

CITY OF SOUTH LYON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2013

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace  
Council Members: Dixson, Kivell, Kramer, Rzyzi, Wedell,

Also Present: Chief Collins, Chief Kennedy, Department Head Martin  
City Attorney Wilhelm, Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

Councilmember Kopkowski arrived at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Kivell stated on page 2 it says he supported the motion for the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, but he was unable to attend that meeting, therefore he did not support the minutes. He further stated on page 5 the first sentence when Department Head Martin is speaking should state as follows; the lead in the water can show up from the water pipes and fixtures in people's homes.

CM 12-1-13 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Motion by Wedell, supported by Dixson  
Motion to approve minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF BILLS

CM 12-2-13 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell  
To approve bills as presented

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VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Cook stated he would like to add an item to the agenda under New Business for a resolution for the Knights of Columbus for a gaming license.

CM 12-3-13 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident stated he thinks the Mayor is doing a great job. How could he have been Mayor for so many years if he hasn't been doing a good job. If people have complaints about the cable television channel, people should donate money so they can get new equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CDBG Program

City Manager Cook stated we were not able to have the public hearing notice published before this meeting; therefore we have to change the date. The paper came out early the week of Thanksgiving, so we could not get it publicized within the required time frame. He further stated the application is not due until January 17<sup>th</sup>, so we have time to have the public hearing at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Manager Cook stated we only have a few options for the use of the money. We could use it for Haven, Meals on Wheels, or the Senior Center. We do not have any eligible street work we can do.

CM 12-4-13 MOTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski  
 Motion to set public hearing for CDBG for January 13, 2014

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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## 2. Selection of Alternate for SEMCOG

Councilman Wedell stated he received an email from Susan Stefani from SEMCOG and she stated since Mr. Murphy is no longer employed with the City, we need to have someone as the alternate position.

Councilman Kramer volunteered to be the Alternate for SEMCOG

## 3. Cancellation of December 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting

City Manager Cook stated in years past, we have always cancelled the second meeting in December due to the holidays. He is suggesting Council does that this year as well. He further stated we could always schedule another meeting if needed.

### CM 12-5-13 MOTION TO CANCEL DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING

Motion by Kivell, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to cancel the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 4. Collective Bargaining Agreement Patrol Unit (July 1, 2013 – June 20, 2016)

City Manager Cook stated there were some changes that were made between our City Attorney and the Union Representative, and there was a typo on Page 24. This mirrors the agreement with the commanding officer contract. Councilman Wedell stated that he is happy to see that for the first time in years we have been able to give raises to our employees, even if it is just 1%. He further stated the employees have stuck with the City without raises for many years and he appreciates it. Councilman Kramer asked if article 25 refers to new employee's retirement only. City Attorney Wilhelm stated yes, that is laying the ground work that if the Council makes a change in the retirement, they will not have to go back and negotiate with the union again. City Manager Cook stated the hybrid is not a very good program, so we probably don't want to get involved with that, but it does give us some flexibility for change in the future.

CM 12-6-13 MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PATROL UNIT

Motion by Dixon, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve the contract with the Patrol Unit dated July 2, 2013-June 20, 2016

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Letter of Engagement from Plante Moran

City Manager Cook stated this is for the 2013-2014 audit. This just gives the annual cost for the next audit; we are already in a 5 year contract with Plante Moran. Councilman Wedell asked if this is cost is already in the 5 year contract. City Manager Cook stated he will check and let him know, but this letter is consistent with what has been given to us in the past.

CM 12-7-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH PLANTE MORAN

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the estimated agreement with Plante Moran for the 2013  
2014 Audit.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Sale of Asset

Chief Collins stated the Police have title to a 2006 Kawasaki Motor Cycle that they recovered after the driver of the motorcycle fled from the Police, then abandoned the bike and ran on foot. The owner of the bike has not come forth to claim the bike, and the Police Department is now the owner. Chief Collins stated he would like to sell this on the MITN website and start with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00

CM 12-8-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF ASSET

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kopkowski

Motion to approve the sale of a 2006 Kawasaki Motor Cycle for a minimum bid of  
\$1,000.00

VOTE: MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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## 7. South Lyon Fire Department Employee Compensation

Chief Kennedy stated the fireman de-certified and the union went offline December 1<sup>st</sup>. He further stated the last time they received any type of wage increase was in 2008. He further stated he has checked with 12 other communities on their compensation. He stated we need to stay competitive with the hourly rate; right now our employees could go elsewhere and make more money. Chief Kennedy stated this is nothing the City is bound to therefore it could be changed in the future if needed. Councilman Rzyzi read from the memo Council received from Chief Kennedy stating it costs approximately \$15,000 to train a person without any prior certification, and the estimated budget impact is \$15,000. He stated therefore it is a wash and a very good proposal to keep good employees. Councilman Kivell stated it is nice to be able to give a raise to people we depend on so much. Councilman Kivell asked if when the fire department goes for training, they get pay for travel time. Chief Kennedy stated they only get paid for time in class.

### CM 12-9-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR THE SOUTH LYON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve the South Lyon Fire Fighters increased pay classifications

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8. Opt-Out Act 152 of 2011

City Manager Cook stated this is a resolution to opt out of Act 152 because we will not be in compliance until 2016. City Attorney Wilhelm stated this Act mandates the limits the City can pay for employee health benefits. He stated there are two options; one is a hard cap which is a set dollar amount set by the State Department. The other option is an 80/20 split, which the City is going with. He stated the law allows us to Opt-Out, but we will have to do this every year. The City will be using a 10, 15 and 20% match, and until we reach the 20% in 2016 we have to resolve to Opt-Out until that time.

### CM 12-10-13 MOTION TO OPT OUT OF ACT 152 OF 2011

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dixon

Motion to approve the resolution to opt out of Act 152 of 2011

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Non-Union/Administrative Employee Contribution for Medical Coverage

City Manager Cook stated this only involves two individuals and beginning in January 2014 these employees will start paying for part of their health insurance. He stated he would like Council to approve the 10% for 2014, 15% for 2015 and the full 20% for 2016 of their health insurance premium. He further stated he would like to keep everyone under one package so one group doesn't think they are getting treated better than the other.

CM 12-11-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the Non Union/Administrative Contribution for Medical Coverage of 10% 2014, 15% 2015 and 20% 2016.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Donations
  - a. \$750.00 to the South Lyon Fire Department

Chief Kennedy stated the South Lyon Fire Department participated in a Chili Cook off, and they won. He stated the bragging rights exceeded the amount of the check. He stated the full check was for \$1500.00, but it was held in Lyon Township, so they decided to split the money with them.

CM 12-12-13 MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION TO SOUTH LYON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kivell

Motion to accept \$750.00 donation to South Lyon Fire Department

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Acceptance of Donations

b. Donations for Holiday Party

City Manager Cook stated he would like Council to accept the donations we have received for the Holiday Party. He stated he is expecting one more from Duncan Disposal.

Johnson Rosati \$500.00

HRC \$400.00

IBEX \$100

PLANTE MORAN \$200

CARMINE AVANTINI \$100.00

CM 12-13-13 MOTION TO APPROVE DONATIONS

Motion by Dixon, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the donations for the Holiday Party

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Gaming License

Mayor Wallace stated the Knights of Columbus of South Lyon is having a charitable event February 24-27 at Vision Lanes in Westland. Gary Beasley of 320 Harvard stated this is the State Gaming Board asking them to be recognized as a charitable organization; therefore they are asking Council to recognize them as such.

CM 12-14-13 MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski

Motion to recognize the Knights of Columbus as a charitable organization and pass Resolution for charitable gaming license.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGERS REPORT

12/9/13

City Manager Cook stated he spoke with Senator Stabenow's office about the Federal Aid for Pontiac Trail and getting it extended north to the limits so we can spend the whole amount of money we are entitled to. He is waiting to hear back from them.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilman Kramer stated the next Recreation Center Meeting will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at Lyon Township Hall. He further stated Salem Township will have a representative there as well.

Councilman Kramer stated he is happy we hired a new DPW worker. He further stated he is happy we are able to give small raises to our employees, and at some point we need to look at offering raises to the Administrative staff as well.

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to keep up to date on the Budget Amendments. The Budget is a live working document, and we need to keep up on them.

Councilman Rzyzi stated he also is happy we have hired a new DPW worker.

Councilman Kopkowski apologized for her tardiness, she was held up at work.

Councilman Kivell stated he would like to have a discussion regarding the Cable Contract at the next meeting, as well as forming a Cable Commission.

Mayor Wallace stated regardless of the DPW being so shorthanded, the downtown was still able to get decorated. He further stated Department Head Martin was out climbing ladders and helping along with the DPW guys.

Mayor Wallace stated he would like to thank Herb Stricker of Superb Fabricating for the snowflakes that he made and donated to the downtown. He further stated he would like to thank Kim Thompson for the great Cool Yule and parade we had, as well as all the girl scouts and the Santa Clauses that came to town.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell  
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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Tedd Wallace Mayor

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Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer