

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025- 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm 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, Westrick

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Sue Daniels, Santa Parade Committee Chair; James T Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim & Downey; Steve Duchane, City Superintendent; Donovan Ennis, Police Sergeant; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 30 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 November 17, 2025 Special and Regular Meetings: Approved
- B. Golf Commission Minutes of September 9, 2025 Meeting: Received

RECOGNITION

Recognition of Service-Police Chief Timothy Raker- Chief Raker was recognized for his 44 years of service including 8 for the City of St. Clair.

PRESENTATION

2025 Lighted Santa Parade awards – Sue Daniels presented the awards to Jeepers Anonymous of Michigan for the non-profit category, St. Clair Landscaping and Irrigation for the commercial category and St. Clair Knights of Columbus for the overall grand prize winners.

Community Foundation of St. Clair County -St Clair Police Foundation Youth Program-Mike McCartan presented a \$3710 grant for the youth program. Michelle Natschke stated the mission of the program and thankfulness for support.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (25-20) MDOT contract- Clinton Ave- **A RESOLUTION APPROVING MDOT CONTRACT NO. 25-5563 FOR THE MILLING AND RESURFACING ALONG CLINTON AVENUE FROM FRED MOORE HIGHWAY/6TH STREET TO CARNEY DRIVE** The City of St. Clair has been awarded \$375,000 in grant funds through the State of Michigan's Transportation Economic Development Fund to be applied to the eligible items of the project cost at a total projected funding cost of \$552,650 for the cold milling and resurfacing along Clinton Avenue from Fred Moore Highway/6th Street to Carney Drive; including concrete curb and gutter and curb ramps; and all together with necessary related work; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair desires to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to those improvements; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St.

Clair City Council does hereby approve MDOT Contract No. 25-5563 for the cold milling and resurfacing along Clinton Avenue from Fred Moore Highway/6th street and Carney Drive; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Clair City Council does hereby authorize the Street Administrator, Steve Duchane, to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Volz moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution (25-20) as presented.
Ayes: Volz, Westrick, Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Cedar
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Report heard from Superintendent on WM and alternate recommendation for catch basin repair.

City Attorney- None

City Departments – Sergeant Ennis recognized Chris Kuchenmeister as founder of the Public Safety Volunteer program.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve recommendation of award for Catch Basin repair-

LaPorte moved, Westrick seconded, CARRIED, to award the contract to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions in the amount of \$106,768.50.

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

Nays: None

Approve 2026 Regular City Council meeting schedule-

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – November 19, 2025

Check register listing the bills for the period ending November 19, 2025 (check number 62579-62642) in the amount of \$1,058,198.46 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of November 19, 2025 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Cedar thanked Sue Daniels, PSV's and everyone involved for the Lighted Santa Parade and Chief Raker for his service.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:25pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor