

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2012**

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace
Council Members: Dixon, Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, Rzyzi, and Wedell
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Lee
City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke
Department Heads: Collins, Kennedy, and Martin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 4-1-12 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CM 4-2-12 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES- APRIL 9, 2012

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kopkowski

To approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 Regular Council meeting as presented

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jr. Baseball League

Mr. Bryan Spaller and Dean McClorey were present representing the South Lyon Junior League. Mr. McClorey stated that they have gone out and done some fundraising for the proposed additional baseball diamond at McHattie Park. We are back in front of Council to approve the concept and discuss the matching funds. He gave a brief description of the project and presented a breakdown of how the dollars are to be spent. He stated that excavation, backstop, etc. are a large part of the project. He further stated that they have been working very closely with the Recreation Commission.

The question was asked how late into the evening do the activities take place. Mr. McClorey stated that they play until dark. Discussion was held on how many tournaments would take place per year. McClorey stated that there would not be any this year. However, they will be talking about tournaments in the future.

The question was asked if they receive approval, when would they be starting. Mr. McClorey stated that they would like to begin May 1st with completion by June 1st.

Discussion was held on the bids received. Mayor Wallace stated that he does know of a local contractor that wanted to bid, but was not able. Mr. McClorey stated that there was some miscommunication, which was very unfortunate.

Further discussion was held on the design.

Mayor Wallace asked if the contractors met the bonding needs and were references checked? Mr. Spaller indicated that it has been done. The question was asked how tall is the new backstop. Mr. Spaller stated that it is going to be 20 feet tall.

Mayor Wallace asked if any of the Townships were approached regarding funding. Discussion was held on the fact that this is a City owned park. Further discussion was held on the benefit to the entire community.

Councilman Rzyzi asked if this is in the budget for this year. City Manager Murphy stated that these funds would come from funds that were set aside specifically for Parks and Recreation.

Discussion was held on forming a contract between the City and the Junior League for the cost of the project.

CM 4-3-12 – MCHATTIE PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND PROJECT

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer

Direct the City Attorney to draft a contract between the City and the South Lyon Junior League for the addition of a baseball diamond and other improvements in McHattie Park in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 with the City's portion to be \$35,000 and that the contract to be signed by the City Manager

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Cultural Arts Commission

Mayor Wallace stated that there has been some interest in the community for quite some time for various art projects.

Margaret Kurtzweil of 939 West Hills Drive stated that this is a model ordinance that has been put together. She stated when you are dealing with arts, you are dealing with a different animal and you have to have a distance from the political process. This is intended to be a sounding board, a listening board when it comes to art in the community.

Council Member Kopkowski questioned the appointment process and Charter requirements. City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke explained that she used language in our existing DDA ordinance. She stated that this is set by Code, not Charter.

Discussion was held on what types of projects they would be looking at.

The question was asked if this will be South Lyon residents only. It was stated that much like the Historical Commission, it is not intended to be residents only. Mayor Wallace stated that he can see the local people getting "squeezed out". Further discussion was held on residency.

Councilman Rzyzi questioned the financing of these projects. City Manager Murphy stated that Council would have to adopt a departmental budget. Further discussion was held on adding to the City's budget.

CM 4-4-12 – APPROVAL – FIRST READING AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski

To approve the proposed amendment to the City Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 6 – Cultural Arts Commission (see attached amendment as part of these minutes)

Mayor Wallace stated that he will not support this. He further discussed the financing and the City's budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED (2 opposed)

Dixson – Yes

Kivell – Yes

Kopkowski – Yes

Kramer – Yes

Ryzyi – No

Wedell – Yes

Wallace - Yes

3. Affirm City Manager's Appointment to the DDA Board of Directors

City Manager Murphy stated that Joe Repanshek has resigned from the DDA and he would like to appoint Mr. Bill Jarratt to fill that position. It was stated that Mr. Jarratt has previously served on the DDA Board.

CM 4-5-12 – AFFIRMATION OF DDA APPOINTMENT

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

To affirm the City Manager's appointment of Bill Jarratt owner of Jarratt Architecture to the DDA Board of Directors

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Book'n Trilogy Run

Chief Collins stated that this would encompass approximately 15 minutes and would affect the westbound lane of Nine Mile from Millennium Middle School out to the rail trail. He would recommend approval.

CM 4-6-12 – APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dixon

To approve the closure of westbound Nine Mile Road from Millennium Middle School to the South Lyon Rail Trail from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2012

Mayor Wallace asked if the businesses are going to be notified. Discussion was held on this being a relatively short period.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Set Budget Workshop

CM 4-7-12 – SETTING OF SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski

To approve setting a Special City Council meeting for the purpose of holding a budget workshop on Tuesday May 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Set public hearing for 2012-2013 budget

CM 4-8-12 – SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

To approve setting a public hearing on May 14, 2012 for the purpose of adopting the 2012-2013 budget

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Waiver of Permit Fee for City-Wide Garage/Yard Sale

CM 4-9-12 – WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES

Motion by Dixson, supported by Kramer

To waive the Garage/Yard Sale permit fees for Friday, April 27th, Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th 2012 for households who wish to participate in the City-wide Yard Sale

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Purchase of Trees

Superintendent Martin stated that for 20 years the City has been a Tree City. Part of being a Tree City, you are required to budget \$2 per capita for trees. We are looking at planting 74 trees throughout the City including Paul Baker Park, Volunteer Park and various locations throughout many subdivisions. He stated that our goal is to provide a tree in front of every house in the City, in time. He stated that we did receive three bids with Briens Services out of Milford being the low bid. These trees will also come with a one year warranty on the growth and planting of the trees.

CM 4-10-12 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

To approve the low bid from Brien's Services, Inc. of Milford, Michigan in the amount of \$19,715.47

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Murphy stated that the May 28th meeting will fall on Memorial Day. He stated that he plans to bring this back at the next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Kopkowski discussed the timing of the traffic signal at McHattie and Pontiac Trail. Chief Collins stated that our County Commissioner contacted an Oakland County Traffic Technician who found that the calibration on the cameras were not optimized.

Councilman Kivell discussed the apparent success of the new Sweetwater and IGA.

Councilman Kramer thanked the South Lyon Fire Department and Lyon Township Fire Department for their participation in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor Wallace stated that this is White Cane Week for the Lion's Club.

Mayor Wallace stated that at the next meeting he will be presenting the fifth Norma Jean Wallace "Townie" award.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM 4-11-12 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kramer

To adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd M. Wallace
Mayor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer