

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 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 Randy Thompson. Council Members absent: Council Member Dick Fitzloff. City Staff present: Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief and Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer. Others present: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk), Connie Johns (St. Clair School Board Liaison) and Savannah Flugum and Allie Douglas (St. Clair School Political Science students).

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 Thompson to approve the agenda with the addition of Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) to discuss the proposed Mill Street/ Park Street South Project. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

The proposed Eagle Scout Project, presented by Simon Kruse at the Regular January was briefly discuss and tabled until the Regular March Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

ST. CLAIR SCHOOL PROPERTY – The City received a copy of the ‘Approval of Response Action Plan/Construction Contingency Plan’ from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Brownfield staff relating to the St. Clair School property at 216 Railroad Street West. It was noted that the letter was provided to the City for informational purposes, with no action to be taken by the City Council.

ATHLETIC BACKERS RAFFLE – Athletic Backers requested approval of the Charitable Gambling application to conduct the annual Athletic Backers Raffle during St. Clair Days. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt to approve the Charitable Gambling application requested by the Athletic Backers the for the annual Athletic Backers Raffle during St. Clair Days. Motion carried with all in favor.

MILL STREET/PARK STREET SOUTH PROJECT – Jeff Domras, Bolton and Menk was present with cost estimates relating to the proposed Mill Street/Park Street South Project. It was discussed that the project would include replacing the existing 50 year old 4” watermain with 6” or 8” watermain, as well as street reconstruction. Sanitary sewer main in the area was discussed and it was determined that the 8” PVC sanitary sewer main would not need to be replaced. Mr. Domras estimated cost of the project was approx. \$170,000. Clerk-Treasurer Seys briefly discussed the need to bond for the proposed project. A motion was made by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Glamm to

proceed with the proposed Mill Street/Park Street South Project to include replacement of the existing watermain and street reconstruction. Motion carried with all in favor.

It was discussed that with the proposed project, the City might consider paving/blacktopping of the Water Treatment Plant driveway and parking lot, which are currently crushed rock. Storm water drainage concerns in the Park Street South/Front Street East area were also discussed. Mr. Domras will research possible options to lessen or slow the storm water drainage flow in heavy rain events.

DOOR REPLACEMENT – A quote in the amount of \$4,767.30 has been received from Johnson Hardware for the replacement of the main entrance door to City Hall and the replacement of the service door to the Public Works Shop. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt to approve the quote received from Johnson Hardware for replacement of two (2) doors. Motion carried with all in favor.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. The Standard Operating Guidelines for the St. Clair Fire Dept. were presented for review by the City Council. Council Member Thompson noted that perhaps there should be language included in the document regarding confidentiality and the sharing of personal information. Council approval of the Standard Operating Guidelines was tabled until the regular March Council meeting.
2. The Fire Dept. responded to 124 ICR calls in 2019, call details are as follows:

CITY/TOWNSHIP	MEDICAL	FIRE	CO	10-52	ALARM	OTHER	TOTAL	
CITY OF ST. CLAIR	21	4	0	0	0	0	25	
DECORIA TOWNSHIP	19	3	0	1	0	0	23	
LeRAY TOWNSHIP	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	
MANKATO TOWNSHIP	39	5	2	7	0	0	53	
McPHERSON TOWNSHIP	5	2	0	3	4	0	14	
MEDO TOWNSHIP	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	
2019 TOTAL	90	16	2	11	5	0	124	
2019 MUTUAL AID	GIVEN: RECEIVED:	5 0	Eagle Lake (1), Mapleton (1), Pemberton (3)					

3. A Fire Dept. Officer’s meeting was held on Wednesday, January 29th. The main topic of discussion was options and ideas for the recruitment of new members (especially persons available to respond to daytime calls).
4. First Responder Refresher classes will be held at the St. Clair Fire Hall on Wednesday, March 18th, Monday, March 23rd and Wednesday, March 25th.
5. The St. Clair Fire Dept. will be hosting the Blue Earth County Fire Chief’s Association at the St. Clair Fire Hall on Monday, March 16th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

No Public Works items were discussed.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Clerk-Treasurer Seys presented Resolution #2020-03 ‘Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the March 03, 2020 Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary Election’. The resolution appointing Election Judges was approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Thompson and carried with all in favor.

2. Clerk-Treasurer Seys noted that information relating to the March 3rd Presidential Nomination Primary and the upcoming 2020 Census were included with the last City Newsletter. Information is also available on the City website and has been posted on the City Facebook page.
3. A St. Clair Days planning meeting was held on Wednesday, January 29th.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Arndt attended the January 27th School Board meeting. Council Member Arndt will also attend the February 24th School Board meeting.
2. The City of Mapleton hosted the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks on January 9th. The speaker for the evening was Jessica Beyer, Greater Mankato Growth. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 13th with the City of Amboy hosting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bill Fitzloff (Fitzloff Electric) discussed repairs that have been made and problems that still exist with the street lights in the downtown area, noting that the street lights in that area were installed in the mid-1950's. Boring and repairs will be done in the spring as weather permits.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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