

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2008

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Doyle
Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Maida, Selden and Wedell
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Lee
City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke
Department Heads: Collins, Renwick and Martin
ABSENT: Council Member Morelli

Mayor Doyle noted that Councilman Morelli was absent

CM 12-1-08 – EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Maida, supported by Wedell

To excuse the absence of Councilman Morelli for reason of being out of town due to health reasons

VOTE: MOTION FAILED (3 opposed)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Kivell wanted it noted that under Council Comments, his concerns about the website were in particular about the access to the Planning Commission minutes and agendas.

CM 12-2-08- APPROVAL OF MINUTES –NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Motion by Kivell supported by Kopkowski

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2008 as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 12-3-08- APPROVAL OF MINUTES –DECEMBER 3, 2008

Motion by Wedell supported by Maida

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2008 as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

Discussion was held on various bills.

Council Member Maida noted that there was a typographical error on the payroll report.

The question was asked why there were two separate payments to the Ann Arbor Carriage Company. City Manager Murphy indicated that he would check into it and report back to Council.

Discussion was held on the payment for arbitration services. It was indicated that this is the City's portion for the arbitration dealing with an employee who had been discharged.

CM 12-4-08- APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Maida

To approve the monthly bills as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CM 12-5-08 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Selden, supported by Maida

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITIZENS SUGGESTIONS:

Mayor Doyle introduced Kristen Delaney the newly hired Community and Economic Development Director.

Ms. Delaney stated that she grew up in South Lyon and graduated from South Lyon Schools. As she was finishing graduate school she was an intern with Kristen Cunningham. She stated that she is very happy to be here. She stated that she loves this community and is excited to be working here.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to close City Offices

Mayor Doyle stated that we have a request to close City Hall the day after Christmas and the day after New Years. This happened five years ago due to the timing.

Councilman Selden asked if someone was called in would they be paid overtime. City Manager Murphy stated that they would not be paid overtime, but rather given an additional day at a later date. Police Department personnel will be handled as it had been in the past. Those officers who worked their scheduled work would be given an additional eight hours at a time it would not hurt the department.

It was stated that this will be for this year only due to how the days fall.

CM 12-6-08 CITY HALL CLOSURE

Motion by Maida, supported by Wedell

To approve the closure of City Hall on December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Manager's Accomplishments to date

Mayor Doyle stated that the City Manager provided a list of accomplishments to date. We had also discussed reviewing the goals for the next six months in January.

Council Member Maida stated that she did not know about the household battery drop off at City Hall. City Manager Murphy has asked that it be put in the paper. We have filled up a bucket already and RRRASOC will come in and take them away. There is no cost to us.

Councilman Wedell stated that this is exactly what he wanted to see and looks forward to setting some goals for the next six months.

Councilman Selden stated that he did not realize that he had been so busy. He would like to see more of the cost savings.

Mayor Doyle stated that this helps a great deal and we will look forward to the next year.

City Manager Murphy stated that his understanding was that Council would be sending him some information as to the upcoming goals for the next six months. If Council could get them to him he will share them with the rest of Council prior to the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Murphy discussed the President-elect's Saturday speech and the biggest infrastructure economic stimulus package. We are keeping an eye on that as far as our water, sewer, bridges, roads, etc. He discussed some future projects. If the money comes through we should be ready to get some things done to our infrastructure.

Discussion was held on some of the design engineering completed as well as the water and sewer studies being completed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Maida thanked the DPW for the great job they have been doing with the snow removal and keeping the bike trail clean. They also did a great job with the holiday decorations. She reminded everyone of the Holiday Spectacular this Saturday and reviewed the schedule of events.

Councilman Wedell wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilman Selden stated that it is good to be back after his recent illness. He stated that he was pleased with the things happening around town.

Council Member Kopkowski questioned the issue with the non-profit for the Injured Soldiers. City Manager Murphy stated that he did receive 5013C document from Jack Renwick. He will be meeting with Mr. Renwick who will be dropping off information that connects the two organizations.

Council Member Kopkowski stated that there has been a lot of information in the news regarding what communities are doing with the on-set of winter so early. She asked what the situation is with our salt. Superintendent Renwick stated that we will be monitoring it, and if it gets to a point as we did last year, we will be cutting down on the salting and concentrating on the intersections. At this point in time we are okay and we have been assured that there is plenty of salt for us.

Councilman Kivell congratulated Maryann Mihalic, Diane Roest and Gary Childs for being elected to the Chamber Board.

Councilman Kivell stated that last week's craft show was very successful and very well attended. The downtown looked very nice and everyone was having a good time.

Councilman Kivell stated that in relation to the Operation Injured Soldiers issue, it would be nice in the years to come that instead of waiting until days before the event that the issues are resolved up front.

Councilman Kivell wished everyone a great holiday, our neighbors, employees and residents of the City.

Council Member Kopkowski stated that the gingerbread house on the corner of Lake and Lafayette in front of Norm's is there for children to drop off their letters to Santa.

Mayor Doyle asked if the Theater is ready to open on December 12th. City Manager Murphy stated that they will also be having a preview Wednesday from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Doyle stated that this is the last meeting of the calendar year. If anyone has any concerns or comments, all of Council is always available. He further wished his wife a happy anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM 12-7-08 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selden, supported by Maida

To adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

John Doyle, Jr.
Mayor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer