

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace
Council Members: Dixson, Kopkowski, Kramer, Rzyzi, and Wedell and

ABSENT: Kivell- Excused

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Collins, City Attorney Wilhelm, Chief Kennedy,
Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

CM 11-1-13 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN KIVELL FOR ABSENCE

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer

Motion to excuse Councilman Kivell's absence due to the late notice of the meeting and it is work related

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-2-13 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski

Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated in the past year there has only been one act of vandalism in the park and it has been fixed. He stated there has also been very little drug activity in McHattie Park recently. Mr. Richards stated Brico will not be finished with the repairs for the DWRF project until next year. He stated they will be fixing the worse sections in the roads, but will not finish until next year. Mr. Richards stated he said he doesn't normally bring up controversial subjects, but he now has some controversial things to say. One being that he would like to see a consensus of Council from here on out agreeing

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with each other. He further stated he would like the City to use someone other than Jesse Van DerCreek from HRC as our representative in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve/Deny/Consider Agreement with Rod Cook as interim City Manager

Mayor Wallace stated he reviewed the interim City Manager agreement and if approved Rod will be getting paid \$80.00 an hour, plus any reasonable expenses he may incur, but no benefits.

Councilman Kramer stated if Mr. Cook worked 25-30 hours a week for a month we will be paying him a lot of money. If he had to work 40 hours a week, we would be paying him approximately \$13,000. Mr. Cook stated he is not planning on that, but it may happen occasionally. Councilman Kramer stated he would like to keep track of how much all of this is costing the City. He would like an accounting of the hours that Mr. Cook will be getting paid for. Councilman Kramer asked if Mr. Cook's hours could be reported to Council. Mayor Wallace stated Mr. Cook could add his weekly hours to the Managers report at the end of the week.

Councilman Kramer asked Mr. Cook how soon he will start the search for a new City Manager and what process will he be using. Mr. Cook stated he would start the process right away, and he will be using the Michigan Municipal League. He further stated this is not the kind of job you can run an ad in the paper for that will not work. He stated he has already tried to make contact with the MML, and it will definitely be in the process quickly. Mr. Kramer asked when Mr. Cook will be leaving for vacation. Mr. Cook stated he has a condo reserved in February, and he will probably be leaving around February 5th. The question was asked if we will be using a Department Head again if a new City Manager has not been hired by that time. Mr. Cook stated he can make himself available by phone or computer while he is away. Mr. Kramer asked if there will be a guarantee of no overtime pay with this agreement.

Councilman Wedell asked Mr. Cook if there were any priorities given to him during the meeting with Chief Collins and City Attorney Wilhelm. Mr. Cook stated there is a CDBG that needs to be dealt with and some other issues, but he doesn't have all the information at this time. Councilman Wedell stated he is very supportive of this agreement with Mr. Cook.

Mayor Wallace stated he talked with Rod yesterday and he said he is going to be driving around to check out the town as he did when he was City Manager before to see what needs to be handled.

Rich Perry of 875 Westbrook stated he would like to ask what exactly are the duties of a City Manager. Mr. Cook stated a City Manager takes care of the day to day business of the City, he is responsible for the hiring and firing of employees, and all employees report to him.

Councilman Kramer asked Mr. Cook if the MERS will be an important issue for him. Mr. Cook stated the MERS issue is not as urgent as Council seems to believe. He stated he will have more information on that next week. Mr. Cook stated we need to get employees in here.

Councilman Wedell stated the urgency has been from Councils urging. He stated this is a long term issue,

Mr. Cook stated it could eventually smooth itself out. He further stated there are always assumptions being made by MERS, which always affects the MERS plan. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she would like Mr. Cook to bring more information to the next meeting regarding the different options.

CM 11-3-13 MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ROD COOK AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the Interim City Manager Agreement with Rod Cook and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

CM 11-4-13 MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kopkowski, supported by Dixson

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd Wallace Mayor

Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer