

CITY OF SOUTH LYON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 25, 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: Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, Rzyzi, Wedell, Dixson  
City Manager Murphy, City Attorney Wilhelm, Chief Kennedy,  
Chief Collins, Department Head Martin and Deputy  
Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

AGENDA

City Manager Murphy stated he would like to add two additional items to the agenda. He would like to add an appointment to the Housing Commission as item #3, and appointment to Clerk/Treasurer as item #4.

CM 3-1-13 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to correct the minutes to state Mayor Wallace was absent with notice, not excused.

CM 3-2-13 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer  
Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lake Street Design Project

City Manager Murphy stated at the last meeting, the City Council approved the street project on E Lake Street from Lafayette to the rail road tracks. He stated he is now asking Council to approve \$20,800.00 for the design portion of the project.

CM 3-3-13 MOTION TO APPROVE E LAKE STREET DESIGN SERVICES BY H.R.C

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve the design services from HRC in the amount of \$20,800.00 for E. Lake Street from Lafayette to the rail road tracks.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Government Access Cable Channel

Councilman Kivell stated he is excited that the City can take more control of the quality of programming and of the local cable channel. He stated there are templates from other communities we can use to create bylaws for a cable commission. There are two basic approaches, one to be totally independent and take total control of the entire thing, or we could talk to the Mayor of Farmington who is in charge of the South West Oakland Cable Commission, to see what opportunities there may be in the future. He further stated there are many people interested in helping out with this. Councilman Kivell discussed forming a cable commission and the responsibilities they would hold, such as advertising, scheduling content, residents complaints among other things.

Rick Zuchini of 516 E Lake stated he was approached years ago regarding the cable channel, and again just recently. He stated now is the time to get involved because the equipment is much more affordable than years ago, things are much more streamlined. Everything is digital and after the startup costs, it would be very affordable. Mr. Zuchini discussed the equipment that can be purchased and things that can be done.

Rich Perry of 875 Westbrook stated there are some real improvements that can be made. Farmington, Canton and Shelby all have great systems. He further stated they have a more engaged community based channel, and it is much more interactive. As for content, he is happy to assist in training staff or students to do this. Producing simple content is much cheaper and easier than in the past. He stated all we need is a couple thousand dollars in equipment to start making the content. He further stated first we need to build an inventory of content; phase two would be a video server which would cost between \$10,000. and \$15,000. Discussion was held regarding other communities using commissions and using cable franchise fees to fund it.

Councilman Wedell asked the question if we had the studio and all the different content that may be developed as well as the content we already have such as ball games, can this be streamed onto website, or limited to the peg channel on the television. Rich Perry stated you can do both with certain equipment. Councilman Wedell stated that would make sense because not all residents have access to the cable channel. Discussion was held regarding the cost of just the cable channel or both.

Mayor Wallace stated this is his 31<sup>st</sup> year with SLCTV, and we have a large archive, such as parades, historical talks, Christmas light videos, vendors, craft shows and other family events. He further stated he likes a lot of the ideas, but we need to people to do the work. The other communities mentioned earlier have thousands more people than we have. We have approximately 2400 homes that have access to the local channel. Mayor Wallace discussed the different programming the City has done over the years. He further stated SLCTV has a contract with the City, and it was reviewed and renewed in 1999. Mayor Wallace discussed some aspects of the contract such as the equipment being owned by SLCTV, not the City of South Lyon. Mayor Wallace stated he would like to work something out.

Councilman Kivell stated this is a City asset and it is the City's Channel, and he is afraid we may lose our franchise fees because we are not following the rules for how we obtained our franchise fees. More discussion was held regarding the time it takes to put a program together. Councilman Wedell stated it would make sense to continue to explore the different options. Councilman Rzyzi stated currently there is no charge to the taxpayers for access to the cable channel, and in the paperwork that was handed out, it looks like there could be charges to the residents if these changes are made. He stated he is curious to see what the cost will be to the residents if these changes are made. Councilman Kivell stated there would be no charge to the residents. It was the consensus of council to add this to the next agenda as a discussion topic for more information.

### 3. Appointment to Housing Commission

Mayor Wallace stated he would like to appoint James Hamilton to be appointed to fill a vacant housing commission seat. He further stated it is a hard seat to fill because the meetings are held during the day, and the board members do not have to be City residents.

#### CM 3-4-13 MOTION TO APPOINT HOUSING COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Dixson.

Motion to appoint James Hamilton to the Housing Commission Board.

Councilman Wedell stated he will not be supporting this appointment due to the fact that he is not a city resident.

VOTE: 6 Yay

1 No

MOTION CARRIED

### 4. Appointment to City Clerk/Treasurer

City Manager Murphy stated they interviewed 5 people today, and one came out far above the rest, which was Deputy Clerk Deaton. He is requesting Council to appoint Lisa Deaton as City Clerk/Treasurer, her pay to be \$59,000.00 a year.

Councilman Wedell stated he fully and whole heartedly recommends the appointment, she clearly gave more thought to this position than anyone else, and she hit it out of the park.

Mayor Wallace stated he also sat in on the interviews and he agrees that he would call it a grand slam.

#### MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Murphy stated he will be out of the office next Wednesday thru Friday.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Kramer congratulated Deaton on her appointment.

Councilman Kivell asked if the work being done on Liberty was a water main break, or is it new pipe. Department Head Martin stated there was a 12" main that was never connected to the existing homes, it is a huge project, and it is 29% completed.