

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Watt

ABSENT: Member Kuffa (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Joachim, Clemons, Kane & Downey; Annette Sturdy; City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 7 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: Motion carried to add New Business C. Paid Time off Proposal

PRESENTATION

East China School District Sinking Fund – Angie Gleason, East China School District Finance Director, presented the ECSD Sinking Fund 11/5/24 ballot proposal and identified sinking fund priorities and approximate amount of additional funds anticipated from the millage.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of September 3, 2024 Regular meeting: Approved
- B. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of August 19, 2024 Meeting: Received

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (24-15) FY 24 Budget amendments- **RESOLUTION AMENDING 2023-24 ANNUAL BUDGET BE IT RESOLVED**, that the revised list of expenditures for the 2023-2024 budget, attached as "Exhibit A" to this Resolution, be approved effective immediately.

Volz moved, Laporte seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution (24-15) as presented.

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

Nays: None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard on MML conference, Repd app for videos, Clinton Ave bike path and current grant funding.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Report heard on 11/5/24 election. Early Voting will be at City Hall Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3 from 8am-4pm each day.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS –

Approve Special Event Permit Application-Lighted Santa Parade-

Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for Lighted Santa Parade Committee to conduct their annual Lighted Santa Parade Friday, November 22, 2024 @6pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve permit application as recommended.

Approve Property and Liability Insurance renewal-

Gottler moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve renewal in the amount of \$112,344.

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

Nays: None

Paid Time Off Proposal-Superintendent Bishop explained a new sick time law that goes into effect February 2025 that requires all paid time off (PTO) to be disclosed as liability. Discussion then occurred to move towards an equal package for all current non-union part time employees and change all current non-union part time employees to the same PTO benefits as stated in the current Administrative Employees Agreement. These PTO benefits include sick time, personal time, vacation time and holiday time. Questions included the true cost of the PTO (wages plus 30%), how pay outs would be structured (exactly as stated in the Administrative Employees Agreement) and the request for more information before approving. Using the estimated scale of \$2600 per employee, the liability cost to be amended to the FY25 budget is approximately \$15,600.

Volz moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve negating current contracts with 6 part-time employees and align them all with current Administrative Employee Agreement part time paid time off benefits effective October 1, 2024.

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

Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – September 5 & September 12, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending September 5, 2024 (check numbers 59802-59851) in the amount of \$2,731,797.19 and for the period ending September 12, 2024 (check numbers 59852-59898) in the amount of \$238,701.77 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of September 5 & September 12, 2024 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Questions asked about Goffe water main status, concerns heard about Clinton Ave bike path, driveway grade and broken window. Question asked about 2025 road projects, specifically Cedar Street.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Special events: DeWayne Williams Memorial 9/18/24 @11am Memorial Park; St. Mary's Festival 9/27-9/29.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:02 pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor