

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 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 & Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 35 people in attendance.

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

A. City Council Minutes of April 15, 2024 Regular meeting: Approved

B. City Council Minutes of May 1, 2024 Special meeting: Approved

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day- Mayor Cedar proclaimed May 12-18, 2024 as National Police Week and May 15, 2024 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Foundation of St. Clair County-St. Clair Endowment Fund- Mike McCartan presented the City with a \$5,000 award towards the 4th of July Fireworks.

St. Clair Police Foundation Scholarship award-Chief Raker presented the 2024 St. Clair Police Foundation \$1000 scholarship to St. Clair High School student Morgan Bidelspacher.

St. Clair Police Department 2024 Citizens Academy-Chief Raker, Sergeant Ennis and Sergeant Patchett presented the 2024 graduating class.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (24-09) Recognition of St. Clair Rotary Century of Community Service-

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ST. CLAIR

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations; and **WHEREAS**, there are over 1.4 million Rotary Club members comprising professional and business leaders in over 46,000 clubs in 220 countries and geographic areas; and **WHEREAS**, on January 22, 1924, thirty-two civic minded residents of the St. Clair community met to discuss membership; and **WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of St. Clair received its charter on April 22, 1924, in the basement of St. Mary's church with an inaugural count of thirty members; and **WHEREAS**, since that time, the club led notable projects such as the St. Clair Community Hospital, St. Clair Inn, Water Treatment plant, Community Pool and offers continual support of numerous other projects to move the community forward; and **WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of St. Clair has embodied Rotary International's enduring motto, 'Service Above Self,' and for the myriad contributions to the citizens of the City of St. Clair the Club has made throughout the decades they are duly commended by this body; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Clair City Council congratulates all those affiliated with the Rotary Club of St. Clair,

commends the Club on celebrating its 100th anniversary, and grants everyone involved best wishes as they carry Rotary International's mission into a new century of service.

Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-09) as presented.
Ayes: Volz, Watt, Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Cedar
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (24-10) Alcohol prohibition suspension –

A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 38-33(B)

WHEREAS, Public Act 58 of 1998, the Michigan Liquor Control Code, MCL Section 436.1915 allows for the lawful possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor in public parks and places and for municipal governments to legislate restrictions on same; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has availed itself of the right established by MCL Section 436.1915(3) to prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property by the adoption of Code Section 38-33(a) and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has reserved the right pursuant to Code Section 38-33(b) to permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by resolution of City Council upon or in public places when it determines that a state liquor license is not required and may promulgate such regulations therefor as it determines are necessary; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair desires to provide an opportunity for all persons of legal-age to possess and consume alcoholic beverages outdoors on specific City-owned or operated property (including parks) and public rights-of-way throughout the City by temporarily suspending the enforcement of the prohibition established by Code Section 38-33(a) as to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places and determines same is in the public interest and serves an important civic purpose in encouraging commerce in the City; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sundays, effective upon approval through October 31, 2024 at the following public places.

1. Palmer Park, including all city-owned parking lots and boardwalks from the M-29 bridge to the northern border of the park, and Rotary Park
2. Third Street between Clinton and Vine
3. Clinton Avenue between 6th and M-29
4. M-29 between Clinton and Vine

Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-10) as presented.
Ayes: Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Watt, Cedar
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard on utility billing review, Goffe/Laura water main replacement project and local road projects.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Report heard from Clerk on elections, upcoming meetings, events and website update.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve purchase of equipment for SCPD-LaPorte moved, Volz, seconded, CARRIED, to approve purchase of mobile equipment in the amount of \$36,060.56 by Digicom Global 911, Inc. This is an eligible reimbursable expense by County ARPA funds.

Ayes: Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Watt, Cedar
Nays: None

Approve sign variance for SCHS Class of 2024 Banners-

Kuffa moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve temporary sign variance as requested.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – April 18, April 25 & May 1, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending April 18, 2024 (check numbers 58926-58966) in the amount of \$226,925.09, April 25, 2024 (check numbers 58967-59006) in the amount of \$66,858.15 and May 1, 2024 (check numbers 59007-59039) in the amount of \$68,609.88 and the credit card register for March were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of April 18, April 25, May 1, 2024 Claims and Accounts and March credit card register as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard on the Clinton Ave. bikepath, driveway grades, truck traffic on Clinton and Rockin the Plaza music schedule and noise concern.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special events: Marbleeye Fishing Tournament 5/17-5/19, Be a Tourist in Your Own Town 5/18, Hillside Cemetery Open House 5/18 and SCHS Senior Cruise 5/19.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:59pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor