

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2017

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

Mayor Galeas stated Councilmember Parisien is absent and Department Head Bob Martin is on vacation.

PRESENT: Mayor Galeas, Councilmembers: Kivell, Kramer, Kurtzweil, Rzyzi and Wedell
Also Present: City Manager Ladner, Chief Collins, Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk Deaton
Absent: Councilmember Parisien

CM 8-1-17 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE OF COUNCILMEMBER PARISIEN

Motion by Wedell, supported by Rzyzi
Motion to excuse absence of Councilmember Parisien

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

CM 8-2-17 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kurtzweil
Motion to approve minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

Councilmember Kivell stated he would like to remove the appointment of Erin Kopkowski to the Planning Commission until the first meeting in September when we have a full board.
Councilmember Rzyzi stated he is fine with voting on this tonight, he will approve this appointment.
Mayor Galeas stated he has no problem waiting until the next meeting.

CM 8-3-17 MOTION TO POSTPONE APPOINTMENT UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer
Motion to postpone appointment to Planning Commission until the next meeting

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 8-4-17 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell
Motion to approve the agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashley Enstad 1104 Chestnut Lane stated she is running as a write in candidate for Mayor. She stated she has received incredible support. She stated she has a double major from MIT, is a software engineer and

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she is from the Midwest and has Midwest values. She further stated her goals are to focus on the City's finances and budgeting process. She stated she wants to focus on grants to develop Volunteer Park and downtown. She stated securing the funds to develop the park will benefit our sporting community. Ms. Enstad stated she is also very sensitive to the needs and concerns of the senior citizens. She stated we need to find budget solutions that doesn't tax our seniors. She will always be mindful of our seniors and their contribution to our community. She further stated she is a proponent of voting to maintain People's Express and funding for the Center for Active Adults. She stated everyone on Council has made great contributions to the City and she wants to build upon their successes and complete their vision for the City of South Lyon such as fiscal strength, an economically viable downtown and the development of Volunteer Park. She further stated as an engineer she isn't bothered by different personalities, she can sift through the emotions, weigh the facts, analyze the arguments and find a solution that works for everyone. She stated she has a steady hand and believes each person has intellectual merit in public debate. She stated she is very qualified to be the City's Mayor. Ms. Enstad thanked Councilmembers Wedell, Kramer and Mayor Galeas for their service to the City and wished them luck transitioning away from public life. She further stated if she becomes Mayor she hopes they will be available to her to consult on matters that have a special interest to them.

Swearing in of New Firefighters:

1. Dan Laitinen
2. Austin Dziurgot
3. Cain McGowan

Chief Kennedy stated we do a lot of regional training which is indicative of the great mutual aid we have. He stated they have completed 300 hours of practical and written training and he is happy to have them part of our team. Clerk Deaton swore in the 3 new firefighters. Mayor Galeas congratulated them.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments/resignations from boards and commissions
 - a. Resignation of Dan Pelchat from Cable Commission

CM 8-5-17 MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to accept resignation of Dan Pelchat from the Cable Commission with thanks

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Appointment of Bob Martin to Historical Commission

Mayor Galeas stated he would like to appoint Bob Martin to the Historical Commission

CM 8-6-17 MOTION TO APPOINT BOB MARTIN TO HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appointed by Mayor Galeas, supported by Wedell

Appointment of Bob Martin to the Historical Commission

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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c. Appointment of Linda Graham to Cultural Arts Commission

CM 8-7-17 MOTION TO APPOINT LINDA GRAHAM TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Appointed by Mayor Galeas, supported by Kramer

Appointment of Linda Graham to the Cultural Arts Commission

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Wedell stated one of the reasons we wanted Bob on the Historical Commission is because of the concerts in the park series. Bob has always handled the concerts and has done it very, very well. He further stated it is our intent to continue the program along with anything else he will bring to the table. Mayor Galeas stated the concerts have always been Bob's passion and he has done a great job bringing in the bands.

2. Consider designating an alternate to SEMCOG

City Manager Ladner stated Councilmember Wedell is our delegate, but it was brought to her attention that we also need an alternate. She stated she has attended SEMCOG meetings in the past and is ok with being the alternate. Councilmember Wedell stated he thought there should have been a delegate and an alternate named after the last City Election. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if Councilmember Wedell could continue as the delegate even if he isn't running for Council again in November. Councilmember Wedell stated he thinks the delegate should be someone on City Council and he is not running again. Councilmember Kramer stated he thought he was appointed as the alternate. Councilmember Kivell stated he thinks it will be appropriate to appoint someone for both positions after the Election.

CM 8-8-17 MOTION TO DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kramer

Motion to designate the City Manager as alternate delegate for SEMCOG

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consider approval of Witch's Hat Run

Chief Collins stated the route is the same as in prior years, the roads to be closed are 11 Mile and Martindale Road. He further stated the correct date is the 9th of September.

CM 8-9-17 MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD CLOSURES FOR WITCH'S HAT RUN

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve road closures for the Witch's Hat Run on September 9, 2017 as requested

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider approval of road closures for Pumpkinfest Run

Chief Collins stated this is an agenda item because it is a separate event from the Pumpkinfest Parade and we recommend approval.

CM 8-10-17 MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD CLOSURES FOR PUMPKINFEST RUN

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the road closures for Pumpkinfest Run on September 23, 2017 as requested

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VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Consider first reading of Ordinance to reduce the number of Planning Commission members from 9 to 7 and bring the division into compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

City Manager Ladner stated the Planning Commission has struggled to fill their vacancies in the past several years and even if Ms. Kopkowski is appointed, that will still leave 2 vacancies. State Law allows us to have a 7-member Commission instead of 9. She stated by lowering the number required it will help with getting quorum for meetings. Councilmember Kivell stated this is a practical solution but it is a shame we can't get more people with different ideas. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the Ordinance does permit us to have someone that is allowed to be outside of our jurisdiction as long as they are a registered elector of a town close by. City Manager Lander stated we currently have someone that is outside of the City limits. Councilmember Rzyzi stated this is a practical solution and doesn't seem to be controversial.

CM 8-11-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE EXISTING AND ADOPT A NEW DIVISION 4 IN CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE V

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to appeal and adopt a new Division 4, in Chapter 2, Article V of the code of ordinances for the City of South Lyon changing the number of Planning Commission members from 9 to 7 people.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Consider first reading of Ordinance to increase the value of purchases requiring City Council approval and competitive bidding and clarify purchasing authority in emergency circumstances

City Manager Ladner stated she and Attorney Wilhelm have been working on cleaning up our purchasing ordinance. She stated this Ordinance does not change the need for Council approval for different projects. She further stated this will also change the threshold for purchases from \$2,000 to \$5,000. City Manager Ladner stated this also increases the value of purchases requiring competitive bidding from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Councilmember Kivell stated he prefers that the City Manager approves prior to any of that being conducted. He further stated the change from \$5,000 to \$10,000 is ok with him as long as it is a budgeted item. Attorney Wilhelm stated the City Manager is designated as the purchasing agent in the current ordinance and that isn't changing. Councilmember Wedell stated everything needs to go through the City Manager, she is the gatekeeper of the budget. Further discussion was held regarding the current ordinance. Councilmember Kramer stated he wants to make sure if a Department Head wants to make a purchase the City Manager is aware and can make sure the process is followed so the City Manager can make sure everything is done properly and she can make the final judgement call. Attorney Wilhelm stated he can work with the City Manager to make sure a procedure is in place. Councilmember Kivell stated the idea of them having to get approval to submit for bids, it is good practice for communication and informing the City Manager that is what they want to do, but if they are solid enough that it is something necessary they should be able to put all the package together then give that to the City Manager. Councilmember Rzyzi stated there are always two readings and if this is passed tonight, it may not be the final version. We can make any changes that are needed then vote on this again. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated in Section 2-222 she is not in favor of the purchasing agent soliciting advice verbally. Attorney Wilhelm stated the request can be verbally, but the quote or bid must be in 8/28/17

writing. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the language is a bit ambiguous and it may need to be clearer. Attorney Wilhelm stated he will look at the terminology before the next meeting. Councilmember Kivell stated it should state no action will be taken without the bid in writing.

CM 8-11-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ARTICLE VI PURCHASING CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to amend the purchasing ordinance- Article VI- purchasing, Chapter 2- Administration of the Code of Ordinances of the City of South Lyon as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Consider alternatives for contracting for interim Class B Operator Services

Jesse VanDeCreek of HRC stated with the departure of the Class B Operator from the WW plant, the goal is to enable Council to coordinate the search process for a new WW Superintendent with a Class B license. He stated we identified 3 alternatives for Council to consider. One is a shared services agreement. He stated it is not uncommon for people that have a Class B license to have their own LLC business because due to the high demand, they sometimes work for more than one community. He stated unfortunately the people they contacted declined the opportunity due to time/work load, personal or potential conflict of interest reasons.

Mr. VanDeCreek stated the second alternative is to contract with a private company such as HTI (Highland Treatment, Inc). He stated HTI currently works with Milford, Lyon and Green Oak Townships. He further stated the hourly rate for them is \$90.00 and their services can be terminated with 24 hours' notice. He stated this is only to provide the Class B Operator at the facility, this position is not a supervisor, or superintendent. He stated they have been around for 45 years. Mr. VanDeCreek stated they are the closest proximately to provide those services to the City. He stated this is a quote, not a contract.

Mr. VanDeCreek stated the third option is interim intergovernmental cooperation with OCWRC (Oakland County Water Resources Commission). They maintain many other plants, such as Pontiac. They told him South Lyon is going to have a hard time finding Class B Operators, they have been trying to hire more operators for 2 years. He stated they are interested in helping the City and they said the services will be at cost. He further stated the information is in legal review right now. He stated he recommends the City to contract with HTI. He stated he suggests Council allow them to continue working with OCWRC in case that is needed, but HTI will be able to cover right now. Mayor Galeas asked if the current people at the WW Plant are potential candidates for this. City Manager Ladner stated the way the program is laid out, we are still 2 years away from a current employee having the Class B License. Mr. VanDeCreek stated it is very challenging to get this license. He stated this is a highly desirable position right now and people like Oakland County can't fill. He stated they have offered to help us, but the stop gap measure is to move forward with HTI.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to disclose she has a conflict with HTI and she let the City Manager and Attorney know. She stated she doesn't know if she needs to disclose the nature of the conflict, but she cannot vote or discuss anything with HTI. Councilmember Rzyzi stated there are a few things that stood out. One was when you said you contacted Oakland County and they said the soonest we could get someone was 2 years for the license. He further stated that is a sign these positions are in high demand and it is very specified and specific. He stated with the hourly rate of \$90.00 there may be a range of 40 hours a month, and what stood out is if this takes a year, it could cost us close to \$40,000 and

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that is obviously less than what we were paying Bob. He further stated for that type of skilled position this is a steel. He then asked if the City Manager is comfortable taking over the work. City Manager Ladner stated in the short term yes, but long term we will need someone to be out there day in and day out. She stated she met with all of the departments last week and she will be overseeing things. Councilmember Rzyzi stated this is very important, water is a very sensitive topic and to have someone with that technical ability and he thanked HRC for getting someone on such short notice. He further stated we trust the City Manager to run the City day to day and he is very comfortable with this.

Councilmember Kramer asked how the search for a full-time replacement is going. City Manager Ladner stated we are waiting until the beginning of September because we will have new-hire retirement options to bring before Council. Councilmember Kramer asked what the salary range for a Class B employee will be. Mr. VanDeCreek stated it will vary, depending on the size of the wastewater plant. He further stated he can work with Lynne and we can utilize MML and MWA and bring back the information. He stated he has found that these employees aren't out there, there is a significant gap with the current generation. Mr. VanDeCreek stated we will need to hire a Class B Operator and/or a superintendent. He is finding the hybrid like Bob Martin that can be the license holder, a budget person and a superintendent is very hard to find. He stated you may have to hire 2 people. Councilmember Kramer stated his concern is Bob had a plan for a few more years until one of his guys got a license, and now we may have to hire 2 people and he is concerned what this will do to our budget the next couple of years. Councilmember Rzyzi stated they won't be full time with benefits and pension so he isn't worried about it at all. Councilmember Kramer stated we will be paying someone up to \$40,000 without anyone doing the supervisory duties or the budgeting. Councilmember Kivell stated we may need 3 people to take Bob's place and that illustrates what a huge loss it is. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she remembers a year ago we talked about succession plans for the City. She stated students aren't taking biology, lab work, or science classes anymore. She stated if you understand the demographics of where the work force is going this was foreseeable. The City didn't plan well enough for this day and we have to realize we have a changing workforce that is out there and it will be a budget issue that will have to be handled. Councilmember Rzyzi stated retirements are nothing new and Bob was a hot commodity and for him to leave and advance his career and get his pension is good for him. Councilmember Kramer stated Bob took a pay cut, how is that advancing his career. Mayor Galeas stated when you have someone that is in our ranks and they will have a license B in two years, doesn't mean they will not go elsewhere, we will have to make sure we make them want to stay. Councilmember Kivell asked what the time frame is for Oakland County to let us know if they can assist us. Mr. VanDeCreek stated it appears it is a staffing question, they recently took on Pontiac, and they haven't been able to hire additional Class B Operators. He stated they normally take over the entire plant, we only want someone to assist with the Class B Operator. He further stated sometimes they require a 6-month agreement. Councilmember Kivell stated there may be an obligation of 20 hours that the State requires, but it may be more than that. Mr. VanDeCreek stated the operator will be putting the license on the line by filling out the paperwork. He stated the City's plant is terrific, no violations, this should be relatively easy to run, but when he discussed this with them, to some degree the person will be at the mercy of the regulatory folks to ensure they spend enough time at the plant. The DEQ stated they were thinking 2 hours day. Councilmember Kivell stated the licensee will be giving Lynne the rundown of what needs to take place. Mr. VanDeCreek stated the person we are looking for will run the monthly operating reports. He stated the interim will report to the City Manager and confirmed the existing staff will be running the plant, but the licensee will verify and submit the reports to MDEQ. Mr. VanDeCreek stated he expects the staff has the professionalism and experience that they will be fine running the plant. City Manager Ladner will be the interim superintendent, the existing operations will be handled by the current staff. Councilmember Kramer

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asked how the billing will be done. City Manager Ladner stated she believes it will be monthly. Councilmember Kramer asked if the other communities using HTI have contracts with them. Mr. VanDeCreek stated they do not, they have an hourly rate agreement, no contracts. He stated the other communities actually use HTI to run the entire plants. Councilmember Kramer stated he is concerned about the additional work this will put on the City Manager. Mr. VanDeCreek stated he cannot stress enough the importance of finding a hybrid and to offer a good package. Councilmember Wedell stated he appreciates the research and he agrees option 2 is the best plan for now. He further stated we have trained staff to keep the plant running. He stated his concern is the hiring process going forward. City Manager Ladner stated we have the job description, she will work with HRC to make sure the required skills are correct and she will follow through with the ad after we have the information from MERS to see what benefits Council wants to offer to the new employee. She wants to make sure we have a comprehensive employment plan for Bob's replacement.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated this is almost the same position we were in many years ago when the 2 positions were combined. She asked if anyone in the department could be promoted. City Manager Ladner stated we have very good employees and foremen for day to day operations, but they don't have experience with budgeting and payroll. She stated it doesn't mean they can't be trained to do so, but no one is ready to step into that position at this time. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he doesn't know the ins and outs of the water treatment plant but he can imagine it is very complex. He stated he believes in promoting from within and we have very skilled employees and if they can run a plant, they can work on a budget. He further stated Jesse did a good job on this and this is a good plan in place. City Manager Ladner stated she is asking Council to allow her to contract either intergovernmental or on an interim privatized basis with an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per month. She doesn't believe it will exceed \$3600.00 but she would like to give OCWRC time to look at the agreement.

CM 8-12-17 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER LADNER TO PURSUE OPTION 2 FOR PRIVATIZED SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 A MONTH AND TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH OCWRC IF DECIDED

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kivell

Motion to authorize the City Manager to pursue option 2 for privatized services and begin discussions with HTI to not exceed \$5,000 a month and authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with OCWRC

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes
 Rzyzi- Yes
 Galeas- Yes
 Wedell- Yes
 Kramer- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Abstain
MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she met with our Bookkeeper Lori Mosier who was excellent and she thanked her for her time. She stated she received some emails about the unfunded pension liability. She stated there is no answer, it is important that we are beginning to talk about it. She further stated you can solve it on the revenue side by raising taxes through a mill to increase the operating mill in the budget or a designated mill solely for public safety which would have to be a voter initiative solution. She stated you can solve it by raising taxes, but you have to take into consideration the senior community. The additional way is the expenditure side of the budget by cutting a little from DPW and all other budgets but

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you have to look at each department and the reason the Police Department was mentioned because their current budget is 2.5 million and that is 46% of our budget. In 2018-2019 it will be 49% of the budget. She said this is just an option, dissolve the Police Department and contract with Oakland County Sheriff office, or ask the Chief to find about \$600,00 in cuts from the budget which that could then be used toward the unfunded pension liability fund. Or you can do a hybrid. She stated she hopes Council will reach out to the community and the senior community is the most impacted. She further stated we need to start talking about this problem and working toward solving it. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the community should have some role in the way we find a solution. She stated she wanted to bring two issues to Council, one is overtime and why it is brought up during meetings. She stated she has an article she wants added as part of the minutes. She explained they found there was a Police Sargeant that retired with an \$88,000 pension and his annual salary was \$70,000. Lansing administrators said the overtime increased some of the Police Officers pensions was related to staffing, but it was a scheme that was built into the budget of overtime that was given to certain employees. She stated she spoke with MERS and if you have employees receiving overtime during their last 5 years of employment it goes towards their salary is included in the calculations of their pensions. She stated when the overtime is questioned by Council it is to ensure accountability and because of the interplay of overtime with their pension. She stated we will be paying that for 30 years after they retire. She stated vacation pay is also included in the calculation for their pension. She stated the problem is you have people in the community that will be paying the price for this. She further stated there are legitimate concerns. She will continue to ask questions and move forward with a good pension program that is good for the employees and the taxpayers.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated the common theme is the pensions. He stated the City has to take this on. For the most part, 95% of the workforce doesn't have pensions and it is a very serious issue and it is bankrupting cities. He further stated people are starting to talk about this when you have 50% budget going to the Police Department, the last option to pursue is contracting with Oakland County. He further stated he is not for that, and that would be the worse option. We had a large tax increase that was offset by the school, but as it stands if we don't make cuts we may have to have another tax increase next year. The seniors are hit the hardest. He confirmed with the City Manager that the seniors in Colonial Acres don't receive snow plowing by the City. City Manager Ladner stated their streets are private along with many others in the City. Councilmember Rzyzi stated that is an injustice. He further stated if we have to fix the roads we may have to get a road millage. He stated it is not fair and Council needs to look into this.

Mayor Galeas stated these problems are happening all over the State. The communities around us are growing so their tax base keeps growing, but we don't have that luxury, we are basically built out. He stated he hates raising taxes but if it must be done to cover costs, then we have to. He is very proud of our Police and Fire Departments and being one of the safest cities. We have our own water facility unlike other communities. He stated he hopes the tax payers understand no one wants to raise taxes, but sometimes it must be done.

Councilmember Kivell stated public safety is every City's biggest expenditure, we aren't unique to that. There has been pressure from the State for MERS to look at more rational ways for communities to transition to other plans. We have been looking into this for a while, and we are pursuing things. We haven't been sitting idle, MERS holds all the cards once you are in their membership you are stuck with their rules. He further stated the one saving grace with MERS is retirement is a long-term issue, we can't find a solution that will fix it automatically, but it is something we will set up a program that will square it up over time. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the issue isn't transitioning right now, it is a given, we have to transition from the City paying 98% of pensions. She stated it does increase at a high rate and dealing with the unfunded pension part needs to be dealt with sooner than later. We need to do something

to start paying this down. She stated she isn't talking about changing the current employee's pensions, she is talking about new hires. She stated the immediate need is dealing with the unfunded pension. She stated this is going to be a constant battle, but we need a plan in place. Councilmember Rzyzi stated to the point of how serious this is, if you look at it as the national debt, it was 4 trillion, now it is 20 trillion and it is being wasted and as the debt rises it doesn't go down unless you work at it. We can talk about how everyone has this plan, but if the State doesn't come in and fix it, the 5 million will keep going up.

DOWNTOWN

Councilmember Rzyzi asked when the Tropical Smoothie business will open. City Manager Ladner stated they had a final inspection scheduled for today so it may open this weekend. Robert Donohue stated he is working on the over the road banners for downtown and we have to get the permits from the Road Commission. Mayor Galeas stated the Fury of the Feast was a crazy successful event and they brought a lot of people into our community. He then asked if the wine bar is still coming in. Mr. Donohue stated they are working on it, but it isn't a done deal. Councilmember Rzyzi stated the car shows, the farmers market and other events are really positive and shows how much is getting done and how much people are taking interest in the City and our events. Mr. Donohue stated the success of the events all goes to our residents.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ladner stated she is expecting information from MERS in early September. She reminded everyone of the Farmers Market, the Bridge Walk and Depot Day which is on September 9th. She stated with the retirement of Bob Martin and soon to be retired Chris Regentik she stated the positions must be filled. She stated we will move forward with replacing both of them after the MERS situation is resolved. Councilmember Rzyzi asked if the new hires will be on the pension plan. City Manager Ladner stated she will have different plans for Council to choose from. Councilmember Rzyzi asked if a Cadet could take place of the clerk in the Police Department. Chief Collins stated we do use the cadet to cover lunch hours and such, but there are many things that are required by the State that requires a vetted person and certain skills. He further stated the clerical function is being done by 1 person, back in 2008 we had 2 people. We do the best we can with what we have. He further stated one of the things the Police Department does is lift assist and we do that sometimes more than once a day for seniors that have fallen and can't get up. There may be less of one service for a segment of the community, but they may have more services in other areas.

Councilmember Kivell asked if the City Manager looked into the Lions fund going towards the playground equipment that Parks and Recreation requested. He stated we approved the purchase and we were hoping the Lions Fund will cover the funding. City Manager stated she hasn't seen the purchase order yet.

Councilmember Rzyzi asked City Manager Ladner if she will have the new vacation policy at the next meeting. City Manager Ladner stated she planned on it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wedell stated he is glad to see more firefighters being sworn in again today and he doesn't know where Chief Kennedy is getting all the new recruits. He stated they all seem to be well trained and it is a great advantage to us. Councilmember Wedell stated the improved I.S.O rating is a great deal for everyone because it helps lower insurance rates and he thanked Chief Kennedy for his work.

Councilmember Kramer stated he has been asking for a while about the cross walk on 9 Mile. City Manager Ladner stated she is looking into adhoc signals which means when someone walks into the

walkway, the lights light up and it helps tell people to stop for pedestrians. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he would like to praise the Fury for the Feast. He stated not only was it a nice event, it was the partnership with the local businesses. He stated Busch's was there donating food to their customers and that is also an investment in the community. He doesn't think of it as a chain even though it is a large one it speaks of good management on their part. He further stated Gleaners was involved as well and thanks to the Witch's Hat. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he would like to encourage people to sign up for the Witch's Hat run. He stated these events bring in people from other areas. He stated it is a good event. He stated he thinks it is great the number of firefighters Chief Kennedy is bringing in. He stated he wants it noted that we are going into closed session for the negotiation of a collective bargaining unit. He further stated he looked at the contract and one of the themes we have is the budget and the unfunded liability and sometimes there are disagreements with how things can be handled. He further stated the contract in front of us tonight is not taxpayer friendly, but it is employee friendly. Councilmember Kivell thanked Chief Kennedy for getting more firefighters and he hopes this is a trend. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she attended the St. Joe's Church picnic and it was well attended. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to send a huge thank you to the employees of Peter's True Value. She stated she has been buying truck loads of top soil and they were so polite and kind. She stated she wants to thank all of their employees and they are a great store and they are also within the City limits, and she asked everyone to support their local businesses. She stated she attended the Fury for the Feast and it was packed inside and out. She further stated she spoke with people from Ann Arbor, Howell, Brighton, Milford and many others. She stated she has some friends that attended the Melon Fest in Howell a few weeks ago, and the Pumpkinfest was a hot topic. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she hopes at the next Council meeting which falls on September the 11th we can have a couple of minutes in silence remembering the fallen heroes on September 11, 2001. She further stated all she will say on the union contract is a dairy farmer told her early on in her political career, milk cows, not the taxpayers. Mayor Galeas stated the amount of foot traffic in our downtown has grown a lot. He further stated it is a good thing and to see the new businesses come into South Lyon and fill a void we had is great. He further stated a lot of the businesses are working together. He stated he saw Chief Kennedy in action one day and he thanks him for all he does in the City.

CLOSED SESSION- Closed session under section 8© of The Open Meetings Act, connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement

CM 8-13-17 MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8C OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

Motion to enter into closed session under Section 8c of The Open Meetings Act connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement at 9:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes
 Rzyzi- No
 Galeas- Yes
 Wedell- Yes
 Kramer- Yes
 Kurtzweil- No

MOTION CARRIED

CM 8-14-17 MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell
Motion to reconvene the regular council meeting at 10:10

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 8-15-17 MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY CONTRACT WITH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell
Motion to direct City Manager to ratify contract with AFSCME collective bargaining unit

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kivell- Yes
Ryzyi- No
Galeas- Yes
Wedell- Yes
Kramer- Yes
Kurtzweil- Yes
MOTION CARRIED

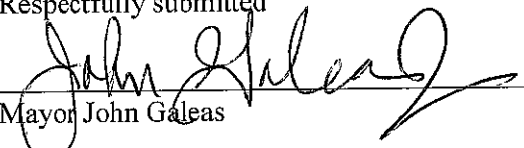
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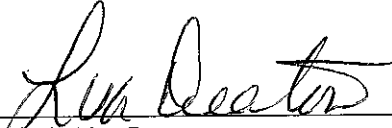
Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell
Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:15 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted



Mayor John Galeas



Clerk Lisa Deaton