schedule of fee and charge changes, new minimum wage and compensation laws and inspection fees in relation to the proposed FY25 budget.

Staffing: Council is asked to consider a full-time officer to replace a departing part time officer and approve this addition in the FY25 police wages and fringe benefit. Comments of support heard from Chief Raker, Sergeant Patchett and Sergeant Ennis. Council was advised of upcoming staff changes at the water treatment plant including a new non-union supervisor position.

Library: The heating and cooling needs to be replaced at the Library. It will be paid for from the General Fund. The estimated expense will be added to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Schedule of fees and schedules: A backflow preventor fee of \$25.00 (for use of city-owned equipment) and IPP fees have been added for consideration. Discussion occurred on city-owned property lease fees and the intent to make them all consistent.

Minimum wage, compensation time, sick time banks: On February 21, 2025 minimum wage will increase to \$10.00 per hour plus an inflation matrix. Administration will need to plan for these increases. Administration recommend creating a policy regarding potential payouts and capping compensation time.

Inspection fees-Discussion occurred on current fee structure and for Administration to consider changes.

Public comment-Comments heard in support of a fulltime officer.

No action taken.

Adjourned 6:54pm