

City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
July 22, 2019

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

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

MINUTES- July 8, 2019

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 5, the word lease, should be changed to leased.

CM 7-1-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Parisien, supported by Kennedy  
Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 7-2-19 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton  
Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Lare of 716 Grand Court announced he is running for Mayor. He stated he is a 19-year resident of the community and he has attended all Council meetings. He further stated he will be honored to have the residents vote for him. He further stated no Mayor comes before the residents, seniors and citizens. He stated he will work day and night to make sure all the residents needs are met. He stated he is thankful for all the friends he has made during the last 19 years while he was volunteering and public service. He then thanked Councilmember Parisien for reminding everyone to get involved and run for Council, her voice was heard and he is stepping up to run for Mayor. He then wished his opponent good luck.

DISCUSSION- Downtown report and second draft of business survey

Bob Donohue stated they have received approximately \$40,000 of labor and in-kind services donated for the Veterans Monument. He further stated they are anticipating the agreements will be in place before September 1<sup>st</sup> and come up with a construction schedule. If all goes well, the dedication will be on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Mr. Donohue stated the timeline for the business survey got pushed back a bit because of the holiday and vacations, but they are hoping to get caught up between now and August. He thanked the work group for their help on this. He stated the group included, Amber King, Paul Zelenak, Herb from Superb Fabricating, Corey Bala, Annie Buchtrup and Ron Borgman. Amber King stated she has done survey research for 20 years now. Councilmember Walton thanked her for working on this. Councilmember Kennedy stated according to the time line, Council will need to get any comments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft to Mr. Donohue by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Councilmember Kivell stated he thinks the consolidation of information on the document will be evident in the direction and it will be very helpful. Councilmember Parisien stated she loves the direction we are going with this and she thanked the work group. Mr. Donohue stated there will be a graphic before it is completed. Ms. King stated we tried to consolidate the questions that were being asked and tried to not ask open-ended questions. The survey will be online as well for people to fill out. Councilmember Parisien asked if this would be done annually, or every 6 months. Mr. Donohue stated he thinks annually will be a good idea, but it is up to the City Manager. Councilmember Richards asked if Mr. Donohue has had any discussion with the owner of 135 E Lake and he hopes they continue the façade work. Mr. Donohue stated it appears the details have been addressed and they will be before the Planning Commission at the first meeting in August. He stated there have been new drawings and the planner has reviewed it. There were a couple changes and it may be better than before.

BUDGET- No discussion

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief Sovik stated City Manager Zelenak presented Council with his weekly report in the packet and he doesn't have anything else to add.

PUBLIC COMMENT- No comments were made

Chief Sovik stated the sign that was replaced at 11 Mile and Pontiac Trail looks very nice. Chief Sovik stated they have a new design for a new Police patch. We put out on Facebook that we were looking for a new design. He stated they received 17 submissions, but the one they received by Dominic Albanys was amazing. He is a South Lyon East student. He will be studying creative art in the next few years. We will be bringing him to a Council meeting in the future for recognition.

Councilmember Kennedy stated Chief Vogel asked him to pass along some information. He states the Fire Department will be going door to door tomorrow in South Lyon Woods offering free smoke detectors and installation. He then stated they will be hosting a spray park in the Whipple Street parking lot on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone of the Lake Street Cruise In this Wednesday evening, and the full day Motorfest event is this Saturday as well. He stated the band Magic Bus will be playing during that event.

Councilmember Richards displayed the flyer for Depot Day, he said this was the best one yet. He stated it will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> and if anyone is interested, they need to contact Connie Wickersham.

Councilmember Richards stated the British swim school seems to be up and running.

Councilmember Richards stated the tube mill is up and running again, it normally takes 3 days for the hot mill to get going again after shut down.

Councilmember Richards thanked the DPW workers for all their hard work during the stormy and hot weather.

Councilmember Richards stated the drilling has started in McHattie Park for the new well. It is a 2-week project. He further stated at a later time there will be a brick building put in place as well. He further stated he was able to get a picture of the stainless-steel casing and that is something you will never see again.

Councilmember Walton stated there are over 4 million 17-year Olds that will be 18 before the November Election. She stated if you are 17 ½ years old, you are able to register to vote. She further stated this November will be a smaller Election, so that will be a good way to get your feet wet before the Presidential Election next year so you have an idea of how things work at the polls.

Councilmember Parisien thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked all the families in town that invited her to their young adult's graduation parties. She stated she loved hearing all about their aspirations and careers. She has enjoyed hearing them discuss the classes they will be taking. She stated she will not attend a graduation party where alcohol will be served with young adults. That is her value system. She isn't comfortable with that situation. When you have young adults trying to get their lives together, she isn't comfortable with young adults being served alcohol even with parents there. She stated there will be criminal charges coming regarding the New Years Eve party that occurred at former Police Chief Collins home. She stated these are young lives with a lot of potential down the road so if you are under age, stay away from alcohol. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the individual that is creating the new Police patch will be attending the Center for Creative Studies. She stated to have a young person from South Lyon to be accepted into that art school is an absolute feat to obtain. She stated that is one of the top art schools in the world and it is known for brilliant artists and she wishes him a lot of luck.

Councilmember Kurtzweil reminded everyone of the Lake Street Cruise In and Motorfest. She then named more sponsors, such as Stone Depot, Superb Fabricating, Coral Sash, Wixom Towing and we have to thank Mary Poole for everything she has done for the Lake Street Cruise In.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wanted to remind the surrounding townships that South Lyon is their downtown too and there are many veterans in those communities. She stated a lot of communities have businesses that donate and sponsor events in other communities. It would be great if everyone would help with pulling together money for the Veterans Monument. She stated sponsors and donations make a difference in the community.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has been in the DPW facility. She stated the facility needs tremendous rehabbing and she knows while they have been working out in this heat, their facility isn't able to cool them down. She asks that everyone give them a wave and thank them when you can. They work outside and they don't have a nice air-conditioned office to go into.

Councilmember Kurtzweil congratulated the new candidate running for Mayor. She further stated she is running for re-election as well. She then wished everyone luck and she told everyone to stay positive and if anyone needs help, she will help any way she can.

Councilmember Kivell thanked the City Clerk Deaton for organizing and investigating the contractors and things like that. He then thanked the DPW for getting the mulch and flowers as soon as the sign was installed. He then thanked Doug Varney and the DPW for continuously watering the flowers downtown, throughout all this heat, they still look beautiful.

Mayor Pelchat stated he hopes everyone was able to enjoy the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing. Not only did it unite America, it united the world.

Mayor Pelchat stated the car show Saturday will be great and he encourages everyone to attend

ADJOURNMENT


CM 7-3-19 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat



Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton