

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 2017**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Galeas, Councilmembers: Kivell, Kurtzweil, Rzyzi and Wedell
Also Present: Chief Collins, Fire Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk Deaton
Absent: City Manager Ladner, Councilmembers Kramer and Parisien

CM 7-1-17 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS KRAMER AND PARISIEN

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to excuse absence of Councilmember Kramer, and Parisien

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Attorney Wilhelm stated he let Clerk Deaton know there were some misspellings of names during the West End conversation, and the motion on page 15 should state it failed.

Councilmember Wedell stated on page 5 the sentence should state there will be a roll call vote before the closed session not after. Councilmember Wedell stated on page 14, the sentence should read, if you don't like the response, you shouldn't have come back for another bite at the apple, not table, and his name is misspelled as well.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated on page 4, the sentence Councilmember Rzyzi asked if lifestyle drugs meant Cialis aka Viagra should be added. He further stated on page 15 the sentence should read as long as you're staying under the retainer then we are not getting milked here. The taxpayers aren't getting milked.

CM 7-2-17 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she noticed on the first line of the revenue report the taxes originally budgeted for 3.4 million, and year to date we are at 3.3 million so we are off a little there. She stated we are good on building permits. She further stated there was an increase on state sharing revenue which is a good thing. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated on the expenditures report the expenditures were originally budgeted for 1.2 million and year to date we are at 1.4 million and she wanted to bring this to Council's attention. It is important to stay on top of the revenues and expenditures.

Councilmember Wedell stated he also looked at the same 2 reports and these are unaudited numbers. He stated they reflect our revenues were in excess of \$422,708 from the budgeted numbers and our

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expenditures reflect our expenditures were over by \$9,716 so that is a very comfortable balance going into the audit and it seems we performed very well over the year. Councilmember Kivell stated the property tax difference was actually a \$30,000 difference not a \$100,000. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she takes issue with Wedell because the issue is our major source of revenue is property tax and any fluctuation is a concern. They are the most critical and we need to keep our eye on this and even a difference of \$30,000 makes a difference. Councilmember Wedell stated the collection showed we collected 99.10% so the projection was pretty close. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it is a difference of opinion.

AGENDA

CM 7-3 17 MOTION TO POSTPONE ITEM #1 UNDER NEW BUSINESS- APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

Motion to postpone item #1 under New Business for the appointment to Planning Commission

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 OPPOSED

CM 7-4-17 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 OPPOSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated the Historical Society is moving along and they recently handed out their quarterly reports. He stated Depot Day is September 9th, not the 6th which is a typo, but the dates and times are correct. He further stated Connie and Gary Wickersham are the chairmen of the Depot Day committee and they are doing a nice job. He further stated we need more crafters and you can sign up as late as 2 days before, the entry fee is \$15.00

Mr. Richards stated he would like to commend Mr. Avantini regarding his comments at the last meeting regarding West End Industrial and the rezoning request. Mr. Richards stated he is familiar with this property. He further stated he doesn't believe the 1.8 million, he believes the SEV is accurate. He stated he can't call them liars, but there are things they couldn't possibly know. Mr. Richards stated there is an aquifer under the property and some goes into Yerkes Drain and most goes across Dixboro and joins Yerkes in Livingston County. He further stated none of the developers asked for an underground hydrogeological survey. He stated there are other factors and we have to get all of the truth out there. He further stated the facts weren't given. No one has come up with a suitable futuristic design with 3 buildings joined together with a walk way and if they built it someone would buy it. The delusion you can build houses on there is madness. He further stated he hopes they get an architectural plan. He stated he spoke to the president of the homeowner's association and he told him the last few units shouldn't have been built because they always flood out. He stated geologically there is a sand dome that draws water under it. He further stated that land is next to the lift station.

Doug Cook of 25701 McCrory stated they put on the Lake Street Cruise In and they are considering putting on an all-day classic car show similar to what is done in Milford. He stated they have 6 years under their belt and they thought they would do something in the middle of town to get the businesses involved. Mr. Cook stated they want to get the blessings of Council to go forward in the planning process. Councilmember Kivell stated it is a great idea and the Cruise In is already very successful and we have been talking about adding downtown events. Mr. Cook stated the event would be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with set up and break down at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with a tentative date of July 28th

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2018. Mr. Cook stated they are hoping to have food trucks as well. Bob Donohue stated the businesses are very excited about this idea. Mayor Galeas stated he thinks this is a really good idea. He stated he knows there are some concerns, years ago when the Cowtown Cruisers had car shows it got a little out of hand. He further stated the word is getting out. Mr. Cook stated we get a lot of east siders that come out for the cruise in. Councilmember Wedell stated it sounds like fun. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has been a supporter of downtown events and this is part of her agenda to develop downtown. She stated what makes this organization a joy to work with is their reputation. She stated they have very nice classy events on Wednesday nights. She further stated she has a neighbor that is involved with car shows and he has been wanting something like this in South Lyon. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated they already have an audience. She further stated they have her vote, this is fabulous. She further stated they have a nice crowd that follows them, and it is a great time. Ms. Cook stated she spoke with Josie and Linda of the Cultural Arts Commission about involving art with that show as well. Councilmember Kivell stated with the sense of Council it seems they will be fine. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated this speaks volumes about why she likes the organization, you are willing to partner with one of our organizations, the Cultural Arts Commission and that is one of their goals is to partner with other organizations to promote downtown and she thanked them for reaching out and forming that bridge and working with them. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he likes all the cars shows and it brings attention to downtown. He stated he is very impressed with their car shows, it is very family friendly and there are many young kids and senior citizens as well. He further stated it is a wholesome event and it speaks for our community to bring everyone together.

Josie Kearns of the Cultural Arts Commission stated she is here to remind everyone of the Arts and Cars show on Wednesday the 26th. She further stated the Cooks are wonderful to work with, the meetings are quick, but they get a lot done.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider revised vacation accrual policies for Department Heads and City Manager

Attorney Wilhelm stated this resolution will implement an 80-hour total cap with 40 hours accumulating each of 2 years and it only affects the City Manager and Department Heads. He further stated the maximum of available time will be 280 hours, this breaks this down to the leave you accrue on the anniversary of their anniversary date. He stated this will also freeze the bank. He further stated the calculation if they forfeit any hours is done on their anniversary date. Councilmember Kivell stated he doesn't recall the 200-hour aspect, he thought 80 hours is the cap. Attorney Wilhelm stated a maximum is 200 hours and they can have up to 80 hours which would add up to the 280 hours. They will accrue the hours on their anniversary and have that available for use, but they can never have more than 280 hours, and that is separate for the frozen bank time. Councilmember Kivell stated he would like to see everyone take their vacation time when they have it, but he doesn't think this is abusive. Councilmember Wedell asked if he could have a comment from Bob and Chief. Department Head Martin stated he thinks this is reasonable. He stated he has been superintendent for 18 years and he gets 20 days a year, and he uses approximately 15 days a year. He stated this was never brought up in the past. He further stated people in that past have been cashed out for their vacation time as well. Chief Collins stated he understands the concept of unfunded liability and Councils decision to limit that. He further stated it can be difficult to for department heads to take that much time off when other people are not here for extended periods of time and he needs to be here for check signing purposes, but he understands. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked why this is limited to Department Heads and City Manager, this should be for all employees. Chief Collins stated there is a cap on the Police bargaining units, and we have taken away vacation time when they hit the cap. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is only concerned with what she can control at this

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time which is non-union employees. Attorney Wilhelm stated Lynne is aware of that, and it is her understanding it is her intent to bring something to Council for the nonunion, non-department Head, non-City Manager employees. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked where does it say carryover annual leave will not be paid out. Attorney Wilhelm stated it is his understanding it will be paid out. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she doesn't care if they get paid out during the year they are supposed to take the vacation time, but she doesn't want to pay for anything carried over from the previous year. She stated this was supposed to take care of the legacy costs. Attorney Wilhelm stated there was a conversation allowing them to carryover 5 days. He stated if Council doesn't want to have any payout at all, he can add that to the resolution. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she doesn't care if they carryover some time, but she doesn't think the City should be pay them out for that time. She stated she agrees they should be paid out for the current year, but not the carryover leave. She further stated item 5 states an employee that leaves and didn't have time to use their vacation time, she is fine with them using the current vacation time, but nothing that is voluntarily carried over. She further stated section 3 states use of annual leave shall be first used from the current year's annual leave. However, if current and carried over annual leave is exhausted, requests to use time from the frozen bank may be denied if its approval would interfere with the efficient operation of the city or department. She stated she thought we were going to take care of the contingent liability and she is hoping we can close out all of the frozen time. She stated she suggests we add the language or if the time of the frozen bank has been paid to the employee, they cannot use the frozen bank. Attorney Wilhelm stated he can make it clearer. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated if we amend the handbook, we should add the language the City reserves the right to amend the handbook with notice to the employees with a date the policy goes into effect. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he was under the impression that it was going to be use it or lose it, or they can carry over time, but not be paid out for it and this should apply to all employees. He stated we are looking at something that is going to impact the next 20-30 years and we should postpone this to the next meeting and get it right. Councilmember Kivell asked is she suggesting we pay them out this year to pay them at their current rate of pay. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated yes, that is good business practice. Councilmember Kivell stated for the recipients' benefit he would like to coordinate with them to make sure they don't get penalized by some financial windfall so it works out for their best interest. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the issue is what is best for the City not for when the employee decides 5 years from now when they retire, that defeats the purpose of taking care of the contingent liabilities. Councilmember Wedell stated he suggests instead of labeling this City Manager and Department Heads, it should state all non-union employees. Attorney Wilhelm stated there is a separate provision that addresses non-union employees other than City Manager and Department Heads. He stated he would like to see some continuity. Attorney Wilhelm stated Lynne is aware of this and she has a plan to address that.

CM 7-5-17 MOTION TO POSTPONE REVISED VACATION ACCRUAL POLICIES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to postpone revised vacation accrual policies for non-union employees

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider appointing Erin Kopkowski to Planning Commission- postponed
2. Consider approval of MATCATS beach wrestling tournament

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he would like to disclose that his son is on this team and he has no financial interest in this at all. He stated the team facilitated this and filed all of the paperwork. He further stated the event is the same as last year at McHattie Park. Mayor Galeas stated this is a great event and the kids

get very excited about it. He further stated this event brings more people to our downtown. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she knows some parents that have children in the mat cats and the event last year was a phenomenal success and she is hoping to attend. Councilmember Rzyzi stated the event starts at 7:00 a.m. and this is good exposure for the City. Chief Collins stated normally for an event like this we get a copy of the entire policy, not just the certificate. Councilmember Rzyzi stated they have the hold harmless insurance certificate and it was the same last year, and City Manager Ladner is fine with what they supplied.

CM 7-6-17 MOTION TO APPROVE BEACH CLASSIC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the Beach Classic Wrestling Tournament to be held on the volleyball courts in McHattie Park on Saturday July 28th from 5:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has 2 issues. The first is our Charter in Chapter 12 states Council shall have the power to adjust rates and other charges as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants of the City and other with such public utility services as the City may provide. She asked if we are following the Charter and getting Council approval for any and all water rates. Department Head Martin stated it is an on-going issue, and in the past the City Manager would investigate along with Plante Moran what the rates need to be, then it was approved by Council. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she hasn't been able to find any resolutions or minutes approving the water rates. Attorney Wilhelm stated the DWRF stated rate increases for the water service in connection with that program. He further stated it was made known to be involved with that there would be rate increases. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated one of the things that keeps popping up is who is authorizing the rates for an enterprise fund. The best practice is to have Council approve the rates. Our Charter is pretty explicit on who can raise the rates. Councilmember Kivell stated there were always recommendations by the City Manager. Department Head Martin stated Warren Kraemer attended a Council meeting explaining the rate increases necessary to participate in the DWRF. He believes it started in 2013. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he is curious to see if Council approved it. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is looking for the actual authority of Council to stay in compliance with the Charter. She then asked who sets the cost of wastewater and the tube mill untreated water. Department Head Martin stated the Council approved it at the time of the water increases. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she will ask for more detail on these funds so this is clear. She further asked who determines the unrestricted and restricted enterprise funds. Department Head Martin stated we would have to ask the bookkeeper. Councilmember Kivell stated he believes it is the State. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated in Tahoe, the Council sets the policy on what is restricted, versus non-restricted funds. She further stated she would like to see our policy. The purpose is to build a bank of money to repair and maintain the utility services, you want to make sure you set enough aside to meet any emergencies. She asked if we have such a policy. Department Head Martin stated he knows we have a large amount set aside, but he doesn't know for sure. Councilmember Wedell stated his instinct is it would probably involve our auditors because they are looking at the enterprise fund as what it is and what it should be. Councilmember Kivell stated Rod Cook used to meet with Miller Canfield looking at what should be restricted versus non-restricted. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated we need some updating and her research shows these policies need to be reviewed a couple of times a year. She further stated if you don't have a lot of money set aside in the restricted fund area, it could affect the City's borrowing capacity. She stated the issue is who is setting that policy and another issue is the City Manager allocated part of her salary to different departments, and she must document hours she is

dedicating to different departments and have an audit trail. She further stated these are enterprise funds and they are like trust funds. There needs to be an audit trail available. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the Charter also states in section 12.3 (b) the rates and charges for any municipal utility shall be fixed as to at least meet all that costs of such utility including depreciation and if we are operating at a loss, we are not meeting our Charter obligation and we need to stay on top of that.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he doesn't remember approving rates through the year, how do we decide what the residents pay in the summer because it is lower. Department Head Martin stated we take an average of the 3 previous usages for the sewer costs and that is what we charge for summer.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he wants to make sure we are clear on this, and where is the written policy on this. He stated we need to modernize the way we do things, and that is how we have gotten into trouble. Councilmember Wedell asked what trouble have we gotten into. Councilmember Rzyzi stated we had trouble with the fraudulent water bills. Councilmember Kivell stated that was solved 2 years ago. Councilmember Wedell stated that was handled a few years ago and it was corrected years ago. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated Council has the power to fix the rates, and this policy that is being used, needs to come before Council so there is no doubt that there is a paper trail of how the rates are set. Councilmember Wedell stated the City is audited every year. Department Head Martin stated he will check into the policy.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated her other issue is the MERS issue. She stated the Detroit News had an article about our unfunded pension liability. She stated the governor put together a task force to investigate this problem. She stated it doesn't have a lot of conclusions, but it does reflect how we got there and the state is doing a good job putting everyone on notice. She stated one reason she didn't vote for the budget is because there was no money put forward for the unfunded liability issue. She stated the City of Grand Rapids has reduced their healthcare and liabilities by closing defined benefit, and moved all non-vested employees to a defined contribution. They have reduced their unfunded from 123 million to 111 million in 2015. She stated Kalamazoo is expected to save over \$3.5 million dollars in programs they have instituted. She further stated for whatever reason the City has not been serious about this problem and if they would have in the past, we would be in a far better position than we are today. She further stated it will be over 5 million dollars in the next year. She stated we will have to be very serious in the next year and we don't have a lot of money to do things when we have 5 million dollars hanging over our heads. Councilmember Rzyzi stated unfunded liabilities is one of the reasons Detroit went bankrupt. He stated this needs to be addressed, and in 2013 it was 2.7 million and now almost 5 million. He further stated he has been bringing this issue to the forefront for over a year. Councilmember Rzyzi stated the overtime if continued at the current rate we will spend more money than was budgeted for. Department Head Martin stated there were 2 issues with the DPW and Water overtime. He further stated the windstorm we had in March caused 77 straight hours of no power in the City. We worked 77 straight hours with generators for the lift stations and the water and sewer plants. He stated another issue was a well that was stuck in a casing that was stuck. It was installed in 1963 and we tried for 3 months to get it out. It was encrusted in the ground. The guys kept working and with the heat and no rain, we milked the system until we got the well out which took 3 weeks. It was extremely important to have people here at 4:30 in the morning and in the evening. We did the right thing, and if anyone would have called him he could have explained it at that time. He stated previously they had 20 hours of overtime, and 90 hours in May. He stated the trend is going up, maybe we need to hire another person. He further stated we could fix the MERS then possibly hire someone new with a 401K plan. He stated there is a lot of overtime. What policy do we have in place for overtime? Department Head Martin stated we have people on call for sewer back-ups and things like that. He stated that is 2 people right off the bat, any number of things can happen that would require an on-call person coming in. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he is asking about a policy. Mayor Galeas stated when something happens with our water or sewer it has to be fixed,

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and overtime or no overtime, it has to be done. This is a safety issue, and we don't know when things will break or go bad, so when they do, we have to address it quickly. Councilmember Rzyzi again stated this is a trend, and the point is he understands emergencies happen, but he personally feels this is a blank check. If he looks at the budget, he will question the overtime. He asked how much overtime they have worked this month. Councilmember Kivell asked if there is a percentage of elective overtime. Department Head Martin stated less than 5%. Councilmember Kivell stated the mill rate increase was mentioned by Councilmember Rzyzi again, and he asked if he would tell everyone what his tax increase was. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he will not discuss that. Councilmember Kivell stated your taxes went up \$29.00 and his was \$31.00 Councilmember Rzyzi stated you can make excuses all you want for the tax increase. A resident from Colonial Acres stated his was increased by \$54.00. Councilmember Kivell stated he will look into that because that is surprising. He further stated he is not suggesting we want tax increases, but what you are saying is misrepresentative of what happened. Mayor Galeas stated no one here wanted to increase taxes, but we have to be real. If you look at what is happening in the economy it isn't perfect, and we have costs that are escalating and there is nothing we can do about it. He stated there were a lot of factors in play and when the economy took a dip, the City tried to keep people working and keep the residents happy without raising rates. He further stated you can only do that so long. He stated we met 4 or 5 times to discuss the budget and we did the best we could, we can't live free. Councilmember Kivell stated we should have been working on the budget for months before we started, we were blindsided with the need for the mill increase. No one on Council knew this would happen, we were surprised and there were decisions to be made. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated you are not going to pass the buck off, it is your responsibility to go through the budget line by line, and to pass it off because it wasn't prepared the way you wanted it is disingenuous.

DOWNTOWN

Bob Donohue stated he has completed the first annual report for the Economic Development and DDA for the City and has distributed it to Council. He stated the South Lyon Hotel exterior concrete is going in this week, and they are talking about opening Labor Day. He stated the dry wall is going up inside and they are moving forward quickly. Mayor Galeas stated he walked through and there are a lot of people working to get it finished and he hopes they will be open by Labor Day. Mr. Donohue stated there are 2 resolutions that will be on the next agenda for the no turn signage in downtown. Councilmember Rzyzi stated it is the nature of the beast that not all businesses will make it, but he wants to discuss the Mercantile closing, not because of anything other than the owners want to retire, but he asked if anyone is interested in that building. Mr. Donohue stated there is a wine bar interested but their paperwork isn't completed yet. Councilmember Rzyzi stated a wine bar will cater to our residents as well as Lyon Township residents and that is what we need. He further stated since the new Council has come on board, this has really moved this town forward and it is an exciting time to live in South Lyon and he thanked Bob Donohue for his work. Mayor Galeas stated in reality the downtown has a pretty good offer, people say it doesn't meet everyone's needs, and say it isn't safe, but as for safety concerns we don't have a lot of accidents. He further stated he is happy we are finally able to stop the semi's from turning downtown because they damage the curbs. Mr. Donohue stated we should be set in the next 2-3 months. Mayor Galeas stated everything seems to be going in the right direction, and he thinks we do have something for everyone if people look. Mr. Donohue stated there are 5 different sites that people are interested in, these are exciting things, and we are very close. He stated there are 3 different restaurants interested in town. Councilmember Kivell stated Mr. Donohue has been working on the downtown like crazy, and now we have a market that we can capitalize on with everything he is bringing to town. Mr. Donohue stated people in this community have come forward with assistance as well. He further stated he won't sleep until we get at least 2 great restaurants here. He is happy to bring his experience. Councilmember

Kurtzweil stated Council has made a difference. It wasn't until after she got on Council that we hired an economic development director. The City Manager does not have time to work on the downtown and running the City at the same time. She stated what happened was the decision was made after decades that we need to try having an economic director. She stated she cautions Council to not tamper with the formula and make sure we keep an economic developer in the budget. The downtown is a very sensitive issue and she will support Mr. Donohue's position with the City and the previous Council could have done this years ago, but they didn't. Councilmember Ryzyi stated many of these things should have been done years ago. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is meeting with an investor and his first question was if our City has an economic director. She stated he was pleased that we had someone in that position. She further stated when an investor is looking at coming into a City, in the old days they met with the City Manager, and at that time the City Manager's didn't have time to do so, and investors feel if there is an economic developer in the community ensures they have a better chance at succeeding because there is someone that is focusing on the downtown. Mr. Donohue stated businesses know they want to come into a well-managed environment. He further stated as we develop the master plan, that will help with budget issues. If the Gene Carroll development happens, that alone will bring approximately \$120,000 back on the tax rolls. He stated there are 10 other development sites, and we need to look at the DDA and we need to share the gain. He further stated the DDA is so small, we will share money back into the general fund.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Galeas stated he would like to see some information about the percentages of the water rates. Councilmember Ryzyi stated he was going to ask Lynne if the City decided they were going to be paying for lifestyle drugs such as Viagra.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kivell stated there are 52 pages of statement from Peters True Value Hardware and no one has asked one single question on them is not the way to deal with this, a phone call or an understanding that the department heads actually approve what is budgeted and what goes into our budget and into our bills, please use common sense. Councilmember Kivell stated he is looking forward to the car show this week and the weather looks perfect.

Councilmember Ryzyi stated he requested the bills and it was a fight to get the bills from Johnson Rosati. Attorney Wilhelm stated there has never been a fight to get the bills. Councilmember Ryzyi stated hopefully it is straightened out and we get them on time. He further stated it is very important to look at the bills and especially with the waiving of bids. Councilmember Ryzyi asked Department Head Martin if he looked into the other pump companies he found for the pump for the fountain. Department Head Martin stated there are 8 companies in the state of Michigan that sell the flow master pumps. The problem is 6 of the 8 only have sales, no sales and service. He stated we did our due diligence. He further stated we went straight to the Aqua Master Company and asked them who they would choose. He stated one of the companies focuses in sprinkler systems. He further stated he is very comfortable with the decision that was made. Just because you google something and see different names, it doesn't mean they are comparable for what we need. Councilmember Ryzyi stated there are multiple suppliers but his point is there are other companies and he wants to make sure we aren't waiving the bid process. Department Head Martin stated we purchased from a company in Shelby Township to get parts. He further stated the other companies would take our product and send them off to Indiana, we made a choice with our due diligence being done. Councilmember Ryzyi stated he wants competitive bids in the future and we just had the largest tax increase in a decade, and he is going to be questioning the bid process, the attorney bills, and he will not apologize for it. Councilmember Ryzyi stated the South Lyon Herald

article had some comments about the Council. He further stated it isn't the Council that makes our City great, it is the residents and the employees. If there is some discontent on Council, it is because Council is getting things done. He stated we will have a new Council in November and everyone will have an opportunity to have their voices heard. Councilmember Rzyzi stated there is a trend in the City of nicely painted rocks that are being hid in the City and it speaks to the value of our City and it makes our community nice. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he visited the new Mediterranean restaurant and they were lined up out the door. He stated the MATCATS wrestling tournament is this Friday in McHattie Park. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she gave Council a court case for Macomb Township. She stated it is a court case brought by the former supervisor that sued the township for violations of the open meetings act. She stated one of the complaints is the board didn't take a roll call vote to enter into a closed session. She stated the OMA states a roll call vote is necessary as well as Robert's Rules of Order. She stated it needed to be a roll call vote to be done in alphabetical order. She stated people can abstain from a roll call vote. She further stated it is clear that Robert's Rules of Order that an actual roll count take place. She stated she looked at the minutes from May 13, 2013, February 9, 2015 and again on February 25, 2013 all do not reflect a roll call vote, which violates the open meetings act and Roberts Rules of Order. She further stated the open meetings act require the minutes to reflect what action is to be taken. She further stated on February 11, 2013 there was no roll call vote as well. She stated when Kivell states he has not been part of a violation he is wrong. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is looking forward to the Arts and Cars show on Wednesday of this week. She stated she wants to thank Chief Kennedy for all of the new recruits he has brought into the Fire Department and it reflects the commitment to the City. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to thank all of the seniors in the community, they have spent countless hours volunteering with the schools, the City or their Church. She stated she would like to have a senior of the year award and she thinks there are many people that would like to nominate someone and she is a proponent for that. She stated she is listening to the seniors and she is fighting for them. Mayor Galeas stated this Council needs to understand that all of us serve the residents and we should be respectful and have some dignity with what we do. He stated there is so much stuff that makes it very difficult to do this job. He further stated our meetings mask the good that is going on. There is so much distrust with people. He stated we can learn a lot from our seniors and it is important that we are just a little speck and people should be careful who you put your trust in. He further stated it is a scary time to be living in and people don't understand how to respect. People, shop downtown, and how to treat people with dignity. He further stated he hopes the personal attacks will stop because it doesn't help anyone. Whoever is in charge needs to treat everyone with respect. Mayor Galeas reminded everyone to shop downtown, the concert in the park is Friday night, along with the MATCATS and Wednesday night is the arts and cars show downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

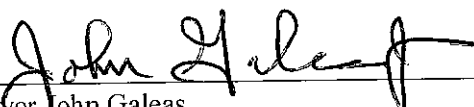
CM 7-7-17 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:55 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted.


 Mayor John Galeas


 Clerk Lisa Deaton

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