

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 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, Watt

ABSENT: Member Volz (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim and Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 11 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENT- Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to add New Business item 7B) Approve appointment to Planning Commission.

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

A. City Council Minutes of June 17, 2024 Regular & Closed Meetings: Approved

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard on SCAA, DPW clean up, staff member Trice Hawkins 37th work anniversary, 7/15 budget workshop and LDFA projects and funding.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Report heard from Clerk: 8/6/24 Absent Voter ballots available. Early Voting 7/27-8/4 4 8am-4pm. Municipal office closed 7/4/24. Report heard from Chief Raker: Clinton Ave stop signs are within regulation, semi's on Clinton are being stopped and ticketed for being oversized and/or speeding & there are no reported issues at 1124 Clinton.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve County Contract for Assessing Services-Justin Sears, St. Clair County Equalization Director, summarized the current contract vs the renewal agreement. The current contract expires 7/1/24.

Kuffa moved, Gottler seconded, CARRIED, to move item off the table.

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

Nays: None

Gottler moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve contract as presented.

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

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve special event permit application: St. Clair Garden Club Farmers Market- Council received

a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for St. Clair Garden Club to conduct their seasonal Farmers Market June – October with the approval of signage. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve appointment to Planning Commission-

Kuffa moved, Gottler seconded, CARRIED, to appoint Tim Distelrath to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2026.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – June 20 & June 26, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending June 20, 2024 (check numbers 59294- 59348) in the amount of \$300,210.45, for the period ending June 26, 2024 (check numbers 59349-59383) in the amount of \$198,357.95 and the credit card register for May were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of June 20 & June 26, 2024 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard requesting to delay approval of the Elevated storage tank award, concerns of 804 Clinton driveway approach, concerns about lack of speed limit signs and possible additional of speed bumps on 3rd street and concerns on Clinton Road sidewalk removal and 7/4 pedestrian safety.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special events: 7/4/24 fireworks display. Trash pick-up 7/5/24. Thank you SCAA for a great weekend.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:39pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor