

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2014

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: Dixon, Kivell, Kramer, Kopkowski, Rzyzi, Wedell,

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

MINUTES

Councilman Rzyzi stated on page 1 it should read Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Dixon. He further stated on page 1 Motion is misspelled for the vote. Councilman Rzyzi stated under Council Comments it says he was happy with the results of the Library Election, but what he actually said was he wanted to remind everyone to get out and vote in the Library Election. Mayor Wallace stated Dan Pelchat is spelled wrong on page 2. Councilman Kivell stated on page 3 the proper abbreviation is LETS not LESA service and on page 4 the proper abbreviation is SWOCC.

CM 1-1-14 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Rzyzi
Motion to approve minutes as amended.

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BILLS

Discussion was held regarding the monthly bills

CM 1-2-14 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dixon

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA**CM 1-2-14 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Wedell, supported by Dixon
Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Letter of Engagement with HRC for Road Inventory

Chief Collins stated this was talked about two previous times, but Council had a question regarding the budget, and if this was included. He further stated it was not, and it will require a budget amendment, and it will come from the Road Fund. Councilman Kivell stated this is something we will have to do for State funds anyway, so we need to do this. Councilman Rzyzi stated this is something we need to do to move forward to qualify for funds, but as he mentioned before, he would like to see the breakdown of the cost for the engineers for future projects for what type of engineers and their pay rates that will be used for different parts of the projects such as the informational meetings.

CM 1-3-14 MOTION TO APPROVE LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR ROAD INVENTORY

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve the letter of engagement with HRC in the amount of \$18,600 for Road Inventory.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion regarding operation of Channel 19 and Appointments to the City Cable Commission.

Councilman Kivell stated the policy City Attorney Wilhelm has supplied us with is very comprehensive, and it seems like the ideal starting point. He further stated this incorporates many other policies he has studied. This also supports the idea of no advertising. He has yet to find a community that does allow advertising. Councilman Kivell stated all prohibit the use of advertising on the channel, but it does speak to underwriting, but the underwriting cannot be used for labor. He further stated the City needs to distance itself from the potential hazard of favoritism. He stated we have received applications for the Cable Commission. Councilman Kramer asked if we will need to reword our Cable Ordinance, and will this be the basis of that ordinance? Attorney Wilhelm stated the declaration of purpose in the current language is basically moot because it speaks to a Cable Franchise Agreements, and the law limits any control the City will have regarding that. He stated this policy is to be used as a place holder; the other option is to form an Ad Hoc Committee. City Attorney Wilhelm stated Council can assign special tasks to the Commission. Discussion was held regarding the current policy City Attorney Wilhelm presented. City Attorney Wilhelm stated the Commission will give Council suggestions. Councilman Kramer asked if a business supports a program on the cable channel, the sponsor can get credit for doing so? City Attorney Wilhelm stated this needs clarification, Council needs to set parameters for the underwriting, but the only credit will be in the front or back of the programming. Councilman Kivell stated Rich Perry works on the 3 Minute Film Festival and they do that because they fund themselves and it is driven by desire, and he thinks that stuff submitted to us would be in kind with that. City Attorney Wilhelm stated this has always been a City Government Channel with the City having some kind of control of what is played on it. Councilman Kivell stated there are still questions to be answered. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she feels the Commission needs to be 5 people as opposed to 3 people. Councilman Rzyzi stated at the last meeting Council asked for guidelines, which we now have. He further stated this has been discussed several times, and we should move forward with the Commission. He stated this could be used as a starting point and we have a few people that are very interested in helping with the channel. Dan Pelchat of 364 Stanford stated we have

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several people looking to help. He asked if we are going to form the Commission tonight. He stated Dennis Rymirz will be able to help guide his efforts to get this going. Councilman Rzyzi stated it shows Mr. Pelchats commitment and enthusiasm for this channel. He further stated it will be a shame if we don't let you get going with this. Mr. Pelchat stated he will be surprised if Councilman Kivell can find any government channels that do not accept donations. City Attorney stated if we change the ordinance to 5 people, it will take two readings. Councilman Wedell stated he agrees we need to change the ordinance, adopt the policy, and then appoint the Commission. City Attorney Wilhelm stated he can have this ready for the next Council Meeting.

CM 1-4-14 MOTION TO INSTRUCT ATTORNEY TO CHANGE LANGUAGE IN CABLE ORDINANCE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

Motion to instruct City Attorney to write language changing the ordinance for the Cable Commission from 3 members to 5 members.

VOTE: MOTION APPROVED 1- ABSTAINED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of City Mechanic's Service Truck

Department Head Martin stated he is asking to purchase a new truck for the City Mechanic. He currently has a 2000 Dodge 3500, and it has seen better days. He further stated we have received 3 bids for this truck. This truck is equipped with an air compressor, welder, generator, tools and has serviced every piece of equipment for the City.

We did budget \$30,000 for this truck in the Department of Public Works and Water Budget. Department Head Martin stated we thought we would have to replace the utility box, but we can use the box from the current truck. He further stated it should be good for another 14 years. Mayor Wallace asked if it will have a plow. Department Head Martin stated it will be able to be used for plowing. Councilman Kivell asked how much the changeover costs will be for the lights, decals etc. Department Head Martin stated we will be doing those ourselves.

CM 1-5-14 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRUCK

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2014 Ford F350 4X4 for \$23,623.00

VOTE: MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Selection of date to meet with Joyce Parker regarding the City Manager search

Chief Collins stated he received a call from Ms. Parker and Wednesday the 12th is no longer an option. He stated she now has March 20th, 21st and the 24th available for 8:30 p.m. meetings. She stated she doesn't have all the information ready for the 12th meeting anyway.

Councilmember Dixson stated the 24th is the next meeting, why don't we meet with her then. Chief Collins stated we could add the meeting to the March 24th Agenda, and he will lock that date in with Ms. Parker tomorrow. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she is returning that day, but may not be here in time for the meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT

Chief Collins stated Endeavor Fitness has submitted preliminary plans to move into Larry's Foodland building. The plans will be turned into the Planning Commission soon.

Chief Collins stated Interim City Manager Cook is still working on obtaining Building Inspector services.

Chief Collins stated Congressman Bentivolio will be at City Hall on March 19th at 9:30 a.m. if anyone would like to attend.

Chief Collins stated the Building Department is working on a temporary certificate of occupancy for Alexander's at his new location on Lafayette. Most of the inside work has been approved but some of the outside work will not be completed for a while due to the weather.

Chief Collins stated the Fire Department hired 3 new members and they have 3 additional people in the academy. He further stated the Fire Department responded to 108 incidents to date in 2014.

Chief Collins stated our Water Department employee Dennis Bridson slipped on the ice while working over the weekend and broke his ankle. We hope for a speedy recovery for him.

Chief Collins stated Officer Sederlund will be out for a bit for an off duty injury.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kopkowski asked if Ms. Parker could be scheduled later during the Council Meeting and she would try to be here. Chief Collins stated he will add it to the agenda as the last item under New Business.

Councilman Rzyzi stated he would like to thank Chief Collins for the 2013 Annual Report and the likes the goals for 2014. He further stated he likes that there are more verbal warnings in

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the City than tickets issued that is not the case in a lot of places. He further stated he would like everyone to know that Tom Holzor Ford is sponsoring the South Lyon Panthers Football and Cheer, for up to \$6,000.00 on Sunday April 6th from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Links of Novi by donating \$20.00 for every test drive taken.

Mayor Wallace stated he has spoken with someone who is planning on turning in an application for Parks and Recreation. Mayor Wallace stated while he was out of town he rescued and adopted a puppy. He further stated he does donate to the local Humane Society.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kivell

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd Wallace Mayor

Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer