

The City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 26, 2015

Mayor Tedd Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
Mayor Tedd Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Tedd Wallace  
Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, Rzyzi, and Wedell  
Also Present: City Manager Ladner, Department Head Martin, Chief Collins, Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

ABSENT: Councilmember Dixson

CM 5-1-15 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kopkowski  
Motion to excuse Councilmember Dixson’s absence due to bereavement

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 3 the word business should have been building. He further stated he voted no on page 8 regarding the vote for the City Mangers review date.

CM 5-2-15 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 5-3-15 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer  
Motion to approve the Agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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PUBLIC COMMENT- NoneOLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading of Ordinance to repeal section 82-78(4) "Sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice" to clarify and provide that a violation of Chapter 82 is a municipal infraction

Attorney Wilhelm stated there were no changes made from the first reading. This amendment eliminates the inconsistent language in the original ordinance, and states the violation is not a misdemeanor, but a municipal infraction.

CM 5-4-15 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 82-78(4)

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve the second reading of Motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to Repeal the City of South Lyon Code of Ordinances, Section 82-78 "Sidewalks to be Cleared of Snow and Ice," Subsection 4, to clarify and provide that a violation of Chapter 82, "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places," Article III "Sidewalks," is a municipal civil infraction.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider acceptance of donation to the South Lyon Fire Department from Maureen and Kim Zonmeir

City Manager Ladner stated we received a thank you letter along with a check for a donation to the Fire Department for \$100. Chief Kennedy stated the Fire Department did a standard carbon monoxide check at the home of the Zonmeirs. He further stated the firefighters did a great job and they left the residents a new carbon monoxide detector, which helps to ease the mind of the homeowners. Chief Kennedy stated they also checked smoke detectors as well. If the smoke detector is over 10 years old, they replace it. He further stated the firefighters will install the devices as well, to ensure they are done properly.

CM 5-5-15 MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to accept the donation of \$100.00 to the South Lyon Fire Department from Maureen and Kim Zonmeir

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VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Consider acceptance of donation to the South Lyon Police Department of a prisoner bench from the Spectrum Group, courtesy of Councilman Kivell

Chief Collins stated we received a \$700.00 prisoner bench as a donation from one of our generous residents, on behalf of the Spectrum Group, and he is asking Council to accept the donation so they may send the appropriate thank you letter.

CM 5-6-15 MOTION TO ACCEPT PRISONER BENCH DONATION FROM SPECTRUM GROUP

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

Motion to accept the \$700.00 prisoner bench donation to the South Lyon Police Department

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consider approval to change the date for the Blues Brews and Brats event

Andrea Meyer representing the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce stated the Chamber is requesting a date change for the event to August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no changes, other than the date.

CM 5-6-15 MOTION TO ACCEPT DATE CHANGE OF BLUES BREWS AND BRATS TO AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve the date change to August 1<sup>st</sup>

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Review information related to the Witches Hat Fury for a Feast event

City Manager Ladner stated she has supplied Council with a string of emails that she exchanged with Chief Collins. She further stated Councilman Kivell had some of the same concerns that she did. Councilman Kivell stated he loves the business and is happy they are so successful, but the location inherently presents a great deal of logistics problems with parking. He asked what the capacity of the lot will be. Chief Kennedy stated he does not recall the exact number, he stated he looks at the square footage, not the parking issues. Councilman Kivell stated he is concerned that by the City approving the event, if we are opening ourselves up for liability for the notion of approving an event that doesn't have a safe passage from one side of Pontiac Trail to the other. City Attorney Wilhelm stated he will need more detail, but it looks as though there is a proposed parking plan, and there are two cross walks near the area. Chief Kennedy stated the capacity of the parking lot is 1,700. Councilman Kivell further stated the notion of the shuttle busses will be helpful, but it doesn't sound as though it is committed. He would have preferred for that to have been obligated of them. He stated his only other concern it the

band playing at the entrance. There will be a bottle neck with people coming and going from that entrance as well as the stage being there. Mayor Wallace asked if there is a formula for how many porta johns are required. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she is concerned because of the tension between this business and Alexander's. Jeremy of The Witches Hat stated they plan on having staff there keeping people out of the other business's parking lot. They will also have staff directing people to the proper parking area. Councilman Kivell asked if they will consider still pursuing the shuttles. Jeremy stated they are working on it. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she is also concerned because the difference between this event and the previous event discussed at a previous meeting, the major difference is there is no difference between the residential sleeping aspects. She asked if we are not considering the sleeping aspect of the mobile home park that is next to this event. Chief Collins stated the bands will end at 10:00 p.m. and they are having the band at the front of the parking lot as opposed to the back. Councilman Kramer stated this is a first time event at that location, and we can see how it works out this year, and see if any changes need to be made before the next. Councilman Rzyzi stated he has attended in the past, and it is a good event, and they are careful with the foot traffic to ensure they are not going over capacity.

5. Consider agreement for tax collection for the South Lyon Schools

Clerk/Treasurer Deaton stated this is the same agreement we have used in the past. The schools agree to allow the City to keep any interest collected.

CM 5-7-15 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS FOR TAX COLLECTION

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve the agreement between the City of South Lyon and South Lyon Community Schools for the 2015 tax season as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Ladner stated she has worked with the Cable Commission and she is waiting for the edited version of the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. It should be available on the cable channel this week. City Manager Ladner stated the High School Jazz band is having a concert in the park Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. She further stated the Concert in the Park series begin on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the Movies in the Park begin on June 13<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Ladner stated the RFP for I.T services has been sent out and also on our website and hopefully Council can review in June and make a decision by the end of the month for the new fiscal year.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Kivell stated the City Clean-up was a lot of fun, we got a lot accomplished and he wants to thank everyone that helped out, especially the volunteers who are not South Lyon residents.

Councilman Kivell stated the grain elevator was taken down today, and it is unfortunate that the Community that financially supported it through history is only getting some scraps, and he is glad the museum in Leonard is getting some of the assets that have been saved, but it seems odd that they didn't reach out to the City more strongly. It is a different view from that intersection now.

Councilman Kivell stated on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the DPW was tasked with grooming the north east corner at Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile, and he thought after the Safe Routes to School discussion it was clear we didn't want our assets applied to jurisdictions that we do not have control over. He doesn't think that should have taken place. There are hundreds of worthy projects we could use our assets for outside of our jurisdiction, but it just isn't appropriate. He was surprised and disappointed. City Manager Ladner stated because of his concerns, she has reimbursed the City for the cost. Councilman Kivell stated that is nice, but he doesn't want it to reoccur.

Councilmember Kopkowski stated at the last meeting she asked about the Providence lot being mowed. She stated she didn't hear anything back, and as of right now, the lot is still not cut, as well as a vacant house next to her house, which may be a foreclosure. City Manager Ladner stated she spoke with Tom Lyon the Ordinance Inspector, and she will speak with him again tomorrow.

Councilman Rzyzi stated he would like to remind everyone the Relay for Life is this Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and the luminary ceremony is at 10:00 p.m. It is a very touching event and encourages everyone to attend.

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to thank all the staff and residents who helped out on Spring Clean-up day. He further stated he would like to thank everyone that purchased poppies from the veterans on Thursday and Friday last week. He stated they sold their 3,000 poppies in record time, and all the funds go to veterans and their families. Councilman Wedell stated the Memorial Day Parade was a wonderful event and ceremony, it is amazing to see, and thanks to the community.

Mayor Wallace stated he would like to thank Dana Johnston for organizing the 36<sup>th</sup> parade she has worked on. He further stated South Lyon has been having a Memorial Day Parade for 128 years and is the longest running parade in Michigan. Mayor Wallace stated the Relay for Life is a great cause, there is fundraising going on, and it is a very important cause. He further stated he wanted to thank the Cemetery crew for the great job they did on the Cemetery for Memorial Day. He further stated he wanted to thank the DPW for all the work they do as well. Mayor Wallace asked if we will have the same person watering the plants around town again this year. Department Head Martin stated Lori Stahl will be watering again this year. Mayor Wallace stated he helped at City Hall on the spring Clean-up, we had people who work at city hall, as well as Green Oak residents, Salem Township residents, and it was a huge success.

CM 5-9-15 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski  
Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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Tedd Wallace Mayor

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Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer

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