

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 29, 2018

Mayor Pelchat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
Mayor Pelchat led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Pelchat, Councilmembers: Kivell, Kennedy, Kurtzweil, Parisien, Richards and Walton  
Also present: Chief Collins, Attorney Wilhelm, Fire Chief Vogel and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

Councilmember Kennedy stated on page 11, the sentence by Councilmember Parisien that states, she would never want to hold her back, should be changed to him.

Councilmember Parisien stated on page 12 the word over should be added to the sentence "Councilmember Parisien received some feedback over the weekend".

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 2 in the sentence "Kivell stated the summer rate has come up many times, if its wet in the summer they don't pay more, if its dry they don't pay more, except the excess water usage, not the additional sewage", and discard the rest of the sentence.

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 8, the word not should be added to reflect HRC was not involved.

CM 5-1-18 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 5-2-18 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Parisien, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Economic Development Director Bob Donohue stated the Corner Café is now open, but their grand opening will happen later in June. Mr. Donohue stated the improvements to the expanded area at the Farmers Market is going well, we will be adding two additional vendors, as well as adding flowers to the area with the shed. Mr. Donohue stated he met with a film company that will be shooting in different stores and at no cost to the city, we will have a combined video of all the shoots to add to our website, and that will be available later this summer. Mr. Donohue stated there will be an insert in the Lyon Today and it will be reprinted and available in the stores. He stated it is on par with Rochester and Birmingham. We will be following the Rochester example and it will be really cool, it will have a holiday gift guide. He further stated we hope it is out before the Ladies Night in November.

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the Corner Café has a new name and will they have regular hours.

Mr. Donohue stated it is officially The Corner Caffé and the hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.

Councilmember Richards stated he stopped and talked to the lady that was painting the windows and if she had a business card she should leave it at City Hall in case someone else wanted to use her business.

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He further stated she told him they were open during the Memorial Day parade, but he didn't see anyone inside.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing- Budget- Annual budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Mayor Pelchat opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor Pelchat closed the hearing at 7:40 p.m.

a. Consider approval of mileage rate resolution for fiscal year 2018-2019

CM 5-3-18 MOTION TO APPROVE MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Kennedy, and supported by Kivell  
RESOLVED, that the City Clerk certify to the City Assessor for spreading on the Assessment Roll of the City of South Lyon for the year 2018-2019, the following amounts, based on taxable value \$359,119,220.

1. At the rate of 11.4938 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for General Fund Operation
2. At the rate of 3.0000 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for Wastewater General Obligation Bonds for wastewater treatment (2002)
3. At the rate of .5000 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for Capital Improvement Fund
4. At the rate of .2400 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for 1999 Building Authority (Land Acquisition)

RESOLVED FURTHER, that due to the May 2, 1984 election whereby the Library became a free standing and District Library for all purposes including the levy of 1.4369 and the overall levy for the City will be 16.6707 mills, of which 15.2338 mills will be used for City operation and debt.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that after spreading on the Assessment Roll, the amounts as required to be raised by the general ad valorem tax, the Assessor certify and deliver the same to the City Treasurer, and the City Clerk be authorized to attach her warrant thereto, directing and requiring the City Treasurer to collect the same as provided by the City Charter.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all installments reported to the City Treasurer as delinquent on Special Assessments and other charges, together with interest due thereon, as provided in Section 7.17 of the City Charter; unpaid charges for water consumption and water tap installation, as provided in Chapter 24 of the South Lyon City Code be assessed against the properties benefited and included in the 2018 Tax Roll.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the millage for the entire fiscal year 2018-2019 budget not to exceed 15.2338 mills.

MOTION To approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget and acknowledging the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 projected budgets as submitted.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Consider approval of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

CM 5-4-18 MOTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

The following resolution was offered by Kivell, and supported by Kennedy  
WHEREAS, in May 2018 the City Manager submitted to City Council a proposed budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received the proposed budget contained herein and has discussed and  
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reviewed same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby adopts the 2018-2019 fiscal budget as shown in the budget document on the Summary page, and detailed on the following pages, in the total amount of \$5,985,564.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the following proposed budget or estimates for the following operations as set forth below.

**Fund No.**

Major Street Operation	202
Local Street Operation	203
Community Development Block Grant	274
Combined Water/Sewer Operation	592
Equipment Replacement Fund	641
Capital Improvement Fund	401
Land Acquisition	509
Downtown Development Authority	280

**General Debt Service**

2003 G.W. WW Treatment/Bond G.O.	307
1999 Building Authority—Land Acquisition	369
2005 Downtown Development Authority	369

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to advertise for bids, or authorize at the appropriate time for contractual services, commodity purchases and/or capital expenditures throughout the fiscal year in accordance with the enclosed budget document and all applicable City ordinance policies or procedures in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Account Act, Section 19 (2), the City Manager may make transfers within a fund and activity if the amount to be transferred does not exceed 10% or \$25,000, whichever is greater, of the appropriation item for which the transfer is to be made, with prior notification to the City Council.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 OPPOSED

2. Consider resolution establishing rules of conduct for Public Comment at City Council Meetings

Attorney Zalewski from The Johnson Rosati Law Firm stated he attended the previous meeting when this was discussed in April. He stated he took all of council's comments into consideration when he put this together. He further stated he took the general structure and the idea of implementing a two public comment period structure, one at the beginning and one at the end with a 2-minute time limit regardless if it is an agenda item or not. He stated he also included waiver procedures. He further stated anytime you have exceptions, you need to ensure there are waivers to ensure everyone is treated fairly, especially if you have exceptions to the rules. The discretion needs to be very clear. He stated you want to tread carefully. He further stated the waiver includes if the person should have known their presentation was going to go long, or the length of the agenda, or if the person is repeating themselves, all could be used as a reason to not allow a waiver. Attorney Zalewski further stated his main concern is to make sure it is a Council vote issue and to make sure you are not only listening to one viewpoint. He stated at the previous meeting there was discussion regarding being too critical of businesses. We can't control that. The rules as he designed them are focused on the civility of the comments and making sure to not allow anything

threatening and if you see something is going to escalate, you can deal with it. He further stated aside from the rules of decorum, he put together a 3-step procedure, 2 warnings, this will give them a chance to calm down, and, if necessary to use law enforcement. It gives Council the discretion if things are not going well, to have a process set in place.

Councilmember Kivell stated he is grateful for the language to ensure we are being fair to everyone whether you like what they are saying or not. This gives us the vehicle to operate under those circumstances.

Councilmember Kennedy stated on page 3 section 4, the word so seems to be missing and on the 4<sup>th</sup> line up from the bottom, it should say whether or not.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated he has done an excellent job, she has been trying to pass something like this for years. She then thanked him for his time. She further stated this will deal with some important issues to move the City forward.

Councilmember Parisien asked about page 4, subsection 8 which states the Mayor will be the time-keeper, who will be the time-keeper in the event the mayor is absent. Mr. Zalewski stated item C on page 6 states if the Mayor is absent, the person chairing the meeting will be the time keeper.

#### CM 5-5-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF CONDUCT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the resolution establishing rules of conduct for public comment at City

Council meetings to provide policies, procedures and regulations for public participation at City

Council meetings

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of resignation of Judith Waters from the Housing Commission

#### CM 5-6-18 MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JUDITH WATERS

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported Walton

Motion to accept resignation of Judith Waters from the Housing Commission with thanks.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she appreciates Judy for all her time working on the Housing Commission. She then stated she had excellent credentials to sit on the Housing Commission, she came from a medical background and she sat on the commission with grace and competency. She then thanked her again for all she had done for the City. Councilmember Richards asked how many people are left on the Housing Commission. Clerk Deaton stated there are currently 2. Councilmember Richards stated that is not enough for a quorum if a meeting needs to be held. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked Attorney Wilhelm if he can assist with this issue because we don't have a board with a quorum, there could be a federal law that could cause it to be taken over by someone else.

Mayor Pelchat thanked Judith for her time and dedication as well.

2. Consider appointment of John Ward to the Zoning Board of Appeals

#### CM 5-7-18 MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN WARD TO ZBA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to appoint John Ward to the Zoning Board of Appeals

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consider approval of Pumpkinfest Run

Chief Collins stated this is the same route as in the previous years, and Coach Smith is always very cooperative in conducting the run and coordinating the event.

CM 5-8-18 MOTION TO APPROVE PUMPKINFEST RUN

Motion by Walton, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve to approve the application for the Pumpkinfest Run at 9:55 a.m. on Saturday September 29, 2018

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider approval Cool Yule Parade and road closures

Chief Collins stated this is the same route as in the past and the Police Department is in support of this event.

CM 5-9-18 MOTION TO APPROVE COOL YULE PARADE AND ROAD CLOSURES

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to be resolved That Lisa Deaton, City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County on behalf of the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan for the necessary permits to conduct the Cool Yule Parade on December 1, 2018, and the related road closures: Whipple St. between Warren and Lafayette, Lafayette between Whipple and Dorothy, Dorothy between Lafayette and McMunn, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and that the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan will faithfully fulfill all permit requirements, and shall save harmless, indemnify, defend and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to operations authorized by such permits as issued.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Consider acceptance of donation to Police Department

Chief Collins stated he supports the acceptance, Ms. Bonnie Piotter is a member of the Sweet Family, and they have many times in the past made donations to the Police Department for taking good care of the City as well as an acknowledgement of Police Week.

Councilmember Richards stated Ms. Piotter has been at Council meetings in the past when donating money, and her father was Reynold Sweet who operated the Kroger store for many years, then was on City Council and passed while in office. He attended the funeral. He further stated Bonnie was the homecoming queen in 1957. Her family has had a lot to do with historical research and reference.

CM 5-10-18 MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Walton, supported by Kennedy

Motion to accept the \$100 donation to the Police Department from Ms. Bonnie Piotter and thanks for her generosity

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Consider pre-authorization of backhoe purchase

Councilmember Kennedy stated this is a budgeted item for the upcoming budget year. He spoke with Ron Brock regarding this issue, and there is a sense of urgency on this purchase to move forward on this at the beginning of the fiscal year so we can maintain the value of the existing trade in we have been offered. He further stated this will save additional money because of the \$2,000 of the steel tariff.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has an issue with the budgeting side of this, the mechanics of the approval is for a capital expenditure that is in the budget that takes affect July 1<sup>st</sup>, and she isn't

comfortable with this. She isn't comfortable making a purchase for a future budget, but if you want to do a budget amendment for this current year, she doesn't have a problem with that. She further stated from a procedural standpoint, ethically, she just has a problem voting on items that aren't in a budget until 30 days from now. Ron Brock from the DPW stated we will not take possession until after July 1. This approval is just to hold it in their inventory until after July 1. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she will not vote for this without it being in the current budget. She further stated we should be able to give them a small deposit to have them hold it. Mr. Brock stated if they get a letter of intent, they will hold it for us. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she will not take any official action. Mr. Brock further stated there is a potential savings on this item and we have a trade in, and we if we can get a letter of intent, they will hold it.

Councilmember Kivell asked if there will be a purchase order. Mr. Brock stated we could do a letter of intent, or a purchase order. Councilmember Kivell stated we have done this on a routine basis, come budget time, you get your order in and when it comes time to pay for it, we are into the new budget year. There is no reason to pro-long this any further, give them the letter of intent and purchase it after the fiscal year begins.

Councilmember Kivell stated his wife works at Michigan Caterpillar, in a different division and if anyone feels there is a conflict of interest he will refrain from voting on this issue.

Councilmember Parisien stated she thinks if this is necessary, going to save money and is going to help the City she is ok with moving forward with this.

Councilmember Richards stated he spoke with someone about the demo machine, and he spoke with the operator regarding the stabilizers and other things. He said they were much better. Councilmember Richards asked about the boom and the buckets as well. He told him we have \$45,000 of attachments.

Councilmember Richards stated we are buying an identical one to the one we already have.

Councilmember Richards stated he is impressed with Caterpillar. He further stated this is the Cadillac of backhoes. He further stated we will have long term durability with this machine.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated before we take a vote, we need to discuss the possible conflict of interest. She stated the purchase of this backhoe is from CAT. She stated if Councilmember Kivell's wife works for the same company, she thinks he should recuse himself from voting. Further discussion was held regarding a possible conflict of interest. Councilmember Kivell stated he will not vote on this issue.

Attorney Wilhelm stated he doesn't think Council can approve the purchase of something that is built into the budget that goes into effect in July. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the motion being made is for a letter of intent to purchase, then DPW will have to come back to a meeting after July 1. Councilmember Kennedy stated Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it correctly, we are approving a letter of intent to purchase this equipment after the next budget year begins which is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Attorney Wilhelm stated this should be brought back to Council after the budget is in effect.

**CM 5-11-18 MOTION TO PROVIDE A PRE-APPROVAL LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE BACKHOE FROM CATERPILLER**

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Parisien

Motion to provide pre-approval as evidence of a letter of intent to purchase a certain backhoe which is being budgeted in the 2018-2019 budget year, effective July 1

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 recusal

7. Consider approval of cost for pump rebuild

**CM 5-12-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE COST OF REBUILD CENTRAL EFFLUENT PUMP BY KENNEDY INDUSTRIES**

Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton

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Motion to approve the cost of \$16,460.00 to rebuild central effluent pump by Kennedy Industries  
 VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Consider approval of vehicle purchase for Fire Department

Fire Chief Vogel stated he is in the same boat as Ron. He stated he is hoping to get Council's approval for something in the next fiscal year to get them to begin to build the truck. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated we can do the same for them, we can give an intent to purchase the Ford Interceptor and will be available to purchase after July 1. Chief Collins stated he doesn't think the letter will be necessary, in the past, we have only had to give them a verbal to begin building the vehicles being under the Oakland County Bid.

CM 5-13-18 MOTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE A 2018 FORD INTERCEPTOR FOR \$32,395.00

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve a letter of intent to purchase one 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle from Gorno Ford, under the Oakland County bid, at a cost of \$32,395.00 to be paid in the 2018-2019 budget

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Consider approval of vehicle purchase for Police Department

Chief Collins stated these are the two vehicles that were discussed during the budget sessions, one is to replace the one that was totaled, and the other will replace the oldest vehicle in the fleet. Councilmember Richards stated he checked with someone about the engines. He stated there are V6 engines in both vehicles, and he hopes they will last and have enough performance needed for police vehicles. He further stated you get more durability with Chevy. They would be more expensive. Chief Collins stated the Tahoe's are much more expensive, almost \$10,000 more expensive than the Fords.

CM 5-14-18 MOTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE TWO 2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY FOR \$55,944.00

Motion by Kivell, supported by Richards

Motion to approve a letter of intent to purchase two 2018 Ford Police Interceptor utility AWD vehicles from Gorno Ford, under the Oakland County bid, at a cost of \$55,944.00 to be paid in the 2018-2019 budget

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Consider approval of First Reading Code of Ordinances

CM 5-15-18 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 58-53 AND ADOPT A NEW SECTION 58-53

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to Repeal the City of South Lyon Code of Ordinances, Section 58-53 "Disturbance in business or public place or of lawful meeting," and adopting a new Section 58-53 "Interference with conduct of business; interference with meetings of a public body."

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Consider approval of 3-year contract with Johnson Rosati Law Firm

Attorney Wilhelm stated he has supplied Council with the current contract, and he included the current proposal information in the agenda note. He stated there was a period of time in 2007 when the hours went down, but other than that, we are usually significantly over the 80-hour mark. He stated if Council requests anything additional, he can get it for Council. Councilmember Kivell stated he thinks that was the witch hunt year with some of the hours being cut. He thanked Attorney Wilhelm for the package he has put together and he understands that according to their contract, they could have escalated the hourly rate in the past as it was stated in the contract, but they didn't. Councilmember Kivell stated he is hoping with a new City Manager he will only have to do his attorney work, and not help try to help the City Manager run the City. He stated we haven't had good leadership recently. He further stated his comments seemed harsh at the last meeting, but he didn't mean them to be and he apologies for that. Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked him for hanging in there and there will be someone new in the City Manager's office and he has done a good job making sure everything gets done. Councilmember Richards stated the agreement states it can be mutually terminated within 60 days' time of notification. Attorney Wilhelm stated yes, that was the same term as in the last contract as well.

#### CM 5-16-18 MOTION TO APPROVE RETAINER AGREEMENT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the City retainer agreement with Johnson Rosati effective July 1, 2018 and commencing June 30, 2021 incorporating the proposed rates and terms presented above, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement subject to final review and revisions acceptable to the Interim City Manager and City Attorney

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### BUDGET

Councilmember Parisien thanked everyone for helping with the budget, it was much smoother and efficient than in the past. She especially thanked Lori, the City staff, and Brian and his staff.

#### MANAGERS REPORT

Chief Collins stated he received notification from Amy Allen that they will be leaving the rental at 318 W Lake of June 15<sup>th</sup>, they are paying rent until the end of June. He then asked if Council had any ideas what we should do with the building.

Chief Collins stated he received notification from Attorney Tom Fleury of the Keller Toma law firm. He was contacted by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The investigator for them in the Clohosey case had information with a revised demand/settlement proposal. Mr. Fleury will be supplying attorney client privileged information to Council and will be ready for a closed session discussion at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Fleury is also working on training for City officials and employees.

Chief Collins stated the city website calendar now includes the historical and the wedding coordinator. The wedding coordinator and the president of the historical society have both been given logins and can update the calendar for any of their events.

Chief Collins stated we have rescheduled the city-wide yard sales from the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to June 3<sup>rd</sup> because the last city-wide yard sale weekend was rained out.

Chief Collins stated the LUNGEvity Run Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and it is always a good event if anyone is interested in attending.

Chief Collins stated he has been working with Mr. Vettraino and we are slightly ahead of schedule and the recruitment brochure is completed and looks very nice. The deadline to apply is July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Collins stated his final item is the passing of former Councilmember Harvey Wedell. Visitation will be Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> and the funeral on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked what the issue was at Southridge. Chief Collins stated he sent a representative to discuss with them what the City will and will not do regarding the replacement of pipes



in all of the units. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the City is partaking in the restoration project. Chief Collins stated the purpose of the meeting was to tell them that neither the City or the Police Department unless a court order is issued will take part in enforcement of their condominium by-laws. Chief Collins stated they were looking to see what the City would or not do if some of the homeowners could possibly deny the work crew access to their units for the work to be done.

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked what is happening with Mike Boven's position. She stated she doesn't know if Council wants to address this, but her observation is a combined position of DPW and Sewer and Water is not in the City's best interest. She further stated she understands it was done 10 years ago to give someone a raise. She further stated the problem with a combined position is when that individual leaves, the City is left vulnerable from a sewer, water infrastructure standpoint. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated at one time the City had a Superintendent for Water and Sewer and a Superintendent for DPW. She stated not one individual can dedicate enough time to both departments. She further stated it makes sense for the two departments to have their own department heads. She stated if you go back to that, there are two potential employees that could be promoted. She further stated the water and sewer department could be paid out of enterprise funds. Council also has the option of raising the administration fee that could go towards that salary as well. Chief Collins stated he answered the first question that was asked was answered in his weekly report. He further stated he contracted with Mr. Dawson of Highland Treatment Inc to serve as the interim license of the wastewater treatment plant operator and signer of all official documents. He further stated he did that until Mr. Boven was hired. He further stated his intention is to continue with this until the new City Manager is hired, then the new City Manager and Council can decide what they would like to do with that position. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is glad he is waiting to have a professional City Manager in place. Councilmember Kivell stated it has been characterized as they are only doing 50% of the time in either of those roles, but you would have one person in leadership to coordinate both departments. It isn't always a downside. Although there are financial vehicles that we can escalate to pull money from residents and businesses to pay for two people to cover those departments, it isn't a free thing. Councilmember Kivell stated just because we have the availability to reach into our taxpayers' pockets, doesn't mean we should. He like the idea of one person heading up both departments as long as they are qualified.

Councilmember Parisien stated she doesn't know if anyone is aware of the city-wide yard sales. Clerk Deaton stated it is posted in two places at City Hall, as well as on the website on the front page and on the calendar. She further stated Mayor Pelchat shared it on his Facebook page and the Oakland County press and the Hometown Life newspaper are both going to add a blurb about it.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kivell stated last Wednesday was the first car show of the summer and it was very well attended. He is very impressed with the people that run the Lake Street Cruise In. He stated they have had a lot of various groups and he has seen new cars he hasn't seen before. He is grateful for all of their effort. Councilmember Kivell stated the Memorial Day parade was really nice. Councilmember Kivell stated the City has lost a good friend as well as have all that have known him. He stated he served with Harvey Wedell on Council for 12 years and he could be counted on to be reasonable and to be counted on for city business. He was smart, experienced, friendly, caring and a nice guy to get to know. He further stated he and his family send sympathies to Harvey's family along with the knowledge he will be missed. Rest in peace Harvey.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked Plante Moran, Lori and Brian. These individuals stayed on this budget since January. This is evidence that the next City Manager needs to have strong financial skills. She further stated the City hasn't had that in a while. She is glad Council did the right thing and got Plante Moran in here and it clearly made a difference. She stated she voted no on the budget because for the last 2 years, she has been pushing to handle the unfunded pension issue. She further stated there was nothing in the budget to deal with this issue.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she attended the South Lyon Area Assistance awards banquet at St. Joes Church and there were probably 250 people in attendance with parents and children. There were grade school students and high school students receiving the awards. It was a wonderful event. She stated Lyon Township and the South Lyon Schools were represented well. She then thanked Oakland County Sheriff's Department for being there and congratulating each of the children in the line. She then congratulated the students for all their hard work.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she will be attending the Night Kite Flying event in Atchison Park in Lyon Township.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she and her husband extend their sympathies to the Wedell family. She stated it is important to keep them in your prayers and thoughts because they will be facing their first Father's Day, first thanksgiving without Harvey. She stated we should pray for their comfort and strength, he was a good person.

Councilmember Kennedy stated at the last City Council meeting Council Member Kurtzweil asked if he would sit down with Mike Boven, the Utilities Superintendent, and discuss his decision to resign. After reviewing the background data and information, he stated he met with Mike and discussed his decision with him. He further stated the results of his research and discussion were provided to the Interim City Manager who, in turn, made the decision not to extend a counter offer to him.

Councilmember Kennedy stated as a side note, he has found that counter offers are usually only a short-term fix at best and rarely a long-term solution. Making a counter offer typically results in the employee feeling he didn't receive adequate compensation when they were hired; or that they can create a bidding war going forward by again threatening to quit and receiving more money; and finally, it creates dissent among the other employees who observe this behavior and feel less valued and under recognized as a result. He then stated statistically 80% of those individuals who accept a counter offer will leave their position within 6 months and 90% leave within one year. Councilmember Kennedy stated the results of the survey for the City Manager selection have been posted on the city's website. He then thanked everyone who participated in the survey and encourage all of the residents to review the survey results. Councilmember Kennedy stated we have lost a long-time member of our community this week. Council Member Harvey Wedell passed away on Saturday evening. As many of you know, Harvey was a longtime member of the city council who tirelessly worked to improve our city for the benefit of all of its residents. He was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a veteran, a neighbor and a friend who will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Councilmember Richards stated he knew Harvey briefly and he was impressed with him and his decorum and his ability to express his opinion and not get flustered. He further stated he remembers him marching in the Memorial Day Parade for many years. He further stated rough times are ahead for his family and he sends his best wishes.

Councilmember Richards stated he stopped at the 101 S Lafayette location and he is impressed with what they are doing and he wishes them continued success.

Councilmember Richards stated most of what he has left over from the city-wide yard sales will be going to the Green Oak Township Historical Society. He stated he is keeping some things for a one day showing at his place.

Councilmember Richards stated he is not a Farmers Market patron, and he has no particular circumstances, but he has had people complain to him about the aesthetics of the place. he stated he would like people to have a movable fence around it. He hopes that can be resolved.

Councilmember Richards stated in the past week there were over 100 children in the program in the Historic Village from Bartlett School. He stated it was a big success.

Councilmember Richards stated our donated tree that he mentioned during the last meeting was trashed by a run-away car. The sign was smashed as well. He further stated he hopes they can get it replaced. Councilmember Richards asked if Chief Collins would suggest the City sell the 318 W Lake building.

Councilmember Parisien stated she wanted to thank the volunteers to be on our commissions. We need to fill our boards and commissions if anyone is interested.

Councilmember Parisien stated the MS bake sale was a success and it will be happening again this Saturday at Bigby Coffee from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Parisien stated she wanted to send thoughts and prayers to the young man that passed away from the construction accident at Pontiac Trail and Eleven Mile. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Councilmember Parisien stated she can't say enough wonderful things about Harvey Wedell. She stated he was very stoic, and didn't speak unless he needed to, and when he did, it was incredibly important or he was guiding Council in a way to benefit the City. She further stated he was very deliberate and very professional. She stated he was a dedicated family man, councilmember and dedicated public servant. Her thoughts go out to his family.

Councilmember Walton stated she will keep Harvey's friends and family in her thoughts and prayers. She further stated she knows there will be harder days to come, but his life should definitely be celebrated.

Councilmember Walton thanked Bob Donohue for the holiday gift bag. That is an excellent idea and she is very excited about having a packet go out for just our stores in town.

Mayor Pelchat stated the Memorial Day ceremonies was amazing. He thanked the American Legion, VFW and Dayna Johnston. He stated Dayna Johnston has been a part of the parade for many years. They did a fantastic job yesterday. Mayor Pelchat stated he noticed there are people coming from out of town for the parade, and he is glad our town realizes the importance of remembering our fallen veterans on Memorial Day.

Mayor Pelchat stated he had planned on sharing a story regarding Harvey's passing, but he doesn't think he can get through it. He then stated the world has lost an American hero and his thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

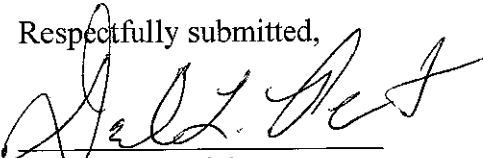
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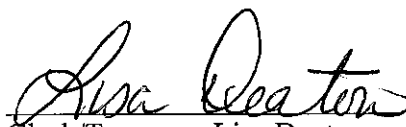
#### CM 5-17-18 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Mayor Dan Pelchat

  
 Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton