

City of South Lyon
Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2020

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 Dilg, Kennedy, Kurtzweil, Richards and Walton
Councilmember Kivell joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Chief Sovik, Chief Vogel, Attorney Hamameh, and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

CM 8-1-20 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton
Motion to approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

CM 8-2-20 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg
Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

Mayor Pelchat stated we needed to add an item for the ballot proposal language under Old Business

CM 8-3-20 MOTION TO ADD OLD BUSINESS- RESOLUTION FOR BALLOT PROPOSAL LANGUAGE

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kennedy
Motion to add under old business the requests for approval the resolution for ballot proposal proposition to the County Clerk

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resignation of Josie Kearns from Cultural Arts Commission
2. Resignation of Joe Matuzak from Cultural Arts Commission
3. Appointment of Dayna Johnston to the Cultural Arts Commission

CM 8-4-20 MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

DISCUSSION- Downtown

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Nate Mack, the Director of the DDA stated most of the shop local, dine local banners are in the downtown. He stated there are some delays but we are hoping to get 3 more installed on Wednesday of this week. He stated he, Andrea Meyer, and Tina Archer to present to the Michigan Downtown Association on the 18th of this month regarding the task force campaign. He stated outside of the taskforce, he has been looking at advertising on Instagram and things like that. He stated some of the downtown businesses have over 1,000 followers. He stated we are waiting for the Patronicity funds from the County. He further stated he presented 5 letters of recommendation to local businesses seeking grant funding from the Heartbeat of America program. Councilmember Kivell asked if there is a banner in mind to adorn the corridor coming into a town. Mr. Mack stated they are working on getting a shop local and dine local banner.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Vogel stated Chief Weir is officially back to full duty today. He stated he is waiting for the official report on the ladder truck and what repairs are needed. He stated they passed their EMS inspection. He stated they also received word they received the grant for the training building for approximately \$5,000.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik stated there was an event in town called Voices over Choices and about 80 people attended at 4:00 p.m. today in town. He stated it lasted about an hour and they were expressing their displeasure of the School Board decision to have virtual learning. He then stated he is hoping to have more information to Council at the next meeting regarding the Comcast contracts to solve the issues they are having with the phone lines. He stated he received 2 checks for grants, one for \$6,000 for in-car cameras, and \$5,700 for the data storage project. He then stated he wanted to give Lt. Doug Baaki a shout out for the heavy position he carries at the department and he does a great job and he is comfortable leaving Lt. Baaki in charge when he isn't here.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request for approval to submit resolution approving proposed charter amendment ballot proposition to the County Clerk

Attorney Hamameh stated Council authorized language to be presented to the Attorney General and the Governor's Office for approval before it is placed on the ballot. She stated the Attorney General's office has given tentative approval. She stated she spoke with someone from the Governor's Office and they are expecting the Governor to sign off on this Wednesday. The deadline is Tuesday the 11th, so she is suggesting we move forward with this because it is highly unlikely that the Governor will disagree with the language. Councilmember Dilg asked what will happen if it is rejected after it is submitted. Attorney Hamameh stated the AG's office and the Governor's office was surprised to hear that Oakland County said the deadline to submit or pull is 4:00 p.m. due to the fact there are many communities looking to do ballot propositions that aren't as far ahead as we are.

CM 8-5-20 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF BALLOT PROPOSAL RESOLUTION

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Dilg

Motion to authorize submission of the Resolution approving proposed Charter amendment ballot proposal to the County Clerk on Augusts 11, 2020

ROLL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes
Walton- Yes
Kurtzweil- Yes
Kennedy- Yes
Kivell- Yes
Richards- Yes

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Pelchat- Yes
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agreement for 390 S Lafayette Street preliminary geotechnical investigation (soil borings) with G2 Consulting Group of Troy, Michigan

Nate Mack, DDA Director stated the City of South Lyon has identified the parcel located at 390 S Lafayette St as a site for potential development in the master plan. He stated part of the development process is determining if whatever the soil is made of, if it can basically handle the weight of a building. He stated the company G2 will be drilling two holes that go 60 feet down and tests the soil at different intervals. He stated G2 was the lowest of the two bids we received. Councilmember Richards stated because it is municipally owned, we have to go through with this, and this is a cheap price, there is a lot of peat down there and the grade of the peat is top grade. He further stated it could cost us \$200,000 for our use in the future. It may be to our advantage to get the solid dirt for our own use in the future.

CM 8-6-20 MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH G2 CONSULTING

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the agreement with G2 Consulting Group for the preliminary geotechnical investigation at 390 S Lafayette Street for a total amount of \$4,325 under line item 101.440.801

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell-Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Yes
 Dilg- Yes
 Walton- Yes
 Richards- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Purchase of a well house structure for the offset pump at well site #6 as outlined in previous agenda to match the already placed well house at pump station #4

Superintendent Varney stated the pump for well #6 is fenced in and has no structure to protect the pump. He stated the previous quote from Jim's Amish Structures included two structures in order to have #6 well matched to the #4 well site. He then stated this item can be purchased utilizing account 592.556.931. Councilmember Kivell stated he is hoping we can modify the buildings with a steel door to make them more secure. Superintendent Varney stated they are currently working on that.

CM 8-7-20 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW STRUCTURE FOR PUMP AT WELL #6

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the purchase of a new structure for the pump at well #6 for the amount of \$6,152.60 plus applicable crane rental fees under line item 592.556.931

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Richards- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Yes
 Walton- Yes
 Dilg- Yes
 Kivell- Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Purchase and installation of a new 12” air cushioned swing check valve for failed valve at the water treatment plant

Superintendent Varney stated the water treatment plant needs to replace a check valve that was found to have failed. He stated the valve will allow the plants pumps to cycle in an automated mode and the water cannot be pumped properly without this valve working. He then stated this can be purchased out of account 592.556.801 Councilmember Kennedy thanked Doug for answering his questions over the weekend.

CM 8-8-20 MTOION TO APPROVE SWING CHECK VALVE FOR \$11,800

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new check valve for the water treatment plant for \$11,800 by Northern Pump and Well under line item 592.556.801

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Walton- Yes
- Kurtzweil- Yes
- Dilg- Yes
- Richards- Yes
- Kennedy- Yes
- Kivell- Yes
- Pelchat- Yes

BUDGET

Mayor Pelchat stated we have been trying to work with the schools with replacing the media equipment in the media room, but we haven’t been successful as of yet. Some of the equipment is very old and will be hard to replace, and hard to find someone that knows how to work on them. He then asked the City Manager to check in with the schools and speak with them about their bond issue passing and if they will be interested in trying to work together to replace the equipment. Councilmember Kivell stated that is a good suggestion.

MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated he wanted to remind everyone about the zoning rewrite and he hopes Council has been able to look through the changes the Planning Commission is requesting. City Manager Zelenak reminded everyone how important the census is and he hopes everyone will be counted. He then stated there has been an increase in Covid cases reported by the health department but no other information has been offered other than they are trying to attribute them to a few things that happened in the Township. He stated he has been working on a draft for the RFP for the building at 318 W Lake St. He stated the final development agreement approval will come before Council for approval. He stated the agreement reflects the requirement to build a home that is conducive with the surrounding homes. He stated the development packet will be available on our website. He stated he has been working on our capital improvement plan and in particular, sidewalks and trailway improvements. He is hoping the Township will partner with us in making some of the improvements.

Councilmember Dilg asked how the agreement worked with the County running our absentee ballots. Clerk Deaton stated it worked out really well. They picked up all absentee ballots that were returned to the Clerk’s office around 5:30 previous to Election Day. Two of our Election Inspectors met at the County around 6:15 on Election Day for preparation to begin processing ballots. The County reported they processed 50,000 absentee ballots on Election Day and they didn’t have any issues.

Councilmember Kivell asked if the City Manager has spoken with any of the residents near 318 W Lake Street. City Manager Zelenak stated he has spoken with a few of the residents that were concerned that someone would build something that doesn’t fit in with the surrounding neighborhood. He stated everyone

seems very happy about the plan. Councilmember Richards asked what if the prospective bidder wants to build a house, and live there. That is different than putting it on the market. City Manager Zelenak stated he doesn't have a problem if someone wants to build there and use it for their own purpose.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richards stated he ran into Pipetek in town and he spoke with them. He stated he asked if they were going to be using cameras as they go through the lines and they said they did. He further stated they were very friendly and he let them know about the drainage issues the City has always had.

Councilmember Dilg thanked Josie and Joe for all their time on the Cultural Arts Commission. She then welcomed Dayna Johnston to the Cultural Arts Commission. She then thanked Lisa Deaton and all the office staff for all their work during the Election. She stated she can't imagine all the hard work it was with the increase in the number of absentee ballots along with the issues of the ballots not being delivered. She stated many people have told her about the friendliness of the staff when they came into the office to report they spoiled their ballot, or requesting a ballot. She then commended the participation of everyone at the event that was held in South Lyon today, and she can't imagine having small children and making the decisions parents are having to make regarding their schooling. She then stated she feels for the school board members that are in a school board meeting tonight making a tough decision. She stated they are reading over 70 emails and her heart goes out to them.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she spoke with Josie and Joe and she thanked them personally for all their time they spent on the Cultural Arts Commission. She then thanked the City for moving so quickly with appointing Dayna so the commission will again have a quorum. She then stated she had some friends that attended the voices for choices event and that is a big thing, we have choices. She stated the frustrating thing is they have to deal with people that have two different ideologies but people respond better when they have choices. She further stated when she is given a choice, things usually work out ok. She then stated we have to learn to live with Covid-19. It isn't going to go away; we need to continue to wash our hands and wear masks. Masks mean freedom. We will get through this.

Councilmember Walton thanked Josie and Joe for all the amazing things they have done for our City and they will be missed. Dayna will be a great asset on the Commission and she can't wait to see the great things she will bring.

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone to complete their census questionnaire. The deadline for being counted is September 30th. Please go to 2020census.gov and complete it today. He then asked everyone to please check with your neighbors and friends to remind them to do it as well. Time is running out to be counted. The amount of money that is allocated to the city based on the census will be even more critical for the next 10 years considering the current economic conditions and situation.

Councilmember Kivell stated the last numbers he'd seen was that the City is missing 18% of the residents that haven't completed the census. He further stated 18% is a huge number and everyone needs to be counted to help address some of the road issues. Councilmember Kivell stated he heard the City is trying to assist with getting low branches out of roadways and sidewalks. He stated when you are riding your bike and you get whipped by branches because they hang over the sidewalk too much isn't acceptable. He further stated our Ordinance Officer seems to be working on this and he is happy about that. He

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further stated he hopes homeowners will step up to the plate, and keep their branches and bushes trimmed out of the right of way.

Mayor Pelchat stated the Ordinance Officer does a great job and it is a thankless job. Mayor Pelchat thanked Josie and Joe for all the things they did for the Cultural Arts Commission. They have been an incredible asset for them. He then said Dayna Johnston will be a great fit for the City. He stated he stopped in at the polls to say hi to everyone and he thanked all the inspectors and the voters. He then stated the flags are up as well as in the township. He stated it is a great reminder to keep our dollars in our community.

CLOSED SESSION- Closed session pursuant to Section 8© of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268© to discuss strategy and negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement between the City of South Lyon and the police unions, POAM, POLC and the AFSCME union at 8:22 p.m.

CM 8-9-20 MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to enter into - Closed session pursuant to Section 8© of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268© to discuss strategy and negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement between the City of South Lyon and the police unions, POAM, POLC and the AFSCME union at 8:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Walton- Yes

Richards- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 9:24 p.m.

CM 8-10-20 MOTION TO APPROVE POAM UNION CONTRACT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the POAM union contract July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Richards- Yes

Walton- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kurtzweil- No

Kennedy- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED

CM 8-11-20 MOTION TO APPROVE POLC CONTRACT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the POLC union contract between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Walton- Yes

Kurtzweil- No

Dilg- Yes

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Richards- Yes
Kennedy- Yes
Kivell- Yes
Pelchat- Yes
MOTION CARRIED

CM 8-12-20 MOTION TO APPROVE AFSCME UNION CONTRACT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve AFSCME union contract between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes
Walton- Yes
Kurtzweil- Yes
Kennedy- Yes
Kivell- Yes
Richards- Yes
Pelchat- Yes
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

CM 8-13-20 MOTION TO ADJOURN

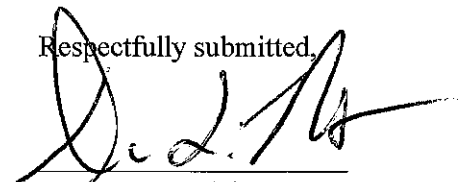
Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kennedy

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat



City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton