

The City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
November 9, 2015

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES

Councilman Wedell stated on page 5, the second administrative fee should be changed to administrative service.

CM 11-1-15 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer
Motion to approve minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilman Kivell asked if the heater for the water tower radio will help with the radio service. Chief Kennedy stated they believe it will help with the interference issue. Councilman Kivell stated he would like to know where the property is located for the refund of \$13,000. Clerk/Treasurer Deaton stated that is for a Michigan Tax Tribunal Case. Councilman Kivell stated he would like to know which property that is. Clerk Deaton stated she will let him know.

CM 11-2-15 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

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Mayor Wallace stated before we follow through with the certification of the Election, he would like to take a few minutes for some farewells. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she wants to thank everyone that supported her for 10 years on Council and she has learned a lot and it has been an interesting experience. Councilmember Dixon stated she enjoyed being on Council for the last 4 years and she hopes the new Council will continue working with Colonial Acres Phase 4 with the dedication of their water mains in the near future. Mayor Wallace stated he is proud to say he was a coach, or umpire for 15 years, 26 years employee of the South Lyon school system. He further stated he worked with the cable channel for over 31 years. He showed 302 football games, over 90 parades to make sure all the kids were on tv. He stated he was also a member of the South Lyon Lions Club for over 33 years. He further stated he was one of the original 12 people that started Pumpkinfest in 1985. He has spent over a 1/3 of his life on Council and he has no regrets.

Clerk Deaton stated we had a successful November General Election with a 20% voter turnout which was better than expected. She then swore in the new Mayor and Councilmembers.

Clerk Deaton administered the Oath of Office to the following:

John Galeas, Jr. Mayor 2- year term
 Joe Rzyzi- Councilmember- 4 year term
 Margaret Kurtzweil- Councilmember- 4 year term
 Mary Dedakis- Councilmember- 4 year term

Mayor Galeas stated he would like to thank Mayor Wallace for all the work he has done for the City and he is honored to follow in his footsteps. He further stated Mayor Wallace will be missed and it will be a change, but he is looking forward to this.

AGENDA

CM 11-3-15 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated he would like to congratulate the new Mayor and Councilmembers and he hopes this will benefit the community of South Lyon. He further stated he is an activist and will continue to work on things in the City. He further stated the City needs to have a better working

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relationship with the surrounding Townships. He further stated there are many changes and he hopes they are nearer than further. Mr. Richards stated he has resigned from the Cable Commission but is interested in being on another Commission such as Parks and Recreation or ZBA.

Steve Brummer of 714 Kestrel Ridge stated he would like to congratulate the new Mayor and Councilmembers and thanks to all the past members. Everyone on Council has heard the call of public service and he wants to thank everyone for their service and he knows everyone has the best intentions for the public and he wants to thank everyone for that. He further stated he would like to thank the City for being a part of the Safe Routes to School program. Mr. Brummer stated the Council should consider a new process for Council Meetings. He stated the School Board has had many study sessions and it helped them become a team and they work together much better because of it. He hopes the Council can work together as a team.

Ryan Lare of 716 Grand Court stated he would like to congratulate the new members and thanks to the previous Council members, it isn't easy for them to sit up there when their decisions aren't always the popular decision. He stated he also wanted to thank Mayor Wallace for dedicating his life to South Lyon.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of funding for the City's portion of the traffic signal at Marjorie Ann and Pontiac Trail due to possible delay in Safe Routes funding until 2017
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Leslie Zawada stated she is the owner and president of CES which is the Engineering Firm for Lyon Township. She stated she would like to give an overview of the Safe Routes to School plan. She stated the City, South Lyon Schools, Lyon Township and the Road Commission have been working together for the past 8-10 months. She further stated this program is funded through MDOT and the federal government and it is a wonderful program. This is an example of 4 jurisdictions working together for the safety of the children. This program affects approximately 1800 school children. She stated there has been significant public comment for a traffic signal at Pontiac Trail and Marjorie Ann. She stated a traffic signal is not grant eligible. They still wanted to include this for the improvements. She further stated the Oakland County Road Commission has offered to cover 1/3 of the construction cost if they install the signal. She stated the original plan called for sidewalks along Marjorie Ann, Valerie and Lillian, but they have open ditches, and we found it would be very expensive because the ditches would have to be enclosed. She stated the plan currently includes sidewalks along Marjorie Ann, improvements at 9 mile intersection and 2 crosswalks along 9 Mile. She further stated it will also include improvements near Princeton. Ms. Zawada stated the City will not be paying for any improvements in Lyon Township, nor will the Township be paying for improvements in the City. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would like to know why the grant eligible money changed originally from \$146,000 to \$254,000. Ms. Zawada stated the current grant eligible is actually \$458,000 and part of the reason is there are 3 schools within the 1 mile distance which enabled them to raise the amount of grant eligible money

Ms. Zawada stated the Township is just under \$120,000, the City's match is just above \$92,000 and the schools match is \$106,000, with the Road Commission contributing \$50,000 which is a 1/3 of the signal construction cost. Ms. Zawada stated the plan for the construction of the signal will be done in 2016. The plan is to submit the entire plan in December, if everything is acceptable, it will allow for a bid letting in May of 2016, so it is possible the improvements could be done in 2016 but there is a funding portion and if the funds are used before that, the construction will be completed in 2017.

Councilman Kramer asked if Council is being asked to approve the entire project funding or just the traffic signal. City Manager Ladner stated the \$92,304.20 was already approved in the budget, she is asking Council to move forward with the design and construction for the traffic signal. Councilman Wedell stated the original spread sheet reflected the City paying approximately \$58,000 just for the signal, and now we are looking at \$92,000 for the entire project. There is a significant difference. City Manager Ladner stated Council may approve just the signal cost and wait for another time to approve the entire cost. Councilman Kivell stated he is concerned about moving forward without a better understanding of the changes to the intersection. It was explained there would be no road improvements. They only changes would be to install the signal. Councilman Kivell stated the new estimate describes everyone taking an equal share of the comprehensive costs, which is appropriate.

Ms. Zawada stated she will make sure there is information available at City Hall. She further stated the only thing that will not be included is the signal. Councilman Rzyzi stated he is very happy with the project but would like to know how much money has been spent so far. Ms. Zawada stated her firm has expended \$30,000 but she isn't aware of the Planning Consultants charges. Councilman Rzyzi asked if this has been approved by the Lyon Township Board. Ms. Zawada stated it has been approved and included in their budget, but she doesn't know if it has gone before the Board. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she understands the numbers have shifted, but she asked Ms. Zawada if the \$92,000 is a firm number. Ms. Zawada stated she doesn't like to bid low, but we still have to remember this is an estimate, but it is a slightly conservative estimate. If construction costs change, the numbers could be affected. Discussion was held regarding the State's priority for the funding. Ms. Zawada stated it is basically first come, first serve basis. Discussion was held regarding the timeline for applying for the grant and information they still need. Councilman Wedell stated he is supporting this motion because the numbers are much more realistic for the signal than what was brought before Council at a previous meeting, but he would like more time to review the entire package.

CM 11-4-15 MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PONTIAC TRAIL AND MARJORIE ANN

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to authorize the engineering and construction expenses for the City's portion of the Traffic signal at Pontiac Trail and Marjorie Ann, related to the Safe Routes to School grant

VOTE:

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3. Consider adopting new athletic field/court use application and permit policy and procedure and set administrative fees for processing use permit applications

City Manager Ladner stated this was brought before Council at a previous meeting and Council requested some changes to the permit/policy. She further stated Parks and Recreation had a special meeting and they have made the changes requested. Diane Beagle stated they clarified the fees being charged to the larger groups, not the individuals, along with a change in the categories of groups. Mayor Galeas stated he is happy this is being addressed, this has been an issue in the past with knowing who has the field and when, and the area is continuing to grow.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she read the minutes from the last meeting, but didn't understand some of the questions. She asked how much revenue they expected to gain from the fees. Amy Allen stated they are expecting between \$75.00 and \$100.00. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has spoken with many parents and they are already spending a lot of money for their equipment, uniforms, and membership to the organizations. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is not against user administrative fees, but that is a minimal amount of money, if that is all you're gaining, she doesn't understand why that is being charged. She further stated she read in the minutes there is an issue with the time it takes to schedule the fields. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it may be a good idea to update the technology and use scheduling software. She further stated there would be many benefits with that. It would be consumer friendly and they could schedule their own games, which would be relieving time as well. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would advocate all the municipalities sharing a cost in getting such software. Councilman Kramer stated the purpose of the user fee was for the amount of time it takes to schedule the multiple dates and fields. Councilman Rzyzi stated it is good to have a policy and he understands the scheduling must be a logistic nightmare. He stated he does feel since the fields are public property there should not be any fees charged. Denise Semion stated originally the City scheduled the fields. The City asked South Lyon Recreation to take the scheduling over. She understands his point that this should be free, but Northville charges for the use of the fields, and this is a way to recoup the costs of her time. City Manager Ladner stated she would like to clarify that, up until 2012 South Lyon Recreation scheduled the fields. The previous City Clerk took on the responsibility due to some conflict with someone at South Lyon Recreation. In 2014 Clerk Deaton asked South Lyon Recreation to take that task back on considering they are one of the major users of the fields, along with Junior League and other organizations. This is not something the City has always done; they City only handled the scheduling for approximately 2 years. Ms. Semione stated she is interested in looking at other communities and how they handle their fields. Mayor Galeas stated he would like to see that information as well. The money is a moot point; it is more of a matter of someone committing to dates and fields. He further stated he is for technology but he doesn't want that to hold this up. Councilman Kivell stated this is a good idea, and the fee spread out among each kid playing, it shouldn't be a large amount. He further stated he would rather see money going for programming instead of scheduling software. Councilmember Dedakis stated they did a good job on the language and it clarifies the information. She further stated she understand Amy's time is valuable. Councilmember Dedakis stated she is also interested in learning what other communities are doing and she is also interested in looking into what scheduling software is available. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she problem solves

by identifying the problem and tries to see if the solution solves the problem. She doesn't think the \$75.00 will solve the problem. There will always be people changing dates, or fields. She further stated there has to be a certain level of tolerance. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she tried to present an alternative solution which would solve the problem. She further stated the language reflects the requests must be given by fax, in person or drop box. She stated most families do not have access to fax machines. She further stated there is a disconnect from the taxpayer and she is trying to impress upon the delivery of services that are welcomed by the taxpayer. Councilman Rzyzi stated he would like email accepted because most places accept email, not just fax requests. Mayor Galeas stated technology is great, but sometimes it can bog down the process.

CM 11-4-15 MOTION TO APPROVE PARK APPLICATION AND PERMIT POLICY

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dedakis

Motion to adopt and authorize the use of the revised application and permit policy and Procedure and use permit application

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment- Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilman Rzyzi stated he has enjoyed serving as Mayor Pro-Tem and you have to have been able to communicate with the Mayor. He stated he knows of a gentlemen that is on Council that has experience, that knows Roberts Rules of Order, is well respected by the Community and he would like to nominate Harvey Wedell. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she supports that nomination as well. There has been a lot of change tonight, and it will be nice to have someone experienced that has the respect of the other Council Members and he knows how to run a meeting. She further stated Mr. Wedell actively worked the polls and he should be commended for throwing his hat in the Mayoral ring and running a clean campaign. Councilmember Kurtzweil further stated he has demonstrated he has commitment to the process

Councilmen Wedell stated he fully intended on nominating Councilman Kramer, for all the previous reasons stated, Councilman Kramer would be a good Mayor Pro Tem, but he appreciates the nomination.

CM 11-5-15 MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kramer

Motion to appoint Councilman Wedell as Mayor Pro-Tem

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Ladner stated she would like to remind everyone that Wednesday is Veterans Day and she would like to thank all the veterans and the people currently serving our Country. She further stated although most municipal offices will be closed, along with banks, South Lyon City Hall will be open with normal business hours. City Manager Lander stated she also would like to thank Mayor Wallace, and the previous Council Members and she enjoyed working with them. City Manager Ladner congratulated the new Mayor and Councilmembers and she hopes to meet with each person regarding any new ideas they may have. City Manager Ladner stated Michigan Seamless Tube has been asked to remove the boats from their property as soon as possible, and they ensured us they will do so. City Manager Ladner stated there was a problem with water lines at the Knolls but it is being handled.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Kivell stated the water main at the Knolls that was cut open, has been fixed and it will not affect the quality of water for anyone. Councilman Kivell stated he would like to thank the former Councilmembers for their efforts and congratulations to the new members.

Councilmember Dedakis stated she would like to thank all the voters and also the former Councilmembers for all they have done for the City, and she wishes everyone a happy Veterans Day.

Councilman Rzyzi stated he is happy to be a part of the new Council and he is looking forward to making some positive changes in the City. He also thanked the volunteers that assisted him with his campaign and to thank all the voters. Councilman Rzyzi stated he is not comfortable asking the voters to vote on a 2 mill ballot proposal and that was a vision of the old Council. He would like that issue revisited.

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to thank the voters. He further stated there will be a ceremony on Veterans Day at 11:11 a.m. held by the VFW and the American Legion if anyone is interested in attending.

Councilman Kramer stated he would like to congratulate everyone that won the Election and he hopes to move forward peacefully. Councilman Kramer stated something needs to be done at the bike trail at 9 Mile, it is a very busy area and it is hard for people to get across. City Manager Ladner stated she will look into that, it is a fundable area.

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the City Manager could add the 2015-2016 City Budgets to the website and she would like a hardcopy as well. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she will be highlighting her experiences at local businesses especially when they support the arts and the Cultural Arts Commission of South Lyon. She stated she attended a poetry reading at Third Monk Brewing Company and there were a total of 8 poets, and 2 of them were from South Lyon. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated they were masters of the written craft and they spoke with the most incredible command of the English language. They were recipients of creative awards presented to them by their peers, and most were accomplished authors. It was a well-recognized and organized event and this is going to be the new South Lyon. She further stated she would like to thank Jeff from Third Monk for bringing his business to South Lyon and to thank him for supporting the Arts. She stated she would also like to thank

Josie Kearns and Joseph Metusick for bringing the vision of poetry to a whole new audience. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to thank everyone that voted on Election Day, whether you voted for her or not, it is important that you participated in the Democratic process. She further stated she will work to meet everyone's expectations or exceed them. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated we are creative, out of the box thinkers and we choose to succeed and not to fail. She further stated she is full of enthusiasm, hope and good will and wants to thank everyone for their votes of confidence. Mayor Galeas stated he would like to thank everyone and he moved here 25 years ago, and his children grew up here, it is a little surreal. He stated he attended a Planning Commission meeting, and spoke with Mayor Jeff Potter, which started his career in city politics by being a member of the Planning Commission. Mayor Galeas stated he has watched the changes happening in South Lyon and he thinks there are some needs being met, and some are not. He further stated there are some strong personalities on Council and everything will work out fine. We can agree to disagree and do so with respect. Mayor Galeas stated he would like to thank the previous Mayor and Council for their years of dedication to the City. He further stated he is looking forward to serving the City.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 11-6-15 MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Galeas Jr. Mayor

Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer