

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
October 22, 2018

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

Present: Mayor Pelchat, Councilmembers Kennedy, Kivell, Kurtzweil, Parisien, Richards and Walton
Also Present: City Manager Zelenak, Chief Collins, Fire Chief Vogel, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

Councilmember Parisien stated on page 8 the sentence "Councilmember Parisien stated she is indifferent on who makes the appointments, but the Mayors have lived in the City for many years and he knows the personalities, the communities and the business owners" should be changed to Councilmember Parisien stated the Mayor personally knows the businesses and can speak to their character and there is value in having the Mayor make the appointment. She further stated the word in needs to be incorporated into the sentence "Councilmember Parisien stated the entire process needs to be writing."

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 2, it states Councilmember Kivell asked if we relaxed our demands for and the words "the maintenance standards in the compliance of should be added. He stated on page 4, it should state 3 concept ranches and one 2-story home.

Councilmember Parisien stated the Motion on the bottom of page 9 should be changed to reflect she made the motion.

CM 10-1-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion to approve by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS-

Councilmember Kivell stated at the last meeting he had a question about the invoice from HRC for the Knolls, and he has since spoke with Ms. Mosier, and she explained it was for onsite inspections from HRC, and even though it was in our bills, we will be reimbursed for them.

ATTORNEY BILLS- None

AGENDA

Mayor Pelchat stated there are a couple of things to be added to the agenda, such as Trick or Treat hours and the Board of Ethics question.

CM 10-2-18 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion by Walton, supported by Parisien

Motion to add New Business #5 Trick or Treat hours, and New Business #6 Board of Ethics question

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Hayes of 315 Whipple stated she lives behind 318 W Lake which is the old South Lyon Area Recreation building, and she is concerned as to what the intent is for that building. It is a residential area, and they are concerned about what will be done with the building.

PUBLIC HEARING 2019 CDBG APPLICATION

The public hearing was opened at 7:36 p.m.

No public comment was made.

The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

2017-2018 AUDIT PRESENTATION- PLANTE MORAN

Doug Bohrer of Plante Moran stated he is here with Tyler Luce and Spencer Tawa to discuss the audit that was just completed. He then thanked Interim City Manager Chief Collins, Lori Mosier, Clerk Deaton and their teams. They were all very helpful. Mr. Luce stated the general fund revenue did increase approximately \$600,000 which is related to increase in property taxes for the operating millage. He stated there was a \$200,000 decrease in expenditures. He stated the non-major fund balances are all very healthy. They recommend the City develop a 5-year Capital Asset Improvement Plan and it will be helpful to ensure the City can utilize the fund balances appropriately. Mr. Luce stated there was a large dip in the state revenue sharing and it is now beginning to come back. Mr. Bohrer stated state revenue sharing is the second highest revenue source for communities and it has taken 15 years for the revenue sharing to become close to what it was in 2003. Mr. Luce stated the operating revenue for the water and sewer fund have been fairly consistent. He stated there is one thing that needs to be pointed out. The debt service was 1.26 million, and the revenue collected from the 3.3 mills was 1.1 million which is coming closer than in previous years. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated that is an area she worked on extensively in 2016. She stated the mill didn't completely cover the debt service. She thought this was handled during the budget. She stated we need to make sure the revenue is higher than expenditures. She further stated she can provide the City Manager with the bond that was issued with the debt. She is surprised to hear this. Mr. Bohrer stated the budget we just worked on is for the coming year. Ms. Mosier stated we still had money in the SRF fund which covered a portion of the debt. We are trying to pay that down so we don't have to levy the full amount. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the point of an unlimited tax bond, gives the City the ability to charge as much as we need to cover the debt. She stated the residents of the City wouldn't have known the difference because we could have raised the mill because the school board lowered their mill. Ms. Mosier stated we don't want to make money; the end result should be to break even. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she isn't convinced we are in that position. Mr. Bohrer stated when there is money left from the upgrades, it can be used for the debt service. He further stated we can look at what is left and at what the debt service is going forward, and that will decide the mill rates. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated we can look at that while working on the budget. Mr. Luce stated the governmental activities total liabilities is 5.1 million and the previous year it was 5.6 million. He further stated the unrestricted was 1.2 million and this year is 1.8 million. Mr. Bohrer stated this is what the books would look like if the City was a corporate entity. Mr. Tawa stated a few things he wanted to point out, is there is a pension liability and the OPEB liability. He stated the prior year liability was 5.1 million and it has decreased to 4.6 million. That was caused by the assets held at MERS given the good investment results from last year. He stated GASB 75 was implemented this year and it now has to be reflected in the financial statements. He stated GASB 75 represents the subsidy the City gives which is \$500 for general employees and \$700 for police and fire employees. He further stated that is the projected liability as of 6/30/18. He further stated the general fund revenues exceeded the expenditures which is a good thing. Mr. Tawa stated the letter to Council is broke down into 3 sections. Section 1 covers any internal control related matters identified in the audit, Section 2 is required

communications with those charged with governance and Section 3 is other recommendations and related information. Mr. Tawa stated there were a couple of findings. He stated the first related to wire transfers. He stated the only transfer that is made is to the County for tax disbursements. The only issue is the treasurer initiates the wire transfer, then the bookkeeper approves it. The problem is they are both admins on the account, and they have the ability to add another admin and initiate and approve the wire transfer. He further stated that has now been corrected because there is now an email that is sent to the City Manager that a wire transfer was done. Mr. Tawas stated they also suggest putting a limit on the wire transfer as well. Mr. Tawas stated the preparation and reconciliation of bank statements. He stated there were a few accounts the City attempted to reconcile, but there were a couple that were irreconcilable. He stated they should be completed each month. He further stated there were a few that weren't found until after year end. Mr. Tawas stated there is a significant deficiency, but it is not a material deficiency. He stated the City needs to have a better review in place to ensure all the journal entries are correct during the year. Councilmember Richards asked if they have a recommendation to double or triple check our accounts each month. Mr. Tawas stated each community is different, there is only 2 people in the accounting department, but possibly the City Manager could look at it once a month, or possibly someone else reviewing budget to actual. Councilmember Richards asked how successful is other communities compared to our size to ensure the accounting are correct. Mr. Tawas stated there were relatively small amounts. The City is one of the better communities. He stated this is the first time this has been in the letter. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked what they were looking for when they found the inconsistencies. Mr. Tawa stated this is just their regular audit testing procedures. He further stated we look at each journal entry. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if this is a training issue. Mr. Bohrer stated we have communities that have over 100 and South Lyon had less than 10. Councilmember Kivell stated it seems a second set of eyes proofing would be helpful. He then asked if the entries were random or were they reoccurring. Mr. Tawa stated they were random. He further stated the street sweeper that was purchased was an issue. He stated Lori didn't get the proper paperwork to book this accounting entry because there wasn't any cash or an invoice. Councilmember Walton stated there are several things we can do with the wire transfer. She stated you can have one person enter it, then have another person approve it, or have the City Manager approve it. Mr. Tawa stated it is already set up that one-person initiates and another person approves. Councilmember Walton stated you can also change the admin level so they can't add another admin. Mr. Tawa stated it also depends on the bank and their policies. Mr. Tawa stated the most significant estimates relate to OPEB and pension. He stated the actuary uses estimations and assumptions. There is always a possibility they could be off. He stated they look at them and they seem reasonable. He further stated MERS does their own assumptions every 5 years. He stated it will never be exact, but this is the best estimate. Mr. Tawa stated they have other recommendations as well. He stated something they noticed was password strength needs to be stronger. Councilmember Parisien stated there was something mentioned about locking the I.T equipment room and it was brought up before. Mr. Tawa stated there are two doors that you have to go through to get to the server room, and one of the doors are normally propped open. Councilmember Parisien stated that needs to be addressed and it should be a priority. Mr. Tawa stated sometimes the daily deposits aren't done depending on cash flow. He further stated the cash drawer isn't counted every evening, sometimes it is done in the morning. Mr. Tawa stated the same person that is collecting the cash, is the same person reconciling at the end of the day. Maybe someone else needs to count the drawer, or two people count it. Councilmember Kivell stated that is the best practices, but have you seen any evidence of mischief. Mr. Tawa stated no, they have seen nothing, these things are just best practice. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated this is the second year this is showing up and after two years we should be getting it right. Council thanked Plante Moran for their work.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Bob Donohue stated there is a lot happening this time of year. November 15th there will be a press conference and ribbon cutting at 10:00 for 115 and 117 Lafayette. He stated the new business directory will be out November 12th. Mr. Donohue stated they just finished the Holiday gift guide and it will be out the week of November 19th. He stated Brotoberfest was cancelled. He further stated moving forward with the issues that arose with that event, the DDA will be instituting two new rules. All DDA events will have work plans which includes a DDA board member being the event chair and a minimum of 6 months in advance. Mr. Donohue stated the downtown Trick or Treat is Thursday from 6-8 and there will be a lot of people downtown. He stated Abe Ayoub is the Chair for that event and we are expecting thousands of children. There will be music and dance groups as well. He stated Ladies Night out is November 16th. National Small Business Saturday is November 24th. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if we will be advertising for the Small business Saturday. Mr. Donohue stated he will be handling that. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and it is devoted to small businesses and we have an incredible downtown. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has received a lot of compliments on the corn stalks downtown.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hidden Creek Lift Station RTU replacement

CM 10-3-18 MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF RTU FOR HIDDEN CREEK LIFT STATION

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the request for replacement of RTU for Hidden Creek Lift Station

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Downtown Kids Trick or Treat, October 25

CM 10-4-18 MOTION TO APPROVE STREET CLOSURES FOR DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the street closures as requested for the Annual Downtown Trick or Treat from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on Thursday October 25, 2018 on N Lafayette from Whipple Street to Lake Street, S Lafayette from Lake Street to Liberty Street, E Lake Street from Wells Street to Lafayette Street and W Lake Street from Washington Street to Lafayette Street

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DDA Board Appointment

Mr. Donohue stated at the October 11th DDA Board Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Heinanen to the Board. Councilmember Parisien thanked Mr. Heinanen for volunteering his time to be a part of the community and for everything he is doing with his downtown business as well. She further stated she doesn't want him to take anything personally, it is not directed at him, but she has to admit she has been frustrated with this process. The timeliness of this is setting South Lyon back, and not moving the City forward. She stated the application was submitted to the DDA in July, and now we are to on the cusp of November. She stated she is trying to promote people to volunteer for Boards and Commissions, and when she has individuals that want to volunteer, holding up applications is holding up the process. This was approved by the DDA in July, but she doesn't understand why this took so long. She further stated we are dealing with vacancies and it has been brought to her attention that we have

received 2 resignations from the DDA. Councilmember Parisien stated she doesn't understand why this application from someone that wants to serve, and she doesn't want to see that just sit. She understands with the new bylaws in place, the DDA provides a recommendation, but ultimately it is the Mayor that appoints and Council to approve, she then asked why would we not give the application to the Mayor and let him review it and make a decision. Councilmember Parisien stated there is a disconnect between the minutes and what the agenda note says. Why are we holding applications? Mr. Donohue stated they are coming up with a new process for all boards and commissions. He stated this was not immediately put forward because Mr. Heinanen asked to be present at the time it came forward, and since that time Norm Fultz put in his application, and that went to the DDA Board, and we had DDA members that wanted to reevaluate the Mr. Heinanen already unanimous approval and it became confusing with Mr. Fultz present at the board meeting, and with a board member making that request, and it was tabled to wait for the new City Manager, which is why it didn't come back immediately. Councilmember Parisien asked why would the board want to reevaluate a unanimous decision. Mr. Donohue stated he doesn't understand that, but that motion was made. It was an unusual situation. It was a combination of things that prevented the DDA bringing things back sooner. He stated both board resignations are effective December 31st. Councilmember Parisien stated again, she is disappointed and frustrated with how this played out. She called and asked about why the appointment was being held up, she. She stated the guidelines were never approved by Council. Mr. Donohue stated they didn't know they weren't approved. He stated they followed all of their rules and bylaws and it wasn't until 2 weeks ago, they didn't know the previous City Manager didn't follow through with the bylaws. He further stated they are trying the best they can to get this issue corrected. He further stated he welcomes Norm Fultz to the next DDA meeting after December 31st to have his application discussed.

CM 10-5-18 MOTION TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF DDA BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve Mayor Pelchat's nomination of Jeff Heinanen for appointment to the DDA Board as unanimously approved and recommended by the DDA Board at the July 12 DDA Board meeting and reaffirmed at the October 11 DDA Board meeting

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Heinanen of Heinanen Engineering stated this was important to him because after being in business for 20 years, he moved his business here, this is where he started, where he wants to be, and where he wants to live. This is a way for him to give back and be a part of the community. He stated it was disheartening that it took this long, but we are here now. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked about the platform on his business. Mr. Heinanen stated the platform is the foundation of the Christmas tree. He was inspired by a painting he saw when he was a kid, and he decided if he was ever in a position in a downtown to do something like that, he decided he would. He further stated he didn't plan on all the road blocks along the way. He stated they put in the foundation for the Christmas Tree to help bring people in for the businesses, the people and to build a stronger community. He stated the tree lit will be lit in about a month. Councilmember asked about the intent for the platform. Mr. Heinanen stated they don't know the full intent yet. He stated it is essentially a patio, and he has been approached by different people for events, and they will be using it for their events, such as Pumpkinfest and their open house events. There is a lot of potential uses for that. His main role is to ensure people enjoy the tree and to get rid of an old parking lot without any use. He further stated what is done long-term is to be determined in the future. Councilmember Kivell stated he hopes that becomes a destination area for events. He stated he enjoyed the open house they had. Councilmember Richards stated he is enthused with the platform and it will work out nicely for the future. It can be used for positive events for such as presentations by high

officials. He stated he hopes he can add stability and a sense of focus to the DDA that has been lacking for the last few years.

4. First reading of Ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments in the event voters approve Ballot Proposal 18-1 to legalize recreational marihuana

Attorney Wilhelm stated he isn't going to spend too much time on this, but wants to highlight a few things. At the November Election, the residents of Michigan will be voting on legalization of Marihuana. He further stated there is an option for municipalities to opt out and prohibit marihuana establishments. He further stated there is a lot of questions and there is different terminology. He further stated this is protection to the City.

CM 10-6-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Motion by Walton, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED- 1 OPPOSED

Councilmember Parisien stated she is opposed to this, she is pro-business and if recreational marihuana is legalized, she doesn't think it is our discretion to stop it. She understands limiting how many facilities in South Lyon, but she does not want to ever just say no to a business. She stated this is treating marihuana as it is alcohol and we have liquor stores in South Lyon, why wouldn't we have a marihuana facility in the City as well. Attorney Wilhelm stated this starts from the default that the City isn't going to allow those facilities. He further stated that will give the City time to look at the act and decide if it is something the City may want to allow. He further stated there is a case on appeal that you can't zone where medical marihuana facilities can be located. Councilmember Kivell stated there have been some communities that have already made that decision and it hasn't always been good. The longer we take our time and reflect on this the better. He is comfortable with this when things become clearer. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is ok with this also because it is a temporary gap. She would like to wait and see the impact on other communities. South Lyon has a drug problem and we have lost some students due to overdoses. She thinks there is a societal impact and she would like to give it some time to see what the residents have to say about it. She further stated she does want to address an issue which is just because people are smoking it, doesn't mean your employer can't fire you for it. Councilmember Parisien stated South Lyon has an opioid problem, and a heroin problem, not a marihuana problem. She stated studies have shown Canada and Colorado have passed it, and they can't keep up with the massive amount of people that want to buy it and the tax on the marihuana goes towards their economy. She further stated there are a lot of pros that go along with this. She stated the whole purpose of the marihuana act helps people with debilitating issues get through their day. Councilmember Parisien stated looking at this through a business position, and recreational marihuana passes, we should listen to the people and let our residents vote if they want this in our community. Councilmember Richards stated they have marihuana in jars are currently available at Walgreens, they also sell opioids, it is tightly controlled, you have to have a prescription. He stated it is available and it seems tightly controlled and successful for people with the card to buy it from a distributor.

5. Set trick or treat hours

CM 10-7-18 MOTION TO APPROVE TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Motion by Walton, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve trick or treat hours in the City of South Lyon from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2018

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Consider rescinding referral of conflict of interest question to the Board of Ethics and allowing Councilmember to abstain from voting on Thomasville

Attorney Wilhelm stated at the last meeting there was an objection to Councilmember Kurtzweil not voting due to a conflict and Council then voted to send the issue to the Board of Ethics. He further stated he was able to spend more time reviewing this issue, and according to the Charter, Council must make the decision if the financial and conflict of interest and the nature of the conflict of interest and what it is and if the Councilmember is to be excused from voting on a matter. He stated Council may need to rescind the motion to send the issue to the Board of Ethics. He stated we don't want to delay the land use application only to receive a recommendation from the Board of Ethics, most of the fact are clear. There is a procedure in the Charter to be followed. He further stated section 4.6 and 5.2 in the Charter states any Councilmember that has a financial interest in a matter should not vote and cannot vote. The Ethics Ordinance provides for roles or interests in a Councilmember that are incompatible of those duties that may impair their vote. He stated we have a Councilmember that is an attorney and has had an on and off again business relationship with the property owner directly adjacent to Thomasville that will be impacted by Thomasville does create a conflict of interest. He further stated as an Attorney, she stands in the shoes of her client which is the property owner adjacent to the development. They will be impacted by the development and they are concerned about the original cross access easement that was suggested in 2016, or currently the cross-access easement. He stated he thinks this will influence her and, on that basis, she should be excused from voting. Councilmember Kivell stated he wanted to ask Councilmember Kurtzweil a couple of questions. He then asked Councilmember Kurtzweil if she is currently representing Colonial Acres Hunt Club. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is, and she had to get their permission to disclose that because of the professional rules of conduct. Councilmember Kivell stated he is ok with rescinding the motion. Councilmember Walton stated Councilmember Kurtzweil was very clear at prior meetings that she had a conflict on this matter, and those weren't questioned, so she doesn't understand why she was questioned and was going to send it to the Board of Ethics which she voted against. Councilmember Kivell asked if she will not be able to vote on anything that has to do with a former client. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated they are not a former client and she if anything comes up in the future, she will discuss it with the City Manager and Attorney.

CM 10-8-18 MOTION TO RESCIND REFERRAL MOTION TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Motion by Parisien, supported by Walton

Motion to approve to rescind referral to the Board of Ethics and approve motions confirming Councilmember Kurtzweil's conflict of interest and excusing her voting on the Thomasville matter

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET

10-22-18

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she spoke with the City Manager regarding the budget. She asked if we have a rough draft for the Capital Improvement plan, or when he might have one. City Manager Zelenak stated it will not be within this budget year, one reason is we do not have a Water and Sewer rate analysis that would assist with that. He further stated he has begun to gather data and populate information to create the plan that relates to, equipment, improvements, and the PASER study that was done for roads. He further stated it will be completed for the next year. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is trying to define what her role is in the budget, should she restrict her comments to the annual budget, or should she say what she would like to see in the future. City Manager Zelenak stated most immediate need will be for the 2019-2020 budget. He further stated that doesn't mean that things discussed with Council can't be included in future years. Such as if Council would like to discuss doing a City-wide pavement plan with improvements, his main concern is to start adding things to the coming years budget, but also start to populate data for future years.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated the painting of the water tower has been discussed in previous meetings, and he has given Council information regarding the potential cost of repainting the water tower and discussion on that matter can be held at a later meeting if Council would like.

City Manager Zelenak stated there will be an informational meeting regarding the Dixboro paving project at Millennium Middle School on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. There will be representatives from the Road Commission there for any questions and everyone is welcome to attend. He will be attending on behalf of the City.

City Manager Zelenak stated he has presented a draft for an application for Board and Commissions to Council. He stated it is pertinent for the City to follow and specifically for new members and potentially for people to fill in online or in City Hall. It describes the boards and commissions and the number of members and it asks for their experience so a specific board and Council can make the decision on who would be best to serve on each board. Councilmember Persian stated on the previous application there were two questions, one regarding being in default to the City and a question asking if they have a family member on City Council, and she would like to see them on this application. City Manager Zelenak stated he didn't remove the questions, this is the form he used at previous communities. Councilmember Parisien stated she likes the form and this gives people an idea of what each board and commission do. She further stated the application may need to be more specific on who the form is turned in to. She then asked how we will be following up with the candidates. City Manager Zelenak stated the information would be provided on how to get in touch with them, but it will be up to the Mayor or that particular Board to determine if that person is selected to be appointed to that board. He further stated there is a statement on the form that explains just because someone applies for a board or commission doesn't necessarily mean you will be appointed to that board. He further stated they may be asked based on their qualifications if they would be interested in serving on another board. He further stated he thinks it is an excellent training ground for people to serve on Council at some point. Councilmember Richards stated he has been approached by people that want to serve on a board. He stated he explained to them they need to go to City Hall and apply. He has recommended to certain people in the past that due to their knowledge they should apply for certain commissions. He further stated it is important for them to know just because they fill out an application, doesn't mean they will be appointed 2 weeks later. He agrees, that is a good training ground for people to run for Council. Councilmember Kivell asked why would you only ask them to check 5 boxes, why limit it. City Manager Zelenak stated he thinks in the past, people were checking all boards and he wanted people to narrow down and think about what particular board

they would want to volunteer for. Councilmember Kivell stated he likes the descriptions of the boards being on the application, but he doesn't want to limit people to what they volunteer for. He further stated he would like to see a narrative section where they can give information on themselves that may help Council decide if someone is a good fit on a board. City Manager Zelenak stated he can make that change. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if there has been any discussion in an increased law enforcement presence at the polls on Election Day. City Manager Zelenak stated he has met with the Clerk and the Police Chief and had multiple conversations, but we don't want to necessarily get into the details. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she received a phone call about debris behind the Salvation Army building, specifically behind Fit Body Bootcamp, and there are some toilets that are thrown out the back, she doesn't know if there is renovation going on or if it is being used as a dumping ground. City Manager Zelenak stated he will look into this.

City Manager Zelenak stated there was an emergency repair on Lake Street and the DPW did a great job repairing it. It was 6 feet underground and the repair was made and the replacement of the pavement is happening now. He stated with the notice that was given to the residents and the schools, everyone was very courteous and followed the proper detours and it worked out very well.

Councilmember Walton stated she emailed the Clerk about a tree on the rail trail that is down and asked for the DPW to handle it. Clerk Deaton stated she forwarded that email to Ron at the DPW and they will take care of it.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richards stated he wants to congratulate our Police Officer that recently retired after 25 years of service, Tracey Brooks. He was a great Police Officer and he wishes him the best in his retirement.

Councilmember Richards stated he included something in the packet to let everyone know he is watching the Bonner properties. He spoke with the real estate lady, and the property across from City Hall is for sale. He wanted to let everyone know there are things happening with all the Bonner properties in town. Councilmember Richards stated Jeff Heinanen did the landscaping and grading on the City's lot next to his building and it looks wonderful. He thanked him for that.

Councilmember Richards stated the excavation that is occurring on McHattie Street next to the City's property will be lot 223 and 227, they will be condos. He stated the most important thing to know is the broken ground they opened up is virgin ground and they are waiting for inspections. He encourages everyone to go and see it. He stated that is an example that is everything that is below the grass in this town. He further stated he wanted to do a test to see how fast a gallon of water would drain through 2 feet of that sand. That gives you an idea of how our water table goes up and down.

Councilmember Richards stated there were two weddings at the Chapel in the park, and that is a total of 12 for this year, and another coming in December and he wishes them the best.

Councilmember Richards stated the Historical Depot had a program on the history of the railroad development in the State of Michigan and it was the largest attendance he has seen. It was marvelous.

Councilmember Richards stated the next day they gathered at the freight house and went on their historical tour. They went to Holly and it was well attended. He further stated it was a great success, they went to a railroad museum. They then visited the Holly Historical museum and it was fascinating.

Councilmember Richards stated the clean-up of the historic village went really well. We had 28 volunteers by the Catholic Church and everything was done in 2 hours.

Councilmember Richards stated he attended the fire drill at 461 McHattie and he was very impressed with the lights and personnel and it seemed like they were really pushing to fight a fire.

Councilmember Richards congratulated the Family Video Store. They are in the facility that was the Honey Hole in front of South Lyon Woods. He stated they have videos, games and educational films as well. He welcomed them to South Lyon.

Councilmember Richards stated there is 3 weeks before the next Council meeting and the daylight savings time will kick in and it will be lighter in the mornings.

Councilmember Richards stated he wanted to encourage everyone to get out and vote, and there is information at City Hall from the League of Women Voters and he encourages everyone to do their homework as he has.

Councilmember Walton stated she wants to congratulate Active Faith for getting a Lowes Heros project grant and the Lowes employees planted evergreens, flowers and mulch at the Active Faith location. It looks wonderful and beautiful. She stated she wants to remind everyone to donate food to Active Faith because their shelves are getting low. She stated we can also donate cash.

Councilmember Walton stated we received a couple of letters from a few youngsters that are concerned about their parents cars driving on Dixboro Road. She stated she hopes they will come to the informational meeting regarding the paving of Dixboro on October 24th.

Councilmember Walton stated there will be a War Dog memorial on November 10th, it is a wonderful event.

Councilmember Walton stated most people go to the South Lyon Library, for books and dvd's but they also have different things like cookie cutter kits and it is wonderful they have so many fun activities.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated on Friday October 26th the Cultural Arts Commission will be having their opening night of the sustainable art and sound show. She further stated there will be an art show centered around music and plants. She stated the Cultural Arts Commission was at Pumpkinfest had children doing art, and their art will be at the show as well.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the downtown trick or treat is one of the most popular DDA events and Abe Ayoub is the chairperson and he always does a great job. She thanked all the incredible businesses in the downtown for their hard work to get this event going. She is planning on handing out candy as well. She further stated the American Dance Academy will be dancing again at the 4 corners in town.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated this Wednesday is the comedy night at the South Lyon Hotel and they will have two popular comedians. She stated everyone can purchase their tickets at the Chamber and the buffet starts at 6:00 and tickets are \$25.00. She stated this will be an incredible event.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he would like to follow up with Council Member Richards' comments and recognize the efforts of Linda Ross and Larry Ledbetter for their efforts in providing the presentation last week. As Council Member Richards mentioned, the room was filled with well over 60 folks attending. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of the events hosted by the Historical Commission, he certainly encourages everyone to do so.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he would also like to recognize Rachel Showerman and the Friends Club for the Salem-South Lyon District Library. The Friends Club consists of over 30 Elementary, Middle and High School kids who were responsible for establishing the Little Free Library in McHattie Park in 2016. The Friends Club was just recently named the recipient of the 2018, \$2,000 Elaine R. Irvin Award to expand services at it. Just for a little background on the award, the grant is awarded to support a program or project which fills a significant need that impacts the library's patrons and the community.

The award was established to honor the late Elaine R. Irvin, who was a devoted member of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Board for many years. Elaine worked for the Friends of the Detroit Public Library and was dedicated to the principle that “good libraries need good Friends”.

Therefore, he congratulated the Friends Club of the Salem-South Lyon District Library on their success and recognition.

Councilmember Kennedy thanked Suzan Martin from the Wellhead Protection Committee, in conjunction with an official from Oakland County, for organizing and presenting an informative seminar on drinking water and wells. The provided information answered a number of questions that the attendees had, and they all agreed it was most beneficial.

He further stated as the City’s SEMCOG representative he had the opportunity to attend the SEMCOG General Assembly meeting last week and one of the topics discussed focused on infrastructure asset management. SEMCOG stated that they will have some funds available in the next few months to assist communities with these issues. He stated he has discussed this with our Oakland County Commissioner and SEMCOG Chairperson, Phil Wiepert, and asked him to let us know the timing for the availability of those funds so we can take advantage of that opportunity.

Councilmember Kennedy then recognized the football teams at both South Lyon High School and South Lyon East High School on their terrific seasons this year. He wished both teams the very best in the playoffs that begin on Friday. He further stated South Lyon High School finished the regular season undefeated. He stated it’s been a while since that last occurred, but the last time that happened, his son was a senior at South Lyon High and I had brown hair. He then stated today, he’s married and has 3 kids of his own, and as for the other, well, you can see what happened there. He then congratulated the South Lyon Lions and he wished them the very best in the upcoming playoffs.

Councilmember Parisien wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Councilmember Kivell stated many people have mentioned the downtown and how attractive it looks with the orange lights and the corn stalks. It looks like a really a cute theme.

Councilmember Kivell stated we are the benefactors of two big 10 university’s, at least 3 very good max schools, 2 high schools that had tremendous seasons, and the Lions won on Sunday, and Ohio State took it on the chin on Sunday to Perdue. He is looking forward to the playoff games on Friday and he wished everyone luck.

Mayor Pelchat stated Friday night was a great environment, South Lyon was at South Lyon East and he always knows you are at a good game when people are parking on the grass through half time. He then congratulated South Lyon for their win of 20-15 and it was an exciting game. First undefeated season since 1996. He then congratulated South Lyon East because they acquired enough playoff points to get in at 5 and 4 and they will be going on to Ortonville. It will be a tough game for Ortonville. Mayor Pelchat further stated Dexter will be at South Lyon High on Friday night and that is the first time they have hosted a playoff game in a long time.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 10-9-18 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted



Mayor Dan Pelchat



City Clerk Lisa Deaton