

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 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, Kramer, Kurtzweil, Rzyzi and Wedell
Also Present: Chief Collins, Department Head Martin, Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk Deaton
Absent: City Manager Ladner, and Councilmember Parisien

Mayor Galeas stated Councilmember Parisien is on her honeymoon.

CM 8-1-17 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE OF COUNCILMEMBER PARISIEN

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kurtzweil
Motion to excuse absence of Councilmember Parisien

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES- 7-24-17

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 7 it states his tax bill went up \$30.00 but it should say \$31.00

CM 8-2-17 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Rzyzi
Motion to approve minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the expenditure report shows that as of July 31st the administration budget has used 9.79% of their budget, and if it continues they will be overbudget in the next 12 months. She stated she is going to stay on the mantra of watching the expenditures and watching for red flags. Councilmember Kramer asked about the charge for a car rental reimbursement. Chief Kennedy stated one of their newer drivers had a collision with a private citizen. He stated the driver made too quick of a left turn.

CM 8-3-17 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer
Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she recalls at the last meeting there was an appointment to the Planning Commission that was delayed until this meeting and she doesn't understand why it isn't on here. She further stated the applicant would have done a good job and she is very qualified. She stated she would assume the votes would be there to appoint her. Councilmember Kivell stated we should wait until we have a full board. Mayor Galeas stated it is a timing issue with not having a full board, he thought it

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should wait. Councilmember Rzyzi stated usually appointments aren't controversial and he thinks Ms. Kopkowski is qualified for the Planning Commission and he will vote to approve the appointment if Council adds this to the Agenda, if not he is ok with waiting.

CM 8-4-17 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alissa Carruth of 330 S Warren stated she is here to speak representing a coalition of concerned South Lyon residents. She stated for years we have had a certain amount of cohesiveness between government and residents. Although we haven't always agreed as in any kind of debate, it wasn't due to bad blood or vindictiveness, but rather opens a dialogue to move the City forward. She further stated through experience, accessibility, transparency and general level headedness is expected and most of you demonstrate. She stated in the last 2 years our trust in local government has wavered, our patience has grown thin, and our stability is being threatened, constructive debate has become destructive debate. Otherwise productive and efficient meetings have become long drawn out and anarchic proceedings. She stated experienced Councilmembers have decided it is no longer worth their time and energy and we can't blame them. She stated to top it off the South Lyon Water Department, Sewer Department and Department of Public Works superintendent Bob Martin has turned in his resignation. Even wearing all the different hats, he has had a successful and much appreciated 38 years of service to our community. We are extremely grateful for his service to our community. She stated his resignation has stirred up disappointment and angst from residents, employees and colleagues. In an underappreciated role, he has been one of the finest if not the finest public servants in this City. Heading up 3 departments and saving us many dollars. She further stated he deserves nothing less than our utmost respect. Bob is a staple in South Lyon for his sense of community and his selfless volunteerism and we look forward to that continuing. It is a career ending too soon no doubt due to the juvenile behavior of Council. She stated you get the Council you ask for and we refuse to stand by and watch the City be taken over by antagonistic rhetoric that intends to rile up the Council and general populous. She stated you all ran for Council because you love this City and in the best interest of the City, we request, or demand for the resignation of Councilmember Kurtzweil.

Marilyn Smith of the South Lyon Resale Shop stated we should all stand and applaud Bob Martin for his years of service and he will be missed more than anyone knows and she hopes 2 of you are happy with what you have done.

Josie Kearns representing the Cultural Arts Commission stated they had a lot of help with the Arts and Cars show. Linda Robinson of the Cultural Arts Commission stated it was dark and there was an elderly artist that was very meticulously packing up and it was a long process, and a police officer kept the light on them until they were packed up and ready to go. She further stated she didn't get his name, but she did go to the Police station and found out it was Detective Whittrock. Ms. Kearns thanked everyone that helped and they hope to do the Arts and Cars show again next year.

Dan Pelchat 255 Wellington stated he wanted to thank Mike Kramer, Harvey Wedell, John Galeas and Bob Martin for their commitment to the City. He further stated it is easy to say you want to get involved but you are always on the job. He then wished Bob Martin luck and stated he is very happy for him. Mr. Pelchat stated he has enjoyed working with Rich Perry, Amber King, and Steve Kaukonen on the Cable

Commission, but he has resigned and wanted to announce he is running for Mayor of the City of South Lyon.

Judy Keeling of 61280 Arlington Circle stated she would like to thank Joe and Maggie for their hard work and the investigating that they do before the meetings and thanks them for being part of the City.

Dean Whitcomb of 25885 McCrory Lane stated he wants to thank Bob Martin, he has known him for many years, dealing with the Junior League and other organizations. He stated Bob has always done what he said he was going to do and always asked what else he can do. He further stated Bob is the best.

Kenyson Borkowski of 112 Harvard stated she is also announcing she is also running for Mayor as a write in candidate.

Superintendent Bob Martin of 695 N Crest, 23500 Dixboro and 376 Dorothy which are all working and living places. He stated he wants to say thank you for a chance he was given on March 23rd, 1979. He stated he just moved to the City and he was working for the DNR. He stated he walked into City Hall and ran into Gail Smolarz and Norma Wallace and he asked if they had a water treatment center. Norma then told him to go to the water plant and talk with the superintendent, and that was 38 years ago. He stated he loves music and Jackson Browne did a song called This Is My Opening Farewell. He stated he has been blessed to work for the City. He further stated he has worked with 3 terrific City Managers, Rod Cook, David Murphy and now Lynne Ladner. He further stated he has worked with 3 Fire Chiefs, Chuck Buers, Craig Kaska and Mike Kennedy. Department Head Martin stated he has worked with 2 Police Chiefs, Gerald Smith who we recently lost and Lloyd Collins and he is really lucky for that. Numerous Councilmembers as well. He stated he has had some incredible employees he has become friends with. The crew at City Hall, Phyllis, Judy, Joan, Lisa, Tara and Lori. Every day he walks in there is a moment of caring and love, and not a lot of people can say that about their job. He has worked with a special person Susan Martin who has made him stronger and better. He further stated the DPW employees care for the City so much. He replaced Steve Renwick who is in a hospital bed right now and he wishes him prayers and thanks him for his 38 years of service. Bob further stated he was hired by Linden Beebe who was unbelievable and it was understood you don't just take a test, you take every test every time and you pushed yourself to be better which is why he has been the superintendent there since he left. He stated the workers at the water plant such as Ron Beason, a gentleman named John Haas who worked for the City for many years. He further stated he met Dave Miller in college and they became friends, and he bumped into him again at the South Lyon water plant. He is the finest water person he has ever met and he gave 38 years to the City and he is the reason the water plant is what it is today. Bob stated 80 years ago a baseball player named Lou Gehrig announced he is the luckiest man in the world, but no, he is for getting to serve the City of South Lyon for so long. Bob stated he cannot forget his wife and children. He stated his children have been so proud of his job, and his wife has been supportive of his career as well. He then thanked all the citizens and residents of the City and he loves this City.

Ryan Lare of 760 Grand Court stated he wanted to thank Bob and we have cake for his retirement after the meeting in the conference room.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission resignation- Michelle Berry

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CM 8-5-17 MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MICHELLE BERRY

Motion by Wedell, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to accept resignation of Michelle Berry from the Planning Commission with thanks

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he wanted everyone to know Michelle is resigning from the Planning Commission to run as a write in candidate for Mayor. Mayor Galeas stated if anyone is interested in being on a board, please go onto the City's website and fill out the application.

2. Consider request from Parks and Recreation for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment

Councilmember Kivell asked if the playground equipment went out for bid. Jodi Movens from Parks and Recreation stated all companies don't have the same equipment, but the prices were similar. She stated they are all from the same suppliers, but different companies. They have been working on this for a few months. This company offered everything they were asking for and the City already has a relationship with them. Councilmember Kramer asked if the Parks & Recreation Commission should recommend the equipment to the City Manager, then the City Manager look for bids. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it seems quite often we are dealing with the issue of bidding, she then asked Tim if he and Lynne have looked into amending the ordinance. Attorney Wilhelm stated he has spoken with Lynne but she hasn't directed him to draft a new ordinance. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it says they want to secure City Council approval along with authorization for the funds donated from the Lion's Club, but she doesn't know if this would require a bid because they aren't using City funds. She further stated if the funds are consistent with the use the funds were donated for, we would just need a resolution authorizing the release of the funds, and the bidding process wouldn't apply. Councilmember Kramer asked about the upkeep of the park. Department Head Martin stated they do. Councilmember Rzyzi thanked them for their work on this. He stated he fully trusts their recommendation. He stated we need some understanding about the bid process, but he wants to move this forward as soon as possible. Councilmember Kivell stated Council could make an approval with a contingency about the funding and if the City Manager doesn't see any red flags. Ms. Movens stated the quote doesn't include removing the old equipment. Councilmember Kramer stated we will need the cost of the removal of the old equipment and the installation of the new. Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked Parks and Recreation for modernizing the city park. Councilmember Kivell stated when he started the playground equipment was generously donated from Michigan Seamless Tube and we were grateful to have it, but the kids were happy when we got the colorful playground equipment too.

CM 8-6-17 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the purchase of the Burke playground equipment of stand-up digger, kid force spinners, orbiton and comet for \$6,900 as long as City Manager approves and authorizing the funds used from Lion's Club donation

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consider purchase of 1 LifePak 1000 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and battery

Chief Collins stated this is to replace their last remaining LifePack 500 which is barely serviceable and out of warranty. He stated his budget plan was to replace all the 500's with the LifePack 1000's. He stated we want to stay with Physio-Control because they are the same ones used by the Fire Department

and Huron Valley Ambulance. This also allows us to get pads interchangeable and we get new pads when they are used. He stated the total amount is \$2,656.78. That is below the \$5,000 which requires competitive bidding. Councilmember Kivell asked what happens with the ones that are turned back into the company. Chief Collins stated they are no longer supported and parts are hard to get. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated Tim should speak with Lynne regarding the amount department heads are allowed to spend without Council approval. She stated the amount should be higher, she is looking at streamlining governmental decisions. She further stated only when the contract exceeds \$5,000 is when the competitive bid is necessary. She thinks it was a waste of time for him to have to come to Council and ask for this, and she is asking this ordinance be reviewed for immediate modernization. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he believes the amount should be raised as well because he has trust in our department heads, especially Chief Collins.

CM 8-7-17 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF LIFEPAK 1000 AED AND BATTERY

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve the purchase of 1 LifePak 1000 AED and battery from Physio-Control for \$2,656.78

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider resolution to prohibit all truck turns at the intersection of Lake and Lafayette Streets to submit to RCOC

The Economic Development/DDA Director Bob Donohue stated a lot of credit should go to Chief Collins. He stated he and Chief Collins met with the TIA and it took a while longer, but we finally got this done. He stated all truck turns will be eliminated and rerouted to Reynolds Sweet or any trucks going to MST will go down McMunn. He stated the trucking companies will be notified by RCOC and our Police Department will do the enforcement. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked where the \$6,000 will be coming from for the purchase of the signs. Department Head Martin stated it will come from the budget for signage, he always has money in the budget for sign replacement. Councilmember Rzyzi asked about the line item for signs. Department Head Martin stated it is in the Local and Major Street Funds. Councilmember Kivell stated it has been mentioned numerous times that the line item doesn't have to balance, the department does. Councilmember Rzyzi stated this is very much needed and he fully supports this, but in the future, he wants to know where the money will be coming from. He knows this has been discussed for about a year, but he wants to know where the money is coming from. A lot of hard work by Bob Donohue and Chief Collins. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated anytime someone comes to Council for money, she wants a note regarding where the money will be coming from including the line item number. It is a cultural change and we need to look at the line items, this is a positive change. Mr. Donohue stated it will be completed 2-3 months after they receive the resolution. Mayor Galeas stated the business owners downtown have been adamant trying to get this changed. The pole on the corner has been hit so many times, and the clock post as well. He further stated in the past they were told no one can do anything because they are county roads, but once we actually got RCOC and the TIA to see the problems, they agreed. He stated it will take some getting used to by the truck drivers, but it will happen. Chief Collins stated they will probably give a few breaks at the beginning but truck drivers don't like tickets and the slow learners will get them.

CM 8-8-17 MOTION TO APPROVE RCOC RESOLUTION PROHIBITING TRUCK TURNS AT 10 MILE AND PONTIAC TRAIL

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to approve the resolution supporting and requesting RCOC to prohibit all trucks from turns at intersection of Ten Mile and Pontiac Trail and the posting of truck route signs, and the expenditure of an estimated \$6,000 for RCOC to fabricate and install all signs, including the ones located on the City streets as soon as possible

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Consider relocation and expansion of the Veteran's Monument

Mr. Donohue stated this item was brought up to him by a veteran in July 2016. He stated the veteran had some suggestions, but didn't know where to start. He further stated he spoke with Councilmember Wedell, and he directed him to the VFW. He further stated Don Beagle donated his services and came up with the concepts. He further stated we went to each of the veteran groups, then to the Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission and the Historical Commission. He stated if this is approved tonight, the veterans will begin raising funds, which it may take a year or 2 to raise the \$30,000. Mr. Donohue stated he is a veteran as well and he thought with all the publicity the War Dog Memorial is getting our local veterans needed something as well. Mayor Galeas stated he always felt something more was needed for the veterans. Councilmember Rzyzi stated there seems to be some misinformation going around. Someone created a panic that the memorial was going to be moved, but it is actually going to be replaced by a bigger, better more appropriate memorial. He further stated knowing everyone is on board, it shows this is a wonderful project. He further stated it is fitting for Councilman Wedell for voting on this and he thanked him for his service. It is nice to have veterans on Council. Mr. Donohue stated the actual monument will be moved and will be the centerpiece. Councilmember Kivell stated he believes it will be easier for them to accomplish the donations once it is an approved plan because people will know the project is going to happen. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has attended services there before and she has attended other places as well, and she always felt that the corner was not respectful to our wonderful veterans. She stated if you don't believe in the worth of a veteran, talk to one about the freedom of speech, and they will be the first to say they fought for freedom of speech, and fought for the right to associate freely, to gather in the public square but not to raise your violence. She stated this community has a lot of veterans and she strongly supports the veterans and she cannot think of anything more we can do to support and thank those individuals that have given so much of their lives. She further stated with considering what happened in Charlottesville, freedom of speech is saying what you want to say, and she may not agree, but everyone has a right to speak their opinion and she respects that. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated this memorial will mean a lot to all the men and women that have given their lives and for the generations that haven't gone to war, spend some time with a vet and learn your history. This is a very important project for the City to take on. Councilmember Kivell stated the existing memorial was blessed by the honor of the people having celebrations there, but it will be nice to enhance the whole package and give them more space. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated you have families that come and spend quiet time at these places. She stated you don't get the quiet time at the current location, you can't forget about the families of the veterans and she wished we would have done this sooner. Councilmember Wedell stated he wants to disclose he is the Commander of the American Legion here in town, and we do a lot of things with the VFW but he doesn't have a stake in anything that would preclude him from voting on this.

CM 8-9-17 MOTION TO APPROVE RELOCATION AND EXPANSION OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the relocation and expansion of the Veterans Monument at the Historic Village, Adjacent to and incorporating the Blue Star Membership, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and the Historical Commission, and as designed in the proposed site plan dated May 10, 2017

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked Department Head Martin if his salary is paid from the enterprise funds. Department Head Martin stated it is. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if his salary is split between water and sewer and DPW. He stated no. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated at the last meeting she brought up the revenue statement and she spoke with Lori Mosier who is the best bookkeepers a municipality can have and she said the state revenue sharing seemed high because there will be an adjustment made so the number will come down a bit. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she contacted Plante Moran and she asked them if they can break out the water department versus the sewer water department. She stated reason being is for years the sewer and water department had been operating at a loss and it was difficult to determine where the loss was coming from. She stated if you break them out you can see which rates need to be raised. She further stated she spoke with them regarding borrowing money from our enterprise funds. She stated Plante Moran said we could do that, but it has to be an arms-length transaction with terms, conditions and with the current interest rate. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated at the last meeting Kivell stated the unrestricted/restricted funds came from the state. She stated we are a private utility, therefore the State wouldn't be involved with what portion of the money is restricted. She stated Plante Moran told her several years ago, they thought the City made a resolution deciding where the money would fall whether it was restricted or unrestricted. She stated the City's finances are outdated and they need a new resolution as to how the restricted versus unrestricted funds will be. She stated when we were going through the budget cycle we had a revenue sheet showing 1.6 million, and when she spoke with Plante Moran, their rough estimate is it will be closer to 2.5 million. She is asking how our balances could be off by a million dollars. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated that is a huge swing, and it makes her question the numbers in the budget. Councilmember Kramer stated Lynne should be bringing these issues to us. Plante Moran should be dealing with Lynne and the entire Council. He further stated he would like this brought to the City Manager's attention. Councilmember Kramer stated we all had issues with the budget and the whole process needs to be overhauled. Councilmember Wedell stated Ms. Kurtzweil misidentified where the disagreement was at the last meeting, it was about property tax, not the revenues. Councilmember Kivell stated he has no qualms about Maggie speaking with our expert auditors. He further stated he applauds any additional information we can get, although he wishes the City Manager would be doing this instead of Council. He further stated he will not be surprised to find out we are in a better position than what was presented to Council at the budget workshops. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he is not optimistic about the budget numbers. He further stated he is glad these discussions are going on so we can hopefully avoid another tax increase next year. Councilmember Rzyzi stated we have many 3rd party vendors such as the City Attorney, the planner and Safebuilt. He stated as Councilmembers there should not be an issue with Council contacting our vendors. He stated he would rather do his job here in the meetings, but if other people want to contact them, he doesn't have an issue with it. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is going to continue to contact anyone that she can in

order to understand the budget, it was a fiasco this spring and a lot of this is learning on the job. She stated she will bring the information back to Council so we can move forward together.

Mayor Galeas stated he spoke with Plante Moran and he told them we need a better way to get the budget information to Council. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is staying on top of balancing budgets. She further stated East Lansing is proposing an income tax proposal to tax their downtown businesses. She stated she would not support such a thing. She stated they are doing so to enhance their revenue instead of balancing their budget. She stated they also discussed a public safety millage, consolidating services, and a 5% reduction in City services. She further stated other cities are dealing with the same things we are. She stated we need to start strategizing how we are going to fund our 5 million unfunded liability.

DOWNTOWN

Mr. Donohue stated a lot of things going on, and the building owners are going to start coming in for their building projects. He stated Richard Rowe is beginning to talk to contractors and he is hoping to get the work done on his 3 buildings this fall. Mr. Donohue stated the Hotel is hoping to open with a limited menu for Pumpkinfest. Mr. Donohue stated Ladies Night Out is being planned on November 17th. They have secured the billboard by Pullum Windows. Mr. Donohue stated he wants to add that as soon as he started, the first person that came to him and offered to help him in anyway was Bob Martin. He also took him around the City and he appreciates Bob's assistance and advice. He further stated it has been great working with someone of his caliber. He also stated the DPW workers are top notch in every way. Councilmember Rzyzi stated there is a lot of excitement about the Hotel opening and he is hoping they are opened by Pumpkinfest, he sees them working hard every day. Mayor Galeas stated he is friends with Cory Bala and he is one of the nicest guys, but he is also tenacious and if he says they will be opened for Pumpkinfest he believes it. He stated the railing looks amazing. We have some pretty amazing business owners in this town. He further stated he goes to the Salvation Army often, and he also goes to the resale shop as well. These businesses are gems and everyone should visit them.

Councilmember Kivell asked if the Farmers Market is going well. Mr. Donohue stated it is going well, but we haven't been at maximum capacity, but they are trying to focus more on vegetables and plants than artisans. Most people are happy about that, although some are not. He further stated Tim Davids is the new Market Manager. Councilmember Kivell stated he would hate to see a lull in the action at the current location until the transition takes place. Mr. Donohue stated in a 3-5-year period we will have to have a new home for the Market and that is a good problem to have.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the downtown is having record attendance at our events, such as the Lake Street Cruise in, the Arts and Cars, and the Blues Brews and Brats. They were absolutely packed. She further stated 3rd Monk and the Witches Hat was packed as well. Mr. Donohue stated we have great community support for our events.

MANAGER'S REPORT- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to highlight a couple of things. We have differences on this Council and they are ideological differences and at most meetings there are dust ups regarding the budget. She stated questions on things such as invoices and bills aren't about criticizing people, it is about Council's responsibility of fiscal management of the taxpayer's dollars. She further stated it is the statutory responsibility of Council to appropriate and levy taxes. She stated we have differences in the budget process. She said she didn't vote for the budget because there is deficit spending in this budget and she doesn't feel that is appropriate. She is a very efficient fiscal person and the City received a corrective action letter from the State stating the expenditures exceeded revenues for the past 3 years. She

stated the battles she has been fighting was validated through that letter. She further stated 8 months after receiving that letter, she experienced the absolute worst budgeting experience in her life and she is hoping we can correct that. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the most disheartening thing that hasn't been addressed is the 5 million pension liability and legacy costs. She stated we have 3 options, raise taxes, dissolve the Police Department and hire the Oakland County sheriff or wait until the dollar amount is high enough and file bankruptcy. She further stated we don't have a good option and if this had been dealt with years ago we may be in a different position. You have to look back at what has been done so we can learn from it, move forward with a plan and a strategy. For people that think there is negativity or toxicity up here she encourages them to watch the meetings because most of the problems are the budget. She further stated we have to get the finances in order. You won't have a downtown if you don't get the finances in order.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has been asked many times and she has given everyone the same answer, she is not interested in running for Mayor. She wants to thank everyone that suggested this to her, left petitions under her door, and pulled her aside, but she hasn't changed her position. She further stated it isn't fair to the candidates to have this hanging out there, and she has made commitments until the 2018 Election cycle and she will not go back on that. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would like to commend all of the candidates running for Mayor. She stated it is very important to move forward with new generation of leaders with individuals that come forward with problem solving skills. We have very serious issues coming toward us. We need to make the tough decisions and forget about getting reelected. She further stated the community will stand behind Council if you articulate the reasons why and if you have good communication skills you will be fine. She stated she would like to commend the 3 women that are running for Mayor. She further stated women moving into politics is important for the City to move forward. She stated the lady that spoke earlier asking for her resignation is part of the resistance and part of the problem, but she respects her opinion. The problem is that women are picked apart more than men, especially in politics. She further stated she was told many years ago that I wasn't wanted on Council because of my gender. She further stated there was a dust up between herself and a councilmember at the Christmas party in 2015 because of her gender and she will not repeat what she said. She wishes all of the Mayoral candidates do well.

Councilmember Kramer stated the vote in Lyon Township was 7-0 to hire Bob Martin. They know what they are getting, he hopes we know what we are losing. He further stated he wishes we could have kept him here to finish out his career. You are the face of South Lyon and we wish you the best.

Mayor Galeas asked Department Head Martin if he will still be handling the music in McHattie Park. Department Head Martin stated our music program has gotten bigger and more powerful and he hopes to see everyone there this Friday night with Rich Eddy's. He stated we are closing out the series next Friday with a dedication to Sgt. Peppers' 50th anniversary. He stated it is a wonderful night and the friendships that have been made at the gazebo is tremendous and he thanks the City for the opportunity.

Councilmember Ryzyi stated he will not run for Mayor either. He stated if someone is going to run for Mayor it must be the right time, and this isn't the time for him. He stated there has been some fake news going around that no one wants to be the Mayor of South Lyon. He further stated he doesn't think people generally knew there was a deadline and maybe if it had been announced who was or wasn't going to run for Mayor and Council more people would have filed. He further stated with 8 candidates stepping up, obviously people do want to be the Mayor. He stated the people that impressed him the most is the people that came out early. He stated he isn't going to endorse anyone, but it needs to be someone new that can lead the City into a new direction. He further stated he didn't have time to meet all the candidates, but he does like the style of Mr. Powell and he likes the people that tell it like it is but still be

respectful. He stated when dealing with unfunded liabilities, that is how you make change. He looks forward to working next to whomever is elected Mayor.

Councilmember Ryzyi stated Bob Martin was one of the first people that welcomed him to the City and he gave him a tour of the water/sewer plant. He stated everything he has done for the City is appreciated. He further stated Lyon Township is getting a good employee and congratulated him. He then thanked Ryan Lare for bringing a cake for Bob.

Councilmember Ryzyi stated at the last meeting there was an exchange with Councilman Kivell about the increase in taxes. He stated he pulled his taxes and his statement was the difference between last year and this year was \$30.00 He stated the reason the raise in taxes was so low was because the school mill was lowered from 9.6 mills to 9.0 mills. He stated what happened was City Council started with the budget discussion of a 2-mill tax increase, then we had a final meeting and raised it .6838 mills. What happened was we raised it and it was the largest tax increase in a decade or two, but since the school lowered their debt made it a wash. He further stated he wants to make it clear because saying it wasn't that much money isn't correct.

Councilmember Ryzyi stated he wants to wish the Panthers a wonderful season which is starting today. He thanked Councilmen Kramer for his service with the Panthers.

Councilmember Ryzyi stated the Blues, Brews and Brats was a nice event and he thanked the Chamber for putting that on. He further stated he wants to thank Chief Kennedy and thanks to Kenyson regarding the spray park that the Fire Department put on. They put one on for the general public, then another one for the children at the kid's club. He stated Kenyson approached Chief Kennedy years ago and that is what started it and the kids have a great time.

Councilmember Kivell stated Brews, Blues and Brats was a nice time, perfect weather and everyone performed well. He further stated Andrea from the Chamber assured him they wouldn't abandon the City when they moved to Lyon Township and he thanked her for that.

Councilmember Kivell stated he feels terrible and is heartbroken that Bob Martin is leaving. He stated he watched the meeting where Lyon Township made the offer and the positive spirit that was in the room was great. He further stated the collegiality and positive spirit in the room was palpable and he hopes they act that way all the time. He further stated he will be a huge asset to them. He further stated Bob is the most stand up genuine person he has ever met and he thanked him for everything he has done for the City.

Councilmember Wedell thanked Bob for everything.

Mayor Galeas stated he has gotten to know Bob really well, he is like a throwback to what work ethic is really about. You don't see many people that work like he does. He is the first one to not take any credit for the work his guys do. He further stated Lyon Township is getting the best and we are losing the best.

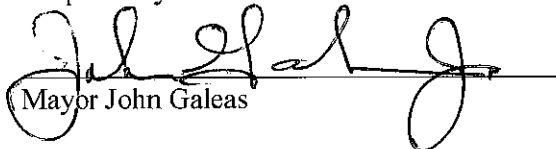
ADJOURNMENT

CM 8-10-17 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Ryzyi, supported by Kramer

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.


Mayor John Galeas


Clerk Lisa Deaton

8/14/17