

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2018

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

Present: Mayor Pelchat, Councilmembers: Kivell, Kennedy, Kurtzweil, Parisien, Richards and Walton  
Also present: Chief Collins, Attorney Wilhelm, Department Head Boven, Fire Chief Vogel, and Deputy Clerk Pieper  
Absent: Clerk Deaton

MINUTES

Councilmember Parisien stated on page 3 the word sated should be changed to stated. Attorney Wilhelm stated he forwarded an email to Council with numerous changes. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated all changes need to be made on the record. He then read aloud from his email. Page 5, New Business #4, CM 3-8-18 MOTION TO APPOINT ANNE BUCHTRUP TO THE DDA BOARD.

The vote on this matter is not included in the minutes. My recollection is that this was approved unanimously.

Page 6, New Business #7, CM 3-11-18 MOTION TO APPROVE REVISED AGREEMENT

The vote on this matter is not included in the minutes. My recollection is that it was approved unanimously.

As an additional suggestion, while I have not reviewed the recording of this meeting and motion, the Motion as stated in the minutes lacks detail although the surrounding context and agenda note materials include the details. To avoid confusion and to ensure that the City Council's actions are fully and accurately stated in the minutes, which are the official record of its actions, Council may wish to use, read, and revise as needed, the proposed motions provided on the agenda notes which can then be reflected in the minutes. Thus, for example, CM 3-11-18 could be revised to state: "Motion to approve the revised Plante Moran Engagement Letter and Addendum and authorize the Clerk to sign it" which follows the proposed motion on the agenda note.

As an aside – are agenda items and materials which are added to an agenda also added to the city website or somehow reflected?]

Page 6, New Business #8, CM 3-12-18 MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH POAM

Pat's name is misspelled; should be "Aseityne"

The vote on this motion is not included. I believe it was passed unanimously.

Note, the heading for CM 3-12-18 does not have the detail, but the motion following the heading includes the additional detail regarding authorization to sign the document. Good job.

Page 9, ITEM VII – closed session.

The closed session heading is not included. Also, the CM 3-12-18 duplicates CM 3-12-18. The motions on page 9 should be renumbered CM 3-13-18 and so on. Additionally, the purpose of the closed session is not included in the minutes. The purpose and statutory references are included on the Agenda but that information is not included in the minutes. I suggest that the minutes be revised to state: "CM 3-13-18 MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECITON 8(h) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268(h) TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS WRITTEN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION ON LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO A PERSONNEL MATTER, WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER MCL 15.243(1)(g) OF THE FOIA.

The next motion to direct the City Attorney . . . should be CM 3-14-18. The vote on this motion is not included and should be added.

The motion to adjourn should be CM 3-15-18, and the vote should be added.

Councilmember Richards stated he wanted to mention to Attorney Wilhelm he received everything he sent to him. It worked ok and he read every line. Seems it has already been decided. He may not have been home, but luckily, he did receive it from Tim, but please let him know when something is coming.

CM 4-1-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilmember Kennedy asked about the invoice for the roof that was fixed on the rental party. The cost came in 20% over the estimate. Has anyone looked at what the rental cost should be on that property? Councilmember Kivell stated \$1200-\$1500 a month was told to him by Abe Ayoub. Councilmember Richards stated the resident intends on moving within a year and he has been a great tenant for many years.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the payroll report shows Chief Collins salary in March was \$13,902.00 Chief Collins stated it should equate to 125% of his pay. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated if you multiply that by 12, it equals that to \$168,000.00 Chief Collins stated that amount is not correct. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked what is changing. Chief Collins stated he will calculate it. He further stated that is not the correct amount.

Councilmember Richards stated he totaled the last column in the revenue report and there is an over run of \$54,689.00. He then stated what he doesn't understand is this projected savings, or extra money over budget, or is this really cash. Chief Collins stated that is money collected as of March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. Council can decide to allocate the funds where they see fit. Councilmember Richards stated if we have extra money, we should use it elsewhere.

CM 4-2-18 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 OPPOSED

CITY ATTORNEY BILLS

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked about a charge on his attorney bills for a FOIA request made to the Police Department. Attorney Wilhelm stated he doesn't recall. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there was another charge on February 21 regarding a FOIA as well. Correspondence to Police Department regarding a FOIA request, who did you talk to. Attorney Wilhelm stated it was regarding a FOIA request by a resident and he spoke with Lieutenant Sovik. Councilmember Richards commended Attorney Wilhelm on all of the bills. He then asked if the extra hours regarding the personnel matter is separate from the retainer. Attorney Wilhelm stated that this is included in the general retainer.

CM 4-3-18 MOTION TO APPROVE ATTORNEY BILLS

Motion by Parisien, supported by Walton

Motion to approve attorney bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 OPPOSED

AGENDA

Chief Collins stated he would like to add an old business under #5 for a rezoning of 500 Stryker.

CM 4-4-18 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED – 1 OPPOSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Hamlin, 6864 6 Mile Road in Northville Michigan. He stated he owns 5H Farms and has been farming a small portion of Volunteer Park for 6 years. His contract was up in 2016, but he also farmed it in 2017. He stated we have a maintenance agreement to start cleaning up the property of weeds and saplings, at his expense for being able to farm the land. That was the repayment for his long hours of work. He is asking to have another contract again. On his behalf it seems it was a big waste of time for him to beautify that property. If the City starts dumping leaves there again, you will get more than leaves, people will start dumping there. Please consider that a sacred piece of ground, not a dumping site. Ryan Cottingin of the Witches Hat stated he is here to speak against the liquor license ordinance. The City is wasting time and money on something that is already taken care of. He is disappointed the same ordinance again. There was discussion earlier about involving the businesses. He stated there are so many things that go above and beyond what the State already handles. He further stated we pull temporary outdoor events, we raise money and food for people in this town. Chief Collins has to sign off on each one already. He wished the City would have involved the business owners. He is against this, this is anti-business. This doesn't make sense.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion- downtown

Bob Donohue stated he is continuing having discussions with different business owners that are interested in coming into town. He further stated two additional wine bars are interested. Mr. Donohue stated he has been meeting with the Farmers Market manager and it will be expanded and more improvements. He further stated with the recommendation from the DDA for the criteria for over the road banners. Councilmember Parisien asked if all the businesses will be involved with Ladies Night. Mr. Donohue stated we are trying to upgrade the event. The event last November was very successful, we had plenty of time and money for that event. We don't have that much time to plan this one on such short notice. Councilmember Parisien asked if the businesses are using their own money for that event, can we at least advertise for them. Mr. Donohue stated of course. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there is a picture on the City website under the DDA board and it has a watermark and it needs to be removed from the website. She then stated you have to be careful when you get pictures off the internet and use them without the copyright is wrong and it needs to be removed immediately. Councilmember Kivell stated he has enjoyed the comments about the downtown on Facebook recently, but you referenced the custom windows from Pullum, but the windows are actually Quaker windows. Councilmember Richards stated Providence was interested in purchasing 110 Detroit at one point, but the owner wouldn't sell. He stated Providence is now called Ascension, and he asked if they are interested in buying that property but they are not. He then stated Mr. Holden left the keys in the lift and someone could have gotten them. There were other tools left as well. He spoke with Mr. Holden and he ended up helping him with some things. He further stated Mr. Holden is doing a good job. Councilmember Richards asked if the DDA is paying for the banners downtown. Mr. Donohue stated anyone that wants to put up a banner will have to apply.

2. Consider second reading of liquor license ordinance

Councilmember Parisien stated the wrong agenda is on the website for the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. She then stated she takes issue with a few things in this ordinance. She stated on the application there is a written

statement for the character of financial responsibility and she has an issue with the 3 written references. There are things that need to be in there to protect the City but some of these things are burdens to our business owners as well as any new business owner. She stated the state has a very rigorous investigation, and the City doesn't need to be. She further stated there is a written statement explaining in detail how the application and the applicant meet the review criteria listed in sub section 5 and it just seems excessive. We do need some of the things in here, but such things as the financial status, that is already checked by the State, or the history and experience of the business owner. She doesn't want to turn away someone because they are a new business owner. Attorney Wilhelm stated the idea is to hit upon criteria that may come up in a discussion with a new owner such as where will they get the money to run the business. He further stated this list is designed for the applicant to provide the information up front. He stated Council is the policy makers, he can give the rationale as for why things were included, but you can decide what you want to do. Councilmember Parisien stated looking at this from a business owner standpoint, this seems restrictive. State Law already states they have to have a recommendation from a local government. Attorney Wilhelm stated they have to get approval from the City before the State. His perspective is this isn't unreasonable, anyone with a business plan will already have the information. He thinks you need to know who you are going to give the license to upfront. Councilmember Parisien asked if a business owner just paid the fee to the State of Michigan, but then they pay the fees to the City, and the City says no, can the State allow it anyway. Attorney Wilhelm responded if Council doesn't approve it, the State will not approve an on premisis license. Councilmember Kivell stated he understands everyone's concerns, but this license is considered a commodity by someone that really doesn't intend on setting up shop here, then they could take the license with them elsewhere. He stated we need to have the information to make sure they have a good chance to make a go of it. He doesn't have a problem with where this is going. He then asked about the notion about the brewers being overlapped in this has been discussed a few times. Attorney Wilhelm stated his opinion if the current license holders have been in business for more than 3 years, there could be a question if they change location. He further stated you only have one license left. If they want to transfer in or out of the City, they have to get the City's approval. Councilmembers Richards stated going parallel with what Councilmember Parisien was saying, the items Tim mentioned about all the reviews that has to take place, and he thinks there are 11 licenses in this town, and the way he read this, it makes the Council the soul board of review for all that come along without an individual board of reviews to make recommendations. He thinks there should be another intermediate board. He then stated it has happened in this town that a license was held by an 80-year-old man, and his son had the same name, and the older man that owns the license never comes into this town. Councilmember Kivell stated we have the ability to ask who owns the building, licenses and businesses, there are ways of checking social security numbers and such. Councilmember Parisien stated the State of Michigan law requires who owns what business, and the liquor license, and our Police Department does make those checks. She then stated she struggles with having the business owner present a business plan and they can't change it within 3 years, is difficult. Attorney Wilhelm stated he recommends getting more information up front, then deciding if to approve. Councilmember Parisien stated as she said at the last meeting, when you have a plan of operations and you present it to a board that doesn't have experience as to what a business plans should be. She struggles telling someone how to run their business. She then stated 60% of businesses fail in their first year, and for the business to survive, she doesn't want to make them bring this to us and make them wait for this process. She then asked if this would affect Pumpkinfest. Mr. Donohue stated he interfaces with a lot of liquor license holders, and he does think we need criteria for the class C license. He can usually tell in the first few minutes of the conversation if they can make a go of it. He thinks the criteria we have for the Class C licenses is important. Chief Collins stated on the temporary and special license issue, those permits require signature of Police chief, and if they aren't signed off on, the MLCC will not consider them. As to the business plan, this is an extreme example of what almost happened in the past, but supposed the business plan is for a nice family Italian restaurant, then after 6 months, they decide they aren't making it, and if we don't have this ordinance in place, and they decide to change their

business plans and the formerly draft street building had a sign put up that said they are putting in a Hooters, and everyone went nuts. Council could approve something, but without this in place, we could end up with something totally against what the residents want. Councilmember Kivell stated the notion of someone submitting a change of plan is not such an erroneous issue. It is a business opportunity and the City and the community can lose as well. The idea of the City not having some chance of weighing in on what changes they want to make. Councilmember Kennedy stated he thinks this is somewhat heavy handed, but he appreciates the explanation of what the consequences could be if we don't have some sort of ordinance in place. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she thinks the least amount of interference with the entrepreneurs the better. She doesn't think anyone on staff or on council has the sophistic skill set to go through someone's business plan will work in the city. You have to have a good financial background, and without the total picture of their finances, or their business partners, and structures of entities that may join the particular venture, you have no business telling a business owner what they can and can't do. She further stated restaurants don't appear to survive on the corner where Draft Street was. She doesn't know if it is because there is too much competition. She stated this is overregulated and anti-business. She then asked Ryan Cottingin if they own the building or lease it. Mr. Cottingin stated he is currently leasing but he is trying to purchase it to add a kitchen. He further stated in the past 3 years they opened in a small place, came to the City with a business plan. He stated they had a 38 seat tap room. Did not plan on distributing in the near future, but we were so busy we were running out of beer, so we had to double our tanks. We then went through a 6-month low because that is what happens. He stated they then had a lot of beer sitting in their tanks full of product they couldn't sell. So, a change in their business plan is what they did, they now have distributors selling their beer. They had to make that decision on a dime or they could have lost everything. He stated that was a situation they could have brought to Council for approval, but we don't know how long that approval would have taken. He then stated they then had to add outdoor seating to keep customers. He further stated there were a series of changes in their business plan that they had to make on a dime. Councilmember Parisien stated if this is passed tonight, when will it go into effect. Attorney Wilhelm stated 10 days after adoption and publication and the forms will have to be created. Councilmember Parisien stated the updated paperwork will need to be added to the website if it passes. Councilmember Kivell stated there should also be a timeline for when the applicant can expect an approval or a rejection. He then stated he can't imagine that any changes the Witches Hat mentioned would have been met with any resistance. The all seemed perfectly logical and doesn't understand why there would have been any issues with Council approving the changes. He doesn't think that we are impractical in the way we operate. It's a matter of what the circumstances are and the need to address things.

CM 4-5-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 8- ALCOHOLIC LIQUIOR SECTIONS 8-1 THROUGH 8-69

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the second reading of ordinance to add Chapter 8- Alcoholic Liquor, Sections 8-1 through 8-69, Version date 1/22/18 to the City of South Lyon Code of Ordinances to provide policies, procedures and regulations for liquor licenses and the operation of licensed premises

VOTE:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Parisien- No

Kennedy- Yes

Richards- No

Walton- No

Kurtzweil- No

Pelchat- No

MOTION FAILED

3. Consider setting date for public hearing Superb Fabricating, LLC, tax abatement request

Attorney Wilhelm stated this was discussed in the past, and he has since gathered more information from Oakland County Equalization and he is reluctant to put this off again, but that should allow more time for staff to understand the information and to give the applicant more information. He then stated rather than starting the timeline Council may want to consider postponing once again for 30 days. Mr. Donohue stated the information he received today he would suggest 30 days. Councilmember Parisien asked if this is time sensitive. Attorney Wilhelm stated, it isn't time sensitive until the district is approved. Councilmember Richards asked about that particular location, not far from there is Walkers Garage, then up the hill you have the storage units, would this district encompass all of that as well. Attorney Wilhelm stated this would be just for the applicant's property only. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would like to know the impact of taxes from OCE. She does not want to take a vote without a cost analysis. Attorney Wilhelm stated he hasn't gotten that far with OCE as of yet.

CM 4-6-18 MOTION TO POSTPONE FOR 30 DAYS

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to postpone agenda item #3 under Old Business regarding the request for a tax abatement for Superb Fabricating for 30 days

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider tax abatement application fee

Attorney Wilhelm stated Council has addressed this in the past, and we have samples of other community's application fees. Mr. Donohue stated we could match Lyon Township but we do not exceed that amount. Councilmember Parisien stated she has looked at 5 different communities and their fees were any where from \$350.00 to \$1,000. Attorney Wilhelm stated the applicant has to file an application with a fee, and if we charge \$350.00 as a flat fee, and the publications cost more than that, it is a cost to the community. You need to cover all of yours costs upfront. If it isn't all used, it can be given back to the applicant. Councilmember Kivell questioned if there is a sense of what is spent on rezoning issues or planning notices. Attorney Wilhelm stated a tax abatement doesn't require individual notices, it is largely a newspaper publication of public hearings, and it should cover staff time as well. Councilmember Kennedy stated we only have one chance to charge for any fees the City will have to endure, we then can give back any remainder of the money if it isn't all used. Attorney Wilhelm stated the application has a 60-day time limit once the district is approved. Further discussion was held regarding the different fee amounts other communities charge. Attorney Wilhelm stated he will find out a collective external cost with OCE.

CM 4-7-18 MOTION TO POSTPONE SETTING TAX ABATEMENT FEE FOR 30 DAYS

Motion by Richards, supported by Kivell

Motion to postpone the tax abatement application fee for 30 days

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Consider second first reading of rezone request- 500 Stryker

Carmine Avantini of CIB Planning stated he has met with the applicant many times in the past year. It is a challenging site, which is why there was a previous request for a storage facility. Since that time, someone built one on Griswold, so they decided not to do the storage facility. They have recognized they cannot utilize housing on the back of the property, so at this point they are looking to develop the front part of the property. The thing to keep in mind, what you see as the allowable number of units is the maximum. He stated the applicant has given them some layouts of what they are looking at, they are

probably going to be between 35 and 45 townhouses. He stated the traffic we will be looking at is approximately 230 vehicles a day. It is a nominal amount, not a significant traffic event. He then stated Planning Commission looked at this closely, and they think this is a good transitional use. Mr. Avantini stated there is a lot of thought that has been put into this, and he is comfortable with the rezoning request. Councilmember Parisien asked if a site plan has been submitted. Mr. Avantini said that doesn't happen until after the rezoning request is approved. He then stated one of the things they looked into is for them to look into circulation and access. Councilmember Richards stated in the event the 40 units is not attainable and they want to stop at 30, the other considerations allowed under the category, will they just submit a different site plan, or do they have to come back to Council. Mr. Avantini stated it depends if it fits in with the current zoning. Councilmember Richards stated a bridge across the Yerkes Drain would be solely the Drain Commission of Oakland County. They would have to put a deposit upfront, then it would have to be maintained. If that was done, would that come before Council. Mr. Avantini said he would have to check into that. Councilmember Kivell stated he is thinking the traffic is conservative, when you suggest one trip every 20 minutes, his concern is primarily trips during rush hour and how long will be sitting in traffic waiting for people to get out of that place. He then asked if the tax revenue is similar for the two zonings, he wants this to be to the benefit of the community. Mr. Avantini stated this will probably be at the lower range of tax generation. It is hard with the cost of infrastructure to build entry level housing. He then stated this will have more units that will be more saleable. Councilmember Kivell stated he isn't in favor of squeezing more homes into a small area, and he has seen some very normal to large size homes in Novi and Wixom that have 5 foot setbacks. Mr. Avantini stated you could, but it is questionable if it would be viable. Even if you could, you are looking at a different demographic that will be more hesitant to buy at that location as opposed to empty nesters. This is the best alternative from a tax perspective. He stated the master plan called for this kind of housing which is how you get more businesses in the downtown when there are more homes in the downtown area.

CM 4-8-18 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Motion by Richards, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of South Lyon, rezoning Parcel 21-29-176-012, 500 Stryker Street, from R-3 to RM-2

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED- 2 OPPOSED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider tree trimming by DTE on Liberty, Lake, Whipple, Washington and Warren streets

Councilmember Richards stated he admits he was wrong in jumping to conclusions and he apologizes. He approached this subject and didn't look at the big picture. He stated the 2 maps were from over a year ago, and it is hard to read. He further stated they were here every day with 10 trucks all in this quadrant. It is about a \$5,000 to \$9,000 for payroll a day. He stated they are the best in the business, and he would like the City to approach them with a price of \$7,000 to \$9,000 for 3 days of work in this section of town. He further stated we have 5,000 to 10,000 pounds of dead wood standing in that quadrant. This is an opportunity to save money and he is about saving money instead of someone submitting a bill, we should put our own bill together, if they want to do it, fine, if not, that is fine too, but we should go through DTE. Councilmember Kivell stated the idea of us trimming trees is a good idea, but the obligation is to identify which trees need action, then put it out to bid. We need 3 bids and use the lowest of the 3 bids. Councilmember Parisien stated she lives on one of these streets, and she just wants to ensure this could be construed as a conflict of interest. Councilmember Kennedy stated he agrees with Councilmember Kivell, we need to get 3 bids and if they want to bid for the job, they can. He stated they have a very good schedule and it is run very well, he doesn't know if DTE will disrupt their schedule for the City, but again, if they want to bid for the business, they may do so. He stated Normar is an approved vendor, but

the 3 bids are dictated to us in the City Charter. Councilmember Richards stated Normar does a lot of the work, his thoughts were to go through DTE because their contractors told them they cannot deal with the City directly. Councilmember Kennedy stated that sub-contractor could bid on the City's job if they wanted to, but we still need 3 bids. Councilmember Richards stated some day he would like the City to have a forestry division.

2. Consider date for public hearing for budget

CM 4-9-18 MOTION TO SET PUBIC HEARING DATE FOR 2018/2019 BUDGET FOR TUESDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.

Motion by Parisien, supported by Kennedy

Motion to set the public hearing date for 2018/2019 budget for the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wanted to make sure Council knows she has drafted a minimum balance general fund resolution and she assumes Lori and Brian are looking at it and it will be discussed at the next budget workshop. She then asked when the Interim City Manager received the reports from Warren Creamer for the water rates. Chief Collins stated probably within the last month. She stated that would have been helpful at the last meeting when he was discussing the utility rates. Chief Collins stated Mr. Creamer will be here to discuss his findings. She then asked if someone could contact MERS and ask if we can use some of the funds from the water and sewer funds to pay for selected groups on their unfunded pension portion, and you wouldn't have to raise taxes. Chief Collins stated he believes the divisions are based on bargaining units, and the unit which includes water and sewer and DPW and so it may not work. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she doesn't know why that would be relevent, lets ask and explore the opportunity. Chief Collins stated he will ask the question. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked where the plan on the DPW yard and things that is need to be fixed. Department Head Boven stated they are currently working on some of the things, and Dennis Smith has been out there as well. She then asked if there have been any amendments to the budget. Department Head Boven stated there will be at the next meeting because he just received some of the bills from the sewer main break.

MANAGERS REPORT

Chief Collins stated he wasn't prepared for Councilmember Kurtzweil's questions on his pay for the month of March, just by looking at it, based on the payroll report, March was a 3 pay period so there was an additional pay period in the report. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she just did the math. Chef Collins stated a pay period is when paychecks are issued, there was an additional paycheck in the month of March. Department Head Boven stated there are 3 pay periods a year which occurs in different months. Chief Collins stated the clerical union is coming up and he is asking for any changes Council or contract goals Council would like to add any interest. He then asked if any councilmembers would be interested in being part of the negotiations. Councilmember Parisien asked if when he would have to have any changes Council may like done. Chief Collins stated a few weeks would be fine, we are just beginning to work on it. Councilmember Kivell stated he wouldn't mind being involved if no other Councilmembers are interested, he is just offering, not questioning.

Chief Collins stated Warren Creamer will attend the May 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting to discuss the water and sewer rates, and he will forward his reports to Council.

Chief Collins stated we have had a meeting with City staff and we now have a process with the escrow issues we have had in the past. A process was formed that will include CIB Planning, our administrative assistant, as well as our zoning administrator. He stated today they sent out \$13,000 in invoices as of today. Councilmember Walton asked if there has been discussion with composting at Volunteer Park.



Chief Collins stated it is his understanding, when the contract with Volunteer Park Maintenance contract was up in November of 2017, City Manager Ladner sent him a letter to take the property back. He stated it is his understanding to save the City money, the City and DPW would resume composting at Volunteer Park. Councilmember Walton is concerned about that. Chief Collins stated right now we are paying a lot of money to transport the leaves to someplace else. Department Head Boven stated we could save a minimum of \$8,000 each year. Councilmember Walton stated she would like more information on that, she has some concerns especially when we are trying to develop the park. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she doesn't recall any conversations recently. She recalls there was many people upset about the possibility years ago. The gentlemen that we are currently under contract with spends his own money for clearing the property and he did so understanding he would be allowed to farm the property. There is a concern once we start composting we are putting spores in the air, and many people will be upset about that, including her. Councilmember Kivell stated this has been distorted to the point of unrecognizability. He stated when Bob Martin decided to start taking our leaves from the City to the park, rather than dump them at Stone Depot, that was to save money. Spurt Industries was the company that was wanting to have 40 acres of composting, it wasn't going to just be our leaves. He can see the residents being upset about that is understandable, but the idea of just our own leaves being put there is marginal. He stated Mr. Hamlin didn't pay the City a dime to use the park, he got to farm the park. He then stated we got the benefit of good land balancing, and he got the benefit of using the land for farming. He further stated we will not turn a blind eye to anyone dumping there, it would only be our leaves from the City. Councilmember Kurtzweil requested this be added to a future agenda. Councilmember Kennedy stated he knows the residents of the City are happy about having their leaves picked up, we are already paying GFL to pick up the bagged leaves, we need to see the difference in cost between us doing so or paying them to do it.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richards thanked everyone for being here. He then stated his 3 pillars of office is damage control, save the City money and save the city from potential disasters and there are a couple potential disasters in Lyon Township. He stated he has spoke with Lyon Township residents, and he feels strongly about a development with 10 feet between homes just outside of the City boundaries is a disaster. He wants people to be alerted to this. Councilmember Richards then reminded everyone of the creek cleaning this weekend on the 14<sup>th</sup> by the tube mill.

Councilmember Walton stated on April 12<sup>th</sup>, the South Lyon Hotel is hosting Ladies Night Out, South Lyon High is doing Little Shop of Horrors from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and South Lyon East is doing Mary Poppins on April 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> and they are phenomenal. She then reminded everyone Salem/South Lyon Library is hosting a shredding event on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-2:00.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated to the Mayor she will be doing some additional research on point of parliamentary procedures and when a motion has been made, it is placed before the board, and there is a rule that states you are not committed to vote, if the matter passes by vote. Once the vote reaches a majority, the Mayor was correct and he is not required to vote according to Roberts Rules of Order, she will be discussing this issue with some other individuals. She then thanked the Fire Chief and the DPW superintendent for being respectful for communicating to Council that they would be out of the City for their vacations. That sends a notice of respect and she thanked them for doing that. It speaks volumes to your management skills. She then thanked Abe Ayoub and the Kiwanis did a great job. Ashley Enstad was there as well. She then thanked the South Lyon Fire Department and a big thank you to the Oakland County Sheriff, Brian, for being there to pass out stickers and coloring books. She then thanked Mike Bouchard for being the leader he is in encouraging volunteerism from his deputies. Councilmember Kurtzweil then stated the Kiwanis is a great group, and she has spoke with a few people that are interested in joining. She then thanked Beckway Doors for their great service, we sometimes forget we have some

of the smaller local businesses in town, and they were there within 24 hours with great service. She then thanked citizen #1 Ryan Lare, she had a pet that needed surgery, and Ryan Lare is a pet angel, he gave her a little toy and a little cross for prayers and all he asked is when her pet heals, give them back to him so he can pass them along to another family that may need it. She then thanked Ryan and she appreciates him as well as a lot of other people do as well.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he attended the Chamber networking breakfast that was hosted at the Salem South Lyon Library, and he met many local business owners and it was very beneficial. He then thanked Donna and Kathy for hosting a great event.

Councilmember Parisien wished everyone a good night.

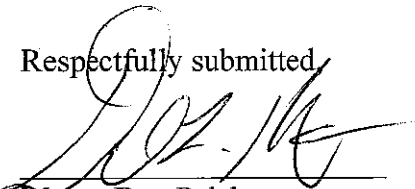
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:15 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mayor Dan Pelchat

  
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Judy Pieper, Clerk, Treasurer