

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2013

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, Rzyzi, Wedell, Dixon
Chief Kennedy, Chief Collins,
Department Head Martin and
City Attorney Wilhelm, Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

Councilman Kivell stated Clerk Deaton did a terrific job on capturing the entire event that had taken place on October 28th.

CM 11-1-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell
To approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilman Kivell asked Department Head Martin about the bill for the alarm dialer. Department Head Martin stated they have had numerous faults at the waste water treatment plant when the phone lines go down. He stated we are now using a satellite system that we use now that does not depend on the phone lines. He further stated the first bill is for the product and the second is for the installation. Councilman Kivell stated we had a lot of bills from Tech Resources this month, and questioned the invoice for a new SNA. Chief Collins stated that was done when Mr Murphy was still here, and it stands for security network appliance, which is like a firewall. Councilman Kivell stated he would like to reference the check for \$50.00 that is paid to Lindsey Webster for recording the Council meetings.

CM 11-2-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kramer, supported by Dixson
Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATION OF AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Deaton stated the election was certified by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers, but didn't receive it until Friday afternoon, which is why it was not included in their packets.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk/Treasurer Deaton administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Tedd Wallace, Mayor- 2 year term
Glenn Kivell, Councilman 4 year term
Michael Kramer, Councilman 4 year term
Harvey Wedell, Councilman 4 year term

AGENDA

CM 11-3-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kivell
Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated he would like to express his heartfelt congratulations to the candidates that won the last election and he hopes we can all work together in the future. He stated he is an activist and he continues to try to do that. He stated he does not criticize any of our departments. He stated he had an open door policy with the City Manager, in the past, but from now on, he might talk directly to Council instead of starting with the City Manager.

Mr. Roberts stated he hopes we can all move on together. He stated we are polarized at this time, and he hopes we don't become paralyzed so we will be able to deal with issues that will be coming up in the winter time.

Ryan Lare stated he did not have the full facts at the last Council meeting when he spoke. He now has some facts. Everyone knows that not all jobs are safe. He stated there is always a good time for a change, and he thinks what the Mayor and Council tried to do was fair and honest. Mr. Lare stated Mayor Wallace has served this community for over 30 years, and he has not done anything to harm this community. He further stated everyone makes mistakes, and maybe Mayor Wallace didn't communicate correctly but during council comments, he hopes everyone can turn to each other and apologize. He stated we need a City Manager, and we can get someone in here that will do a wonderful job, and if anyone is still angry with Mayor Wallace, they need to look at all he has done for this community. He further stated he would like to thank the Mayor for all he has done for this town.

Mrs. Mallock of 596 Lyon Bvd stated she has lived here for 46 years and have never attended a Council Meeting. She watched it on tv and she is disgusted. She stated at the meeting when Mr. Murphy was terminated, three of the Council members stated it was a sad day in South Lyon. She stated today is a sad day for South Lyon and the women on City Council. She further stated it is obvious that Councilman Kivell and Kramer have a problem working with the women on Council. She stated at the last meeting Mr. Wedell asked for the resignations of Kopkowski, Rzyzi, Dixon, and Mayor Wallace. She stated she thinks he should resign based on his behavior. She asked why they didn't act on the language that was used by Councilman Kivell to the Mayors wife. She stated Council as a whole should have taken action, and asked him to resign. It was unprofessional. She stated Mr. Kramer acts as a bully, by talking to Mayor with a loud demanding voice and shuffling paperwork around. She further stated when Councilmember Kopkowski tried to answer a question you responded by saying you will deal with her later. She stated it has been heard around town that Mr Kramer is bullying Councilmember Dixon. Mrs. Mallock stated this information was not presented to her by any member of Council. She stated Mr. Kivell keeps harping about the South Lyon tv. She further stated many people don't agree that it was a sad day when Mr. Murphy was fired.

Michael Moor of 938 Westbrooke stated he did not plan on speaking tonight, but based on what was just said, he feels he needs to. He stated we are a City divided. Three weeks ago we were a City that was striving and people were proud to live in. He stated the City has been happy with what has been done until 2 weeks ago. He stated he has watched both City Council meetings, and he is disgusted. He is an executive of a fortune 500 company and he makes some good some and bad decisions, and some he has to go back and rethink. He stated he has

never met Mr. Murhpy, but as for delegating, he seen him pounding a sign in his subdivision, and if he delegated too much, he is sure he could have found someone else to do that. Mr. Moore stated in two years from now, four years from now, the people that voted to fire Mr. Murphy will be up for re election. He further stated there is a new page on facebook regarding this and there are already over 1000 likes and the people on that page are not happy with the decision to fire the City Manager and how it was done. He further stated the Council needs to rethink what they have done. He stated they need to bring Mr. Murphy back, and get back to the way the City has always been, a place to be proud to live and work in.

George Foeman stated he was not expecting to speak today either. He doesn't know the facts regarding He further stated there is an appearance that things are going on that the public cannot hear about. He stated he doesn't know the facts as to what happened with Mr. Murphy and that is a wrong. Mr. Foeman stated living in a community that he feels he cannot know what is going on is not a City he wants to live in.

Marilyn Smith of 120 W Lake stated she doesn't agree with this being turned into a men versus women thing. She stated she has never witnessed anything like that and has not seen any bullying on anyone's part. She further stated, it isn't just that the City Manager was fired, it was the way it was done.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment- Mayor Pro Tem

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to eletct Councilman Kramer as Mayor Pro Tem. He has proved himself as a second term councilmember, as well as

CM 11-4-13 MOTION TO ELECT COUNCILMAN KRAMER AS MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to elect Mike Kramer as Mayor Pro Tem

VOTE:

MOTION FAILED

Dixson No

Kivell Yes

Kramer Yes

Kopkowski No

Rzyzi No

Wallace No

Wedell No

Councilman Rzyzi stated he would like to nominate himself as Mayor Pro Tem. He stated

CM 11-5-13 MOTION TO NOMINATE COUNCILMAN RYZI AS MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kopkowski

Motion to nominate Councilman Rzyzi as Mayor Pro Tem

VOTE:

MOTION PASSED

Dixson Yes

Kivell Yes

Kopkowski Yes

Kramer No

Rzyzi Yes

Wedell No

Wallace Yes

Councilman Kivell stated he would like to explain his yes vote by saying that he doesn't believe anything that was just said, but they all have to get along eventually

2. Duncan Disposal Proclamation

Mayor Wallace presented Duncan Disposal a Proclamation signed by Governor Snyder for Duncan Disposal Systems and Recycling for their recognition of the importance of recycling.

3. Authorization to conduct negotiations with interim City Manager Candidate(s)

CM 11-6-13 MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGER NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

Motion to authorize City Attorney Wilhelm and Chief Collins to negotiate on the City's Behalf with former City Manager Rod Cook

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Discussion on the Government Access Cable Channel

Councilman Kivell stated this has been a revolving contract and it auto renews again in January. He stated we should contact Mr. Heiple to see if he has any interest in renewing this contract originally dated 1999. He further stated that the City pays the person that video tapes the Council Meetings, that is why he referened the payment to Lindsey Webster when looking at the bills. Item #4 in the contract states SLCTV will provide the staff to operate. He further stated section #9 stated

Councilmember Kopkowski asked Attorney Wilhelm if a contract can just be vacated. Attorney Wilhelm stated if either party breached the contract it can be terminated. He further stated it could be terminated in January when the contract is up for renewal by either party.

John Galeas of 134 N Warren stated he has in the past enjoyed watching SLCTV but we are heading down a road with a lack of following the City Charter. The City Charter needs to be adhered to. He stated it may be time to change it.

CM 11-7-13 MOTION TO MOVE MANAGERS REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS TO ITEM #5

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kivell

Motion to amend agenda item #5 to be held after Managers Report and Council Comments.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGERS REPORT

Interim City Manager Collins stated it is time for Council to discuss what they would like to do with the CDBG money. He further stated he heard Aubrees has contacted us the explore tht possibility of them coming into the Big Boy Restaruant.

Council Comments

Councilman Rzyzi stated he would like to thank you to all the veterans. He also stated he would like to thanks to Council for voting him to Mayor Pro Tem. He stated he has already been in contact with some local business owners. He further stated he would like to congratulate the Council Members that were reelected and he hopes they can

Councilmember Kopkowski stated she would like to say thank you for all the veterans, and she would like to thank Councilman Wedell fore he also is a veteran.

Councilman Kivell stated he also would like to say thank you to all the veterans for their service to our Country. He further stated

Councilman Kivell stated Jim Culbertson has resigned from the Planning Commission and he would like to thank him for his many years of service to the City.

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to thank the voters for reelecting him. He also stated he would like to thank the American Legion and VFW for the nice service they held at Veterans Rock in town at 11:11 a.m. He would also like to thank Ed Brown for all the chili dogs he brought over.

Councilman Kramer stated someone orchestrated something today that he never saw coming. He further stated

Councilman Kramer stated the Recreation Center will be giving a presentation to Salem Township.

Councilmember Dixon stated she would like to thank the veterans for their service to our Country which includes her husband.

Mayor Wallace stated

Jean Utley of 25393 Potomac stated this is the first City Council meeting she has attended and

Don Beagle of stated

CM 11-8-13 MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dixon

Motion to adjourn to enter into closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 9:10p.m.

CM 11-9-13 MOTION TO ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

Motion to adjourn Council meeting at 9:12p.m.