

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026- 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, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Westrick

**ABSENT:** Member Kuffa (excused)

**ADMINISTRATION:** Delos Boulier, Building Inspector; Steve Duchane, City Superintendent; Donovan Ennis, Police Chief; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; Jared McClure, Police Sergeant; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

**AUDIENCE:** There were 36 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Volz moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting: Approved

**PRESENTATIONS**

St. Clair Police Department-Sergeant Jared McClure- Chief Ennis recommended and supported Sergeant promotion for Officer Jared McClure.

Community Foundation of St. Clair County -Rotary Centennial Park- Community Foundation of St. Clair County provided a grant for new signage at Rotary Centennial park.

Historical Commission Annual Report 2024-2025-Chairman Robert Freehan presented the 2024-2025 report of Historical Commission activity and the current renovation project.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** - None

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Reported on the water service line replacement program, Cox road sidewalk bid letting 1/9/26 and sanitary sewer cleaning & televising in progress and 2026 road work.

**City Attorney-** None

**City Departments-** None

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Historical Commission by-laws revision- Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve changes as recommended including changing membership to 7.

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

Nay: None

Approve 2026 Boards and Commissions Appointments- .

Volz moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointments as recommended.

Mayor Cedar recommended appointments of councilmembers for a 1 year term as representatives to authorities, boards, and commissions as follows: Historical Commission & Library Commission- Councilmember Volz, Golf Commission-Councilmember Gottler, Harbor Commission - Councilmember Kuffa, DDA-Councilmember Paul, Planning Commission & Fire Authority- Councilmember LaPorte, Cemetery Board of Trustees-Councilmember Gottler, Recreation Commission-Councilmember Westrick

Volz moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve Mayoral appointments as recommended.

Approve State and Local Representation Appointments- Appoint Steve Duchane, for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2026, as the official representative to EDA, SEMCOG, NMDC & to attend the MML Annual Convention. To designate Annette Sturdy for a one-year term expiring 12/31/26, as the alternate to EDA, NMDC & as the alternate to attend the MML Annual Convention. To designate Mike LaPorte for a one-year term expiring 12/31/26, as the alternate to SEMCOG. Paul moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve appointments as recommended.

Approve special event permit application for St. Clair Chamber of Commerce Icy Bazaar-

Council received a memorandum from Chief Ennis requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce Icy Bazaar January 23-25, 2026 including lease, permit and M29 road closure from Vine to Jay. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance & issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Gottler moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended including 1/23 & 1/24 Palmer Park lease, 1/24 public fireworks display permit & M29 road closure.

Approve special event permit application for ECEF Chili-Heart 5k Run/Walk-

Council received a memorandum from Chief Ennis requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the East China Educational Foundation Chili-Heart 5k Run/Walk February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The route includes segments of the bikepath & local roads. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance & issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

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

Approve special event permit application for St. Clair Police Foundation Blood Drive-

Council received a memorandum from Chief Ennis requesting that Council approve a special event permit for the St. Clair Police Foundation Blood Drive in the Municipal Building May 11, 2026 9am-2pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance & issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

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

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – December 16, 18 & 22, 2025**

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending December 16, 2025 (check number 62743) in the amount of \$20,000, December 18, 2025 (check numbers 62744-62810) in the amount of \$778,998.99 and December 22, 2025 (check numbers 62811-62812) in the amount of \$54,582.50 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of December 16, 18 & 22, 2025 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Questions asked on St. Clair Highway erosion.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 6:36pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor