

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 28, 2013

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

MINUTES

Councilman Rzyzi stated on Page 5 of the minutes it should reflect he stated he doesn't feel this is something the taxpayers should pay for not would like to pay for.

CM 5-1-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doreen Hannon of the Salem South Lyon District Library stated the library will be having the 2nd Annual Bicycle Dream Cruise, and there will be many different activities and everyone is invited. It is Saturday June 15th, and it will start at Volunteer Park at 10:00 and end at the Library. There will be many activities and everyone is invited. She further stated the Summer reading program begins the following Monday and it is for adults, teens and kids and it is a good program that keeps everyone reading over the summer.

George Foeman of 869 Huntington stated he met with the City Manager and he received a map that the farmer will maintain in the park, and he would like to meet with Parks and Recreation to see if they could include this in their plans for the future. He further stated he will ask Parks and Recreation if the trails can be mowed, and if trail marker signs can be installed.

OLD BUSINESS None

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Day Parade

Chief Collins stated the application came in the day after the last Council meeting, but we were able to make arrangements with Oakland County as long as Council will retroactively approve the parade and the road closures.

CM 5-2-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD CLOSURE FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the closure of Warren Street from Second St. to Lake Street; Lake St. from Warren St. to Reynolds Sweet Parkway; Reynold Sweet Parkway from Lake St. to Stryker St.; Stryker St. from Reynold Sweet Parkway to the South Lyon Cemetery between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2013; and to approve the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County on behalf of the City of South Lyon for the necessary permits related to the closure of Lake Street between Warren St. and Reynold Sweet Parkway on May 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Agreement with Oakland County for Assessing Services

City Clerk Deaton stated this is our Contract for Oakland County to continue doing our assessing services and the rates are the same as our current contract, \$13.90 per real parcel, \$11.40 per personal property parcel, and \$6.00 per unit in Colonial Acres.

CM 5-3-13 MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR EQUALIZATION SERVICES

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the contract with Oakland County for Equalization Division Assistance Services for real and personal property for the period of July 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2016 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Fire Chief

Chief Kennedy stated this is an agreement for the Lyon Township Chief to assist in South Lyon, as well as Chief Kennedy to assist in Lyon Township. It has been approved by Lyon Township, but will need to have a contract approved by Council at a later time. He further stated they are looking into doing this for a trial period of six months.

Mayor Wallace stated he spoke with a Trustee for Lyon Township, and they have not been told anything about this agreement. He further stated if we do any shared services with the Fire Department, he would like us to include the Police Department. Discussion was held about past meetings with Lyon Township regarding shared services for the Police Department and Fire Department. Councilmember Kopkowski stated that shared services will benefit our Fire Department and she sees this as a short term solution, to something that could be better in the future. It should go toward a Fire Authority in the future. There is a benefit with grants at well, and it would be silly to not look at doing this with the Police Department as well.

CM 5-4-13 MOTION TO APPROVE SHARED SERVICE INVESTIGATION

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell,
Motion to allow Chief Kennedy to explore proposed shared services with the Lyon Township Fire Chief.

Councilman Kivell stated he cannot support this because he feels this is a rare opportunity to try to push the issue to include Police as well. Councilmember Kopkowski questioned if the motion is to approve the trial to see if the shared services will work. Discussion was held regarding the intent on the motion, regarding the trial period.

Councilman Kramer withdrew his motion, and Wedell withdrew his second.

CM 5-5-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPLORATION OF SHARED FIRE CHIEF SERVICES

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell
Motion to approve the Chief of South Lyon Fire Department working with the Chief of The Lyon Township Fire Department to draft an agreement to bring back to Council regarding shared Deputy Chief Fire services.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED
1- OPPOSED

4. Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at 8:00p.m.

Bradley Bloom 10644 Aqua Lane stated he is the co-chairperson for the Cultural Arts Commission, and he is here in support of the budget and of the Cultural Arts Committee. He gave a short presentation regarding the benefits of Art in our community. He further stated the \$6500 is the seed money to realize the goals of the committee, and he feels Council should approve the budget with the \$6500.00 for the Cultural Arts Committee.

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated the most important thing for Council to focus on is the having different approaches to problems that may arise in the future. He further stated he feels the City will be able to make ends meet, and the house occupancy rate is 18% vacancies, down from 23% 3 years ago, so it looks like a brighter future for our community.

Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at 8:10p.m.

5. Adoption of Budget 2013-2014

Discussion was held regarding the different expenditures and the Budget for the Cultural Arts Committee. Mayor Wallace stated what is bothering Council about the budget for the Cultural Arts committee is when it was originally presented it was suggested that the art would be more downtown for more people to see and enjoy and not just at City Hall. Councilman Wedell stated he does support the budget including the Cultural Arts Commission, and what they are asking us to purchase is hardware and it will be a City asset and if it doesn't work, we can sell it. Councilman Rzyzi stated we need to be very cautious of every dollar we spend in the budget and even micro manage and it isn't his intention to micromanage the budget, but we do need to consider especially with the water rate increase we just had, including the increase of the mills from 2.5 to 3.6 mills in the future for the water plant, and we need to scrutinize any money spent to avoid any tax increases. City Manager Murphy stated he does watch every dollar very carefully and has for the last four years. Councilmember Kopkowski stated the DDA should be more focused on the DDA and not community promotions. They are asking Council to pay for a portion of their bond for the Wells Street parking lot, and it should be a loan to them, not just given to them. They budgeted \$1,800 for promotions but amended it to \$11,800. Councilman Kivell stated they are starting to get back into the black, and they will be able to generate revenues from captured funds.

CM 5-6-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the millage for the entire year of 2013-2014 budget not to exceed 13.75 mills.

The following resolution was offered by Wedell, and supported by Kivell

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk certify to the City Assessor for spreading on the Assessment Roll of the City of South Lyon for the year 2013-2014, the following amounts, based on the taxable value of \$307,069,530.

1. At the rate of 10.7375 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for General Fund Operation
2. At the rate of 2.5000 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for Wastewater General Obligation Bonds for wastewater treatment (2002)
3. At the rate of .1560 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for Capital Improvement Fund
4. At the rate of .3565 mills per \$1,000 of valuation for 1999 Building Authority (Land Acquisition)

RESOLVED FURTHER, that due do the May 2, 1984 election whereby the Library became a free standing and District Library for all purposes including the levy of 1.4369 and the overall levy for the City will be 15.1869 mills, of which 13.75 mills will be used for City operation and debt.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that after spreading on the Assessment Roll, the amounts as required to be raised by the general ad valorem tax, the Assessor certify and deliver the same to the City Treasurer, and the City Clerk, to be authorized to attach her warrant thereto, directing and requiring the City Treasurer to collect the same as provided by the City Charter.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all installments reported to the City Treasurer as delinquent on Special Assessments and other charges, together with interest due thereon, as provided in Section 1.276 of the City Charter; unpaid charges for water consumption and water tap installation, as provided in Chapter 24 of the South Lyon City Code be assessed against the properties benefited and included in the 2013 Tax Roll

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the millage for the entire fiscal year 2013-2014 budget not to exceed 13.75 mills.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 5-7-13 MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2013-2014 BUDGET FOR \$4,819,875.00

Motion to adopt the attached resolutions adopting the 2013-2014 budget and setting the millage rates to spread against the assessment roll including the \$6500 for the Cultural Arts Commission.

The following resolution was offered by Kivell, supported by Kramer

WHEREAS, in April 2013 the City Manager submitted to City Council a proposed budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received the proposed budget contained herein and has discussed and reviewed same

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby adopts the 2013-2014 fiscal budget as shown in the budget document on the Summary page, and detailed on the following pages, in the total amount of \$4,819,875.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the following proposed budget or estimates for the following operations as set forth below.

	Fund No.
Major Street Operation	202
Local Street Operation	203
Community Development Block Grant	274
Combined Water/Sewer Operation	592
Equipment Replacement Fund	641
Capital Improvement Fund	401
Land Acquisition	509
Downtown Development Authority	280
Cultural Arts	802
<u>General Debt Service</u>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to advertise for bids, or authorize the appropriate item for contractual services, commodity purchases and/or capital expenditures throughout the fiscal year in accordance with the enclosed budget document and all applicable City ordinance policies or procedures in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Account Act, Section 19 (2) the City Manager may make transfers within a fund and activity if the amount to be transferred does not exceed 10% or \$25,000 whichever is greater, of the appropriation item for which the transfer is to be made, with prior notification to the City Council.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Purchase of Raw Sewage Pump

Department Head Martin stated we have 8 sewage lift stations in the City and they carry all the dirty waste water to the Waste Water Treatment Plant on Dixboro Road. We actually had one pump on May 19th fail. He further stated we have an inventory of back up pumps, which enables us to replace one when needed. It is cheaper to purchase a new pump as opposed to fix the old one.

CM 5-8-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF RAW SEWAGE PUMP

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kopkowski

Motion to approve the purchase the purchase of the new raw sewage pump in the amount of \$11,640.00

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Managers' Report

City Manager Murphy stated he would like to bring attention to a nice letter which was sent to Mayor Wallace from a student. He further stated he received a letter from Mr. Zucini regarding the great job our DPW did. He further stated that we received the information from HRC regarding the rates we pay as opposed to the County.

Council Comments:

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to comment on the complimentary letters the City Manager received regarding our City employees and he is very proud of that, it is not very common for cities to receive complimentary letters as opposed to complaint letters.

Councilman Kramer stated he would like to thank the City Manager for meeting with the gentleman regarding Volunteer park, and he would also like to invite everyone to the next Recreation Center meeting on June 17th. He further stated the RFP's should be going out soon.

Councilmember Dixson stated she would like to comment on the nice flowers and hangers that are downtown.

Councilman Kivell stated the city wide clean up went very well, and the city looks great. There were some great ideas utilized in Paul Baker Park. City manager Murphy stated Maggie Kurtzweil has really taken over that project and Kelly Smith as well.

Councilmember Kopkowski stated there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes with our department heads, and she further stated everyone worked on it very well. She further stated that WOW is replacing a lot of the lines, and asked if they will be dismantling the old lines.

Councilman Rzyzi stated the city clean-up was a great experience, and he would like to give credit to all the people involved. He further stated the Memorial Day Parade was a success and a thank you to all who have served and their families.

Mayor Wallace stated it was the 125th consecutive parade in the City of South Lyon. He further stated Dana Johnston has done a great job with the parade for the last 34 years.

Adjournment

CM 5-9-13 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Tedd Wallace

City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton