

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2011

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace

Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, Morelli, Selden and Wedell

City Manager Murphy

City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke

Department Heads: Collins, Kennedy, Martin and Renwick

BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Manager Murphy stated that he is presenting a very lean budget. General Fund is in the black and the only problem is Local Streets. He discussed General Fund Revenues including the decrease in property values, State Shared Revenues, etc. He stated that Oakland County Equalization is finalizing the property values and we should have a more firm number shortly.

Council reviewed the General Fund departmental budgets including Administration, Cemetery, Public Transportation, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Historical.

Discussion was held on Land Acquisition and possible future property purchases including location for possible new well, the former school bus garage, etc.

Discussion was held on Vehicle Replacement budget. Superintendent Renwick discussed the need for a new Bobcat and accessories. He further indicated that the existing John Deere tractor that will be replaced will continue to be used until it can no longer be repaired.

Discussion was held on Capital Improvements and the southwest trail connector. City Manager Murphy stated that the County feels they will be able to start the project in July.

Discussion was held on the proposed major street projects.

Discussion was held on local streets. City Manager Murphy stated that funds have been budgeted for repairs to Dean Drive as well as crack sealing in various locations. He further stated that the expenditures do exceed the revenues, but wanted to present it to Council for further discussion and decision. Discussion was held on the condition of Dean Drive and the need to make the repairs. It was indicated that one option is to transfer the \$70,000 from Major Streets or Capital Improvements. City Manager Murphy stated that in some communities, they levy a separate road millage for local streets. The consensus of Council was to transfer \$70,000 from Major Streets. City Manager Murphy stated that we do not get enough revenue from MDOT to cover our maintenance costs.

Discussion was held on the Water and Sewer Fund. Discussion was held on the need to review rates again this year to stay in line with the auditors' recommendations.

Discussion was held on the 2003 Wastewater Treatment Plant Bonds. City Manager Murphy stated that we could levy additional millage to cover the cost of the bonds. However, we do have a fund balance and he is recommending that we use the surplus funds again this year while economic times are bad and review it again next year. Discussion was held on the affect of a millage increase on the residents given the property values are lower impacting them less. The consensus of Council was to not levy additional millage at this time.

Discussion was held on the Drug Forfeiture Fund. Discussion was held on possibly using the funds for the in-car cameras for the police vehicles as well as other possible uses. Chief Collins explained the allowable uses of those funds and indicated that he would have to conduct additional research.

Discussion was held on the DDA budget. City Manager Murphy stated that he will be presenting this to the DDA Board at tomorrow's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd M. Wallace
Mayor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer