

CITY OF ST. CLAIR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the St. Clair City Hall, 304 Main Street West, St. Clair, Minnesota. Council Members present: Mayor More, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt and Dick Fitzloff. Council Members absent: Council Member Randy Thompson. City Staff present: Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief, Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor and Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer. Others present: Connie Johns (St. Clair School Board Liaison), Jacob Miller, Lucas Kruse, Simon Kruse and David Kruse.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor More welcomed all visitors and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND BILLS

A motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all in favor.

The minutes of the February 2020 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Fitzloff and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of February 2020 were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Simon Kruse (Boy Scout and 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Clair School) was present to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout Project which he presented to the City Council at the January 7, 2020 Council meeting. Mr. Kruse’s proposed project would include the following:

1. Add a new layer of wood chips to the playground area at Memorial Park.
2. Add a bench swing at Memorial Park (placement to be determined).
3. OPTIONAL: Create a Gaga Ball pit.

After discussion a motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Fitzloff to approve the addition of wood chips to the playground area at Memorial Park and the addition of a bench swing at Memorial Park, but to pass on the Gaga Ball option due to safety concerns. Motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Kruse noted that he plans to do the project on May 9<sup>th</sup> and will coordinate the delivery of wood chips and the swing placement/location with Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker.

MILL STREET/PARK STREET SOUTH PROJECT – Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker reported that Jetter Clean televised the manholes in the project area to confirm the sewer main size and condition. It was discussed that the hydrant at the south end of Park Street North will be moved approx. 100’ – 125’ to the north. It was also discussed that, for added fire protection, a hydrant will be added at the Mill Street and Front Street East intersection.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

City of St. Clair Ordinance Code, Chapter 116: Regulating Lawful Gambling Activities was presented. The Ordinance defines the St. Clair ‘trade area’ as the St. Clair School District and requires organizations licensed to conduct lawful gambling within the City of St. Clair to expend or contribute a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of its profits derived from lawful purpose expenditures of funds derived from

gambling activities within, or for the direct benefit of the citizens living within the St. Clair Trade Area by the end of each premise permit year. Approved with a motion by Council Member Fitzloff, seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE – Twenty-six (26) residents responded to the questionnaire included with the last City Newsletter/water bill. The Council will review the responses and discuss the results at a later date.

## REPORTS

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. As discussed at the Regular February City Council meeting, the Standard Operating Guidelines for the St. Clair Fire Dept. were revised to include a statement regarding confidentiality and the sharing of personal information. A motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt to approve the revised Standard Operating Guidelines for the St. Clair Fire Dept. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. Four (4) members of the St. Clair Fire Dept. attended the Fire School on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Township Fire Contracts were discussed. Township Fire Contracts are renewed every three (3) years. Along with the City of St. Clair, the St. Clair Fire Dept. covers portions of five (5) Townships (Decoria, LeRay, Mankato, McPherson and Medo). Fire Chief Fitzloff attended the Decoria Township Board meeting on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the new three (3) year Fire Contract. Decoria Township Board members were not in agreement with the amount proposed for the new contract. The Township Board compared their fire contracts with the cities of Mapleton and Good Thunder with what St. Clair is proposing. The Township Chairman also discussed the importance of taking into account the 'market value' of the Townships and the City of St. Clair when preparing the Fire Contracts. Clerk-Treasurer Seys obtained information from the City of Mapleton and the City of Good Thunder with regard to their Fire Contracts with Decoria Township. Fire Chief Fitzloff obtained the taxable market value information from Blue Earth County for the Townships and the City of St. Clair. The information was compiled and presented to the City Council. The Council directed Clerk-Treasurer Seys to invite the Decoria Township Board to the April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to further discuss the Fire Contract.
4. The St. Clair Fire Dept. will be hosting the Regional Fire Chief's Association at the St. Clair Fire Hall on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. First Responder Refresher classes will be held at the St. Clair Fire Hall on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker reported on the following:

1. The Public Water System Report from the MN Dept. of Health was presented to the Council.
2. The service door to the Public Works Dept. Shop and the front door to the City Hall will be replaced by Johnson Hardware. The doors should ship in the next couple weeks.
3. New signs have been ordered and should be delivered in the near future.
4. The City budgeted for lawn mower replacement in 2020. Public Works Supervisor Baker obtained quotes for a 60" X-Mark (\$8,799.00) and a 60" Toro (\$9,200.00). After discussion a motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt to approve the quote obtained for the 60" X-Mark for \$8,799.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary Election was held on Tuesday March 3, 2020. Seventy-five (75) residents voted at the polling place on the Presidential Primary Election Day.
2. A St. Clair Days Fundraiser has been scheduled for Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Uptown Tavern.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Arndt reported on the February 24<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting. Council Member Arndt will attend the March 23<sup>rd</sup> School Board meeting.
2. The City of Amboy hosted the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The speaker for the evening was Paul Barta, Blue Earth County Emergency Management Assistant Director. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> with the City of Eagle Lake hosting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer