

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Westrick

ABSENT: Member Volz (excused)

ADMINISTRATION: Ashley Clees, Police Sergeant; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim and Downey; Steve Duchane, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 16 people in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA – Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda items A. and B. as presented.

- A. City Council Minutes of April 20, 2026 Special and Regular Meetings: Approved
- B. Golf Commission Minutes of March 16, 2026 Meeting: Received

RECOGNITION

State Wrestling Champion Cristian Haslem, representing St. Clair High School- On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Cedar congratulated Cristian Haslem as MHSAA 2026 State Division 2 Champion.

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day- Mayor Cedar proclaimed May 11-16, 2026 as National Police Week and May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

PRESENTATION

Community Foundation of St. Clair County- Michael McCartan presented the City with a \$5000 grant award towards the 2026 4th of July Fireworks display.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (26-13) FY26 Budget Amendment- **RESOLUTION AMENDING 2025-26 ANNUAL BUDGET BE IT RESOLVED**, that the revised list of expenditures for the 2025-2026 budget, attached as "Exhibit A" to this Resolution, be approved effective immediately.

Gottler moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (26-13) as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution (26-14) Alcohol prohibition suspension- **A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 38-33(B) WHEREAS**, Public Act 58 of 1998, the Michigan Liquor Control Code, MCL Section 436.1915 allows for the lawful possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor in public parks and places and for municipal governments to legislate restrictions on same; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has availed itself of the right established by MCL Section 436.1915(3) to prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property by the adoption of Code Section 38-33(a) and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair has reserved the right pursuant to Code Section 38-33(b) to permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by resolution of City Council upon or in public places when it determines that a

state liquor license is not required and may promulgate such regulations therefor as it determines are necessary; and **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Clair desires to provide an opportunity for all persons of legal-age to possess and consume alcoholic beverages outdoors on specific City-owned or operated property (including parks) and public rights-of-way throughout the City by temporarily suspending the enforcement of the prohibition established by Code Section 38-33(a) as to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places and determines same is in the public interest and serves an important civic purpose in encouraging commerce in the City; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sundays, effective upon approval through October 31, 2026 at the following public places.

1. Palmer Park, including all city-owned parking lots and boardwalks from the M-29 bridge to the northern border of the park, and Rotary Park
2. Third Street between Clinton and Vine
3. Clinton Avenue between 6th and M-29
4. M-29 between Clinton and Vine

Gottler moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution 26-14 as presented.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

City Superintendent – Comments heard on fleet improvements and property sales.

City Attorney- None

City Departments- Report heard from City Clerk. Be a Tourist in Your Own Town 5/16-5/17.

Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative –

Councilmember Gottler shared details on the Marbleye Classic Fishing Tournament 24 hour event.

Tickets currently on sale.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve purchase of Bobcat UW56 Utility Work machine-

Kuffa moved, Westrick seconded, CARRIED, to approve purchase of Bobcat UW56 Utility Work Machine for \$40,908.89.

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

Nays: None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – April 22, 2026

Check register listing the bills for the period ending April 22, 2026 (check numbers 63522-63570) in the amount of \$323,140.27 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, approve payment of April 22, 2026 Claims and Accounts as presented.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Comments heard to compliment the Public Safety Volunteer program and concerns on speed limits. Questions asked about the bidding process.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Klecha Park Community Day and Parade 5/16 @9:15am

ADJOURNMENT at 6:38pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor