

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2011**

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, Morelli, and Wedell (1 vacancy)
City Manager Murphy
City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke
Attorney Lee
Department Heads: Collins, Martin and Renwick

CM 8-1-11 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JULY 25, 2011

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

To approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of July 25, 2011 as written

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

Discussion was held on various bills.

CM 8-2-11 – APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Morelli, supported by Kramer

To approve the monthly bills as presented

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 8-3-11 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doreen Hannon, Director of the Salem-South Lyon District Library at 9800 Pontiac Trail provided an update of the Library. She stated that the mission is to educate, enrich and empower the people of the community. The

library is really well used. She stated that when they went through their expansion a couple of years ago, they added more parking and it is generally full. She discussed this year's summer reading program, the use of the 55 computer stations and other programs offered by the library. She stated that South Lyon is the highest users. They also put in radio frequency, digitized the South Lyon Herald from 1929 to present, digitized South Lyon High School Yearbooks, etc. She further discussed the Book n Trilogy run and the library's budget. Finally she thanked Council for their wisdom and generosity in paying for the path that will lead to the library and stated that Council is more than welcome to come in for a tour. The library's website is ssldl.info.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pumpkinfest Parade

Phil Weipert of 135 N. Warren and Randy Clark of 415 S. Lafayette were present representing the Pumpkinfest Committee. Mr. Clark stated that they have spoken with Chief Collins and provided the necessary application. They have received approval from the Township. He stated that the parade will start at Lyon Trail Subdivision due to the fact that the middle school is being used for the craft show. It will proceed north to 9 mile and then the typical route. It is a little longer but it will enable people to view it from various locations that were not available in the past.

Discussion was held on the staging area. Mr. Clark stated that have about 25 volunteers committed so far for the staging area and along the parade route.

The question was asked if there is an estimated length of time for the parade Chief Collins stated that they have requested 1.5 hours and it is approximately 1.8 miles. His concern was the age of some of the participants. It will be long, but the committee feels that it will work and they will be providing volunteers. We can try it and make adjustments in the future if needed. He has been in contact with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department who has assured us they will have enough deputies to cover the Lyon Township area. He advised Council that the insurance provided by the Committee will expire prior to the parade so they will have to provide the City with a renewal.

Discussion was held on stopping northbound traffic on Pontiac Trail at Lyon Trail to allow the participants to enter the staging area. Chief Collins stated that he did not have that specific discussion with the Sheriff's Department, but he will follow up. Mr. Clark stated that they will have volunteers to help control traffic as well.

CM 8-4-11 – PUMPKINFEST PARADE

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kopkowski

Resolved That Julie Zemke, City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County on behalf of the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan for the necessary permit to conduct the Pumpkinfest Parade on October 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the related street closures:

Pontiac Trail from 9 Mile Road to Liberty Street; West Liberty St. from Lafayette to Warren St.; Warren St. from West Liberty St. to Bartlett Elementary School

And that the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan will faithfully fulfill all permit requirements, and shall save harmless, indemnify, defend, and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to operations authorized by such permits as issued.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. WWTP Grant

Superintendent Martin stated that 2 years ago we entered an agreement with the Michigan Suburb Alliance to try to help us find ways to reduce energy. Since that time we have been able to reduced our energy cost by \$20,000. We would like to go the next step. We have a SCADA system (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) for our water system. We have had it in our master plan to bring this into our wastewater treatment plant as well so that we can operate the plant through this system and monitor what takes place when we are not there and make adjustments accordingly. He further discussed the use of the SCADA system. The Suburbs Alliance came to us and liked it and offered \$250,000 toward the project. We do not need that much money, but we can take what we have, come up with the scope of the project and install this system. From that we can start putting in controls to micromanage our plant. We can take this plant to another level. Our goal is to get our utility spending down. He stated that we feel that we would be able to pay back the Suburbs Alliance in not more than 3-4 years.

Councilman Kivell questioned the power monitors and asked why we would want to monitor the generators. Superintendent Martin stated that is a minor thing, and this is strictly for the plant generators. When we lost the transformer it was 33 years old. We went to an oil cooled and we are seeing a \$4-5,000 reduction in Edison costs just from the installation of the new transformer.

Councilman Kivell would like to talk to Edison about our rates. Superintendent Martin stated that we have looked very closely at our bills. We have had discussions with them.

Councilman Kramer asked the life of the equipment. Superintendent Martin discussed the need to upgrade computers just like you would in your home.

Discussion was held on the payback to Suburbs Alliance. Superintendent Martin stated that we will pay the original \$35,000 then we will get a check from Suburbs Alliance when the work is complete. We will pay them over a 3-4 year period until it is paid back.

Councilman Kivell stated that other than using someone else's money, this is something that we would have done anyway and realized all of the savings. Superintendent Martin stated that it would have been a budgeted item, but given the economy he chose not to put it in the budget.

Discussion was held on the grant for the energy audit.

CM 8-5-11 – WWTP GRANT

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Morelli

To approve grant amount of \$35,919.00 from Michigan Suburbs Alliance for the Clean Water Plant

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent Martin stated that Steve Renwick & David Murphy did a lot of the leg work.

3. MML Convention

City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke stated that this is notification of the MML annual convention October 4-7th. The early bird rate is good through September 6th and asked Council would let her know in time to meet that deadline.

Councilman Morelli and Wedell indicated that they would not be attending the convention.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Murphy asked Superintendent Renwick to give an update on McMunn Street. Superintendent Renwick stated that Saturday morning we received a call about a hole on McMunn Street. When we got there, we found that the whole area around the culvert had sunk into the road. We informed Oakland County Drain Commission who came out to look at it. We will be meeting with them tomorrow morning to review our options. In the meantime we have closed McMunn from Ada Street to the bike trail.

Councilman Kivell asked why we could not put a plate over it. Superintendent Renwick stated that it is a rather large area that has been compromised.

City Manager Murphy stated that we have received notice that our insurance company will not be covering the replacement of the transformer at the plant. In reviewing the policy, it does state that it does not cover transformers and other electrical devices. He has spoken with our agent to see if there are any other options.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Kivell referred to the memo from Tim Kniga at HRC regarding the improvements to 9 Mile Road. He was surprised that it meets specifications yet people are still not satisfied. City Manager Murphy stated that they are within MDOT specifications. Councilman Kramer stated that you can still feel it near the School crossing.

Mayor Wallace stated that he received a copy of a letter sent to the Parks & Recreation Commission from Michigan Seamless Tube donating \$1,000 toward the construction of the new ball diamond at McHattie Park.

CM 8-6-11 – ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT – MICHIGAN SEAMLESS TUBE

Motion by Morelli, supported by Kramer

To accept the gift of \$1,000 from Michigan Seamless Tube with thanks

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Wallace stated we did not have a function downtown yet this summer. The Chamber will be sponsoring an event downtown September 17th with an adult beverage tent, kids' games and other vendors. They feel that they can help promote Pumpkinfest by doing this.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM 8-7-11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Morelli supported by Kramer

To adjourn meeting at 8:13 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd M. Wallace
Mayor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer