

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 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, and Wedell

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

MINUTES

CM 7-1-14 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilman Wedell requested the revenue expense reports be added at the next meeting.

CM 7-2-14 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dixon

Motion to approve bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 7-3-14 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lennox stated he spoke with Mr. Pelchat and they plan on having a Cable Commission meeting within the week. He further stated it will probably take 6 months to a year to get the cable channel up and running. Mr. Richards stated he thinks it will cost up to \$200,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 if we want to have something similar to Wayne and Westland. It doesn't look like we will have any football games on the cable channel unless we hire a production company.

Carrie Jones of 883 Hidden Creek stated her house shook from all the fireworks across the street. She stated she doesn't feel she needs to live like that. She understands municipalities can only regulate the day before, the day of and the day after. Ms. Jones stated she spoke with Hugh Crawford and he threw it back into Council's lap. He was under the impression there was something the Police Department can do. She stated she called the Police Department and she was told they cannot do anything the day before, day of and the day after a holiday. Ms. Jones stated she would like to see the state law appealed. Councilman Kivell stated there is a lot of pressure on the State to change the current law. Councilman Rzyzi stated she may want to remind him he was a co-sponsor of the current bill. She stated she will do that, but she hopes the City will do anything they can to help with this situation. Councilman Kopkowski asked Attorney Wilhelm asked if there is anything in the law or ordinance regarding anyone setting off fireworks it must stay on their own property. Attorney Wilhelm stated he believes there is something in the ordinance regarding if any damage is done because of someone lighting fireworks. He further stated he will review the ordinance and let Council know.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Opt-In to Oakland County's Urban County Community Development

City Manager Ladner stated this resolution was missed when Council approved it originally. Councilman Wedell stated the current resolution states it will be automatically renewed for three years. City Manager Ladner stated this is new language Oakland County is requesting so it will not have to be done every year. Councilman Wedell stated we don't have to re-consider

the original resolution; we just have to pass this resolution. Councilman Kivell stated there is an opt out option in the language as well.

CM 7-4-14 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR CDBG WITH OAKLAND COUNTY

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve resolution to opt into Oakland County's Urban County Community Block Grant programs for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. We further Resolve to remain in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Programs, which shall be automatically renewed in successive three-year Qualification periods of time, or until such time that it is in the best interest of the local Community to terminate the Cooperative Agreement

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading: Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 62-31 of the Code of Ordinances- Parks and Recreation

City Manager Ladner stated the Parks and Recreation Commission have had problems gaining a quorum. They are requesting to change the number of members from 6 to 7 people. This ordinance amendment will also remove the City Manager as a member. The past two City Managers have not attended the meetings on a regular business. She further stated she is part of the South Lyon Recreation Authority and by being a member of that she will be aware of anything with the Parks and Recreation Commission. City Manager Ladner stated the South Lyon Recreation Director attends all of the SLARA meetings as well.

CM 7-5-14 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 62-31

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-14 amending Section 62-31 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the number of members of the Parks and Recreation Commission from six to seven members, and to eliminate the City Manager as an Ex-officio member, and to provide for length of terms of office

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Ladner stated she did not get the weekly report out because she is waiting for a couple of the Department Heads information. She stated she enjoyed a ride along with the Police Department and she appreciates their patience with her that evening. She further stated she attended the Blues Brews and Brats and really enjoyed that community event and would like to thank all of the volunteers and the Chamber. She stated South Lyon has a lot of great events and volunteers and she is excited to be here.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Kivell stated he would like to know when Bricco will be finished with the work on people's yards. Department Head Martin stated they are about a week out from completing the alley and yards. Councilman Kivell stated he observed an event at the Chapel over the weekend, and asked if that is all cleared up. City Manager Ladner stated she has met with Kelley Smith to get the background information and she is hoping by the end of July and the beginning of August to have someone facilitating weddings once again. Councilman Kivell asked when the barrels will be removed from the construction that was completed downtown. City Manager Ladner stated all of the driveway restorations have been marked and when it is completed they will be removing the barrels and signs. Councilman Kivell stated the Blues, Brews and Brats was a great time, even with the rain we had.

Councilman Rzyzi stated Blues, Brews and Brats was a great event and the location was perfect. He further stated it would be nice to see more events in that area during the summer and he would encourage the Chamber to sponsor and the City to partner with more events. Councilman Rzyzi asked if we will be posting CSX's phone number on our website. City Manager Ladner stated we have names and emails for two representatives from CSX and two from the Road Commission on our website. She further stated if anyone would like to contact them to put pressure on them to fix the problems they are welcome to.

Councilman Wedell stated the Concert in the Park was nice, and the Blues Brews and Brats was a good event. The line for the brats was a little long, but he didn't hear anyone complain. He further stated it was a great event and would like to thank the volunteers and City employees that helped with the event.

Councilman Kramer stated his windows and doors were shaking as well from the fireworks. He wouldn't mind seeing the cut off time changed to a little earlier. Attorney Wilhelm stated he will check into the ordinance and the State statute.

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Councilman Dixon stated she would like to commend the City Manager on the weekly reports, they are very informative. She further stated she attended the Blues, Brews and Brats and enjoyed the event and it was very well planned.

Councilman Wedell asked if there is a provision in our ordinance regarding the size of the lot where they can be fired off. He had a lot of debris the following day to pick up. Councilman Kivell asked Chief Collins why the dispatch would not send someone out when they were called by Ms. Jones. Chief Collins stated he does not know why she was told they would not respond. He further stated we will always respond to our residents. Chief Collins stated the Police Department is empowered to make sure the residents are only using consumer fireworks or the low impact fireworks. More discussion was held regarding the fireworks issue.

Mayor Wallace stated last year the Oakland County's Mayors members signed petitions to address the concerns residents have with the current firework statute. He further stated it is much easier for people to get their hands on them now more than ever before. Mayor Wallace stated he is empathetic to the concerns of our residents; his dog was scared as well. He further stated our Attorney will check into this issue to see if there is anything else we can do. Mayor Wallace stated he attended the Blues, Brews and Brats and he would like to thank the Kiwanis as well as Phil Wiefert for opening the hall and allowing everyone to use their restrooms and parking lot. Mayor Wallace stated the Movie in the Park was highly attended. Mayor Wallace asked Chief Collins to let the public to know about some motor-cycle thefts that have happened in our area. Chief Collins stated there were two motor-cycles stolen during one night last month, then about a month later an additional motor-cycle theft. There were also thefts of saddlebags stolen from bikes as well. He stated it has happened in Canton and Plymouth Township as well.

ADJOURN

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi
Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd Wallace, Mayor

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Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer

