

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Joachim, Clemons, Kane & Downey; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Annette Sturdy; City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 10 people in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2024-2025 Fiscal year budget-Mayor Cedar opened hearing at 7:01pm. No public comments heard. Closed at 7:02pm

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

- A. City Council Minutes of August 19, 2024 Special & Regular meetings: Approved
- B. Housing Commission Minutes of May 21 & June 18, 2024 Meetings: Received
- C. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of July 2, 2024 Meeting: Received

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (24-13) 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget, Millage Levy and Appropriations Act-  
**2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ADOPTION, MILLAGE LEVY AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT**  
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following summary of revenues and expenditures for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget be approved:

	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
General	\$5,131,138	\$4,374,648
Major Streets	\$1,222,229	\$1,055,456
Local Streets	\$763,916	\$611,023
Municipal Streets	\$745,504	\$739,000
Recreation	\$309,658	\$225,242
Building	\$144,844	\$144,675
Cable	\$123,000	\$122,946
Pension	\$855,111	\$852,000
Golf Course	\$281,801	\$281,777
Sewer	\$1,411,662	\$1,400,654

Water	\$1,360,917	\$1,302,769
Harbor	\$845,475	\$771,584
Rubbish & Garbage	\$486,473	\$485,118
Equipment Pool	\$283,312	\$278,110
Perpetual Care	\$4,500	\$4,500
Public Employee Health Care	\$25,000	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,994,540</b>	<b>\$12,651,002</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following total millage requirement for local purposes and the general operating millage of 12.8113 mills for the 2024-2025 City of St. Clair fiscal year budget be approved and authorized to be levied as follows:

Proposed Millage Rate

General Operating Millage

Total Operating	12.8113
Headlee Cap	12.8113

Road Millage

Municipal Street Funds (204)	2.4450
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Employee Pension

Pension Fund (299)	0.9818
<b>Total Local Millage</b>	<b>16.2381</b>

and; FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adopted budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 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, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-13) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Resolution (24-14) State Trunkline Maintenance Agreement-

RESOLUTION ADOPTING STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is desirous that the City of St. Clair maintain certain state trunk line highways and bridges; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and Act 17 of the Public Acts of 1925, as amended, the MDOT and the City of St. Clair may enter into a contract providing for maintenance on state trunk line highways; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that contract No. 2024-0403 between the City of St. Clair and the Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby accepted and City Superintendent Quentin Bishop is hereby authorized by the City Council to act as signatory and contract administrator for this agreement, MDOT Contract 2024-0403.

Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-14) as presented.

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

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

## REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

**City Superintendent** – Report heard on Clinton Ave bikepath retaining wall & greenway.

**City Attorney**- None

**City Departments**-

- a. ReCreate Klecha Park update- Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director, shared the visual concept of the new splashpad, pickleball courts, playground and pavilion in Klecha Park and current funding.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

**NEW BUSINESS** –

Approve Special Event Permit Application-SCHS Homecoming Parade-

Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for St. Clair High School to host their annual Homecoming Parade Sunday, September 22 @3pm. 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 permit application as recommended.

Discuss St. Clair Rotary Peace Pole project- Diane Ives, St. Clair Rotary Club, shared the idea of installing a Peace Pole in Rotary Park or Rotary Landing. The pole can vary in height depending on length of words. No action taken on installation approval.

Volz moved, Kuffa, seconded, CARRIED, to support the concept.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS** – August 20 & August 29, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending August 20, 2024 (check numbers 59734-59772) in the amount of \$86,924.65 and for the period ending August 29, 2024 (check numbers 59773-59801) in the amount of \$550,287.52 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of August 20 & August 29, 2024 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Comments heard on Oak & S. Riverside flooding concerns, Clinton Ave contractors and bikepath and Rockin in the Plaza noise complaint.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** –Due to the Labor Day holiday “Garbage Day” is delayed to Friday, September 6. Special event: St. Clair Rotary Turtle Race 9/8 @4pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:56pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor