

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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 14 people in attendance.

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

A. City Council Minutes of July 15, 2024 Special and Regular Meetings: Approved

B. Golf Commission Minutes of June 11, 2024 Meeting: Received

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Adoption (2024-05) Golf Carts-

Paul moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to table Ordinance Adoption (2024-05)

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

Nays: None

Resolution (24-11) Jordan Creek assessment-

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN EXCESS OF STATUTORY MAINTENANCE LIMIT-JORDAN CREEK DRAIN WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Drain Commissioner has advised the City of St. Clair Board of Trustees that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.196), an inspection has been made of the Jordan Creek Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the drain; and WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has the authority to expend Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5000.00) dollars per mile in any one (1) year for the maintenance of the drain, and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5000.00) dollars per mile are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city and village affected by more than twenty (20%) percent of the cost; and WHEREAS, the Drainage Board estimates that the cost of the maintenance of the Jordan Creek Drain will be approximately Two-Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Twenty-Three and 98/100 (\$257,023.98) dollars, which constitutes Two-Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Twenty-Three and 98/100 dollars (\$227,023.98) in excess of the authorized Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5000.00) per mile. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of St. Clair, pursuant to Section 196(5) of the Drain Code, authorizes the Drain Commissioner to expend funds for the maintenance and repair of the Jordan Creek Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5000.00) dollars per mile, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain, the Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (24-11) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard on staff updates, recent weather events and Goffe project. Report heard from summer intern.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Report heard from Clerk. August 6, Election Day, polls open 7am-8pm.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule public hearing for FY 25 Annual Budget-

Volz moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to schedule the public hearing September 3 @7pm.

Gottler moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to schedule a budget workshop August 19 @6pm.

Approve special event permit application: St. Clair Rotary Turtle Race- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for St. Clair Rotary Turtle Race to conduct their annual fundraiser September 8, 2024 using Rotary Park and the Pine River. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – July 18, July 25 & August 1, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending July 18, 2024 (check numbers 59456-59525) in the amount of \$779,035.83, for the period ending July 25, 2024 (check numbers 59526-59572) in the amount of \$780,494.51 and for the period ending August 1, 2024 (check numbers 59573-59613) in the amount of \$69,563.44 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of July 18, July 25 & August 1, 2024 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Question asked about election signs. Compliment heard towards Boddy Construction.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special event: Outdoor movie night 8/13 in Palmer Park. Thank you to BWORA, Harbormaster and St. Clair Chamber for recent community events.

CLOSED SESSION LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to grant request for Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel for the Purpose of Discussing a Confidential Attorney-Client Legal Opinion.

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

Nays: None

At 7:47pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:37pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:38pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor