

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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: Steve Duchane, City Superintendent; Donovan Ennis, Police Chief; Jared McClure, Sergeant; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 15 people in attendance.

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

A. City Council Minutes of February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting: Approved

PRESENTATION

SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant-Riverside Ave Pedestrian Safety Improvements- Amy O’Leary, SEMCOG Executive Director, presented the City with a \$209,652.00 award for Riverside Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements as part of the Safe Streets Now program that prioritized pedestrian safety to install 4 separate pedestrian islands installed on M-29.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (26-04) Local Road Millage- **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL AND TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT SAID PROPOSAL TO THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY CLERK FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY ELECTORS ON THE AUGUST 4, 2026 ELECTION BALLOT.** A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of St. Clair adopted at a regular meeting of said Council held at City Hall located at 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, on the 16th day of February, 2026 at 6:00 PM. WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of St. Clair, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan (the “City”), has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents and property owners of the City that the City construct local and major street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, reconstructing and improving streets, including necessary rights-of-way, sidewalks, proper drainage facilities and all necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto for the use of the City (the “Improvements”); and WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the millage could generate funds in the estimated amount of \$683,654.00 per year for the purpose of repairing and maintaining roads within the City of St. Clair; and WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the request of a millage to the qualified electors of the City for a vote. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The City Council of the City of St. Clair approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to the St. Clair County Clerk to be placed on the ballot of the August 4, 2026 election.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR A LOCAL ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the City of St. Clair, County of St. Clair, Michigan, continue with the previously voted road debt millage currently levied at 2.4902 mills, for an additional ten (10) years? Said millage will assist with

necessary residential paving projects, repaving, reconstruction and improvements to rights-of-way, sidewalks, storm-water drainage facilities and all necessary appurtenances and attachments. The annual millage (\$2.49 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) to be levied in 2027 is estimated to produce an annual capture of \$683,654.00.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed.

Volz moved, Gottler seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (26-04) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (26-05) March Board of Review- **RESOLUTION TO SET AN ALTERNATE STARTING DATE FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW WHEREAS**, Section 30(1) of the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.30(1), states that the March Board of Review shall meet on the second Monday in March; and **WHEREAS**, assessors who work for multiple cities are not always able to attend the Board of Review meeting for each city when they meet on the same day; and **WHEREAS**, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.30(2), allows the governing body of the city or township to authorize, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, alternative starting dates in March when the board of review shall initially meet, which alternative starting dates must be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March; and **WHEREAS**, it will benefit the residents of the City of St. Clair to have the assessor available to assist the Board of Review and taxpayers in processing tax appeals and poverty exemptions;**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wednesday following the second Monday of March has been selected as the alternative starting date of all future March Boards of Review.

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (26-05) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – None

City Attorney- None

City Departments- None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – February 5 & 11, 2026

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending February 5, 2026 (check number 63043-63097) in the amount of \$204,297.36 and February 11, 2026 (check numbers 63098-63142) in the amount of \$179,980.25 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Volz seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of February 5 & 11, 2026 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard in opposition of smart water meters.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT at 6:18pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor