

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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

ABSENT: Member Watt (excused)

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

AUDIENCE: There were 9 people in attendance.

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

- A. City Council Minutes of September 16, 2024 Regular meeting: Approved
- B. Golf Commission Minutes of August 8, 2024 Meeting: Received
- C. Cemetery Board of Trustees Minutes of August 19, 2024 Meeting: Received

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard on staffing changes, implementation of FY25 budget, FY24 audit preparation, Placer ai App, and Goffe street.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Report heard on 11/5/24, early voting 10/26/24 through 11/3/24 8am-4pm at City Hall, St. Clair County Homeland Security & Emergency Management election security workshop, new website update.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS –

Approve Special Event Permit Application-St. Clair Chamber of Commerce Halloween Nights- Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit for St. Clair Chamber of Commerce to hold Halloween Nights during the month of October, specifically the Trick or Treat Trail through Greig Park on 10/19/24. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

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

Approve Nexus Subscription-SCPD

Paul moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve Chief Raker's recommendation of the contract as presented in the amount of \$22,464.00.

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

Nays: None

Approve HVAC proposal for library-

Volz moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to accept the bid of \$75,440 from Superior Heating and Cooling.

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

Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – September 19, September 25 & October 3, 2024

Check register listing the bills for the period ending September 19, 2024 (check numbers 59899-59947) in the amount of \$1,544,034.59, for the period ending September 25, 2024 (check numbers checks 59948/59949 were voided, 59950-60000) in the amount of \$53,912.52 and for the period ending October 3, 2024 (check numbers 60001-60058) in the amount of \$162,225.81 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of September 19, September 25 & October 3, 2024 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Introduction heard from Sheriff Warren Head.

Comments heard on code enforcement blight and trespassing issues. Question asked on Water Treatment Plant current staffing.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Cemetery Board of Trustees Council Representative Gottler, on behalf of the Board, recommended approval to install a historical marker from the Blue Water Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to honor Revolutionary War Soldier Jonathan Barron who is buried in Hillside Cemetery.

Paul moved, Gottler seconded, CARRIED, to approve installation in Hillside Cemetery.

CLOSED SESSION Volz moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to grant request to Discuss Strategy Connected with the negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employees Represented by AFSCME and to Discuss a Confidential Attorney-Client Legal Opinion on Pending Litigation.

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

Nays: None

At 7:30pm, Council recessed into closed session and resumed regular session at 8:02pm.

Gottler moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the attorney's recommendation on Riverview Plaza legal matters.

Ayes: Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Volz, Cedar

Nays: None

Abstain: Paul

ADJOURNMENT at 8:03pm.

Annette Sturdy

Bill Cedar, Jr

