

City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
August 22, 2022

Mayor Pelchat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pelchat led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Pelchat and Councilmembers: Dilg, Kurtzweil, Kivell, Kennedy, and Hansen  
Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Chief Sovik, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan, and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

Absent: Councilmember Mosier

CM 8-1-22 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to excuse absence of Councilmember Mosier

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Councilmember Hansen stated on the last page, the company names should be spelled Drybar.

CM 8-2-22 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CALLED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 8-3-22 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Appointment to DDA Board

No Motion was made. City Manager stated this will be at an upcoming council meeting due to some procedural questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ross, President of the Historical Society, stated she is here to remind everyone that they are celebrating their 41<sup>st</sup> Depot Day in the Historical Village. It is a free event for the family, with games, lots of activities, and there will be crafters in the parking lot. She stated she is also here to promote the gift basket silent auction, and all the proceeds will go toward the barn fund. She stated they have donation boxes in stores throughout town as well and she hopes everyone will donate for the barn.

Philip Munro of 910 Westbrook stated he has lived in this community for many years and he is here to help. He stated he helps with the Veterans Memorial as well and he said he is here to help. The town doesn't look good. He stated he isn't saying anything bad about the DPW, he knows they are short staffed, the city should change the ordinances and enforce them. He said the landscaping at CVS and Wendy's look horrible. The parking lot behind Tenpenny hasn't been cleaned or swept in years. He further stated the gazebo by the hotel looks awful. He then stated he could take this to the media if he wanted to, he hasn't spoken with everyone he could have as of now. The city needs to invest in the DPW,

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it needs to start now. He then stated we are going to have Anita here on Friday, and the creek next to the gazebo looks awful. The city needs to be doing something, everyone can see how bad the town looks.

#### DISCUSSION- Downtown

City Manager Zelenak stated the Farmers Market has been going well and there will be more than 50 vendors again this week. He then stated Nate will be having orientation with the MEDC how to use the Trello System to begin work with the RRC program.

#### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Thorington stated they have had 677 of incidences since the beginning of the year. He stated they had a spray park on August 16<sup>th</sup> and everyone enjoyed it. He said the firetruck is moving along and they have recently upgraded some EMS equipment to more durable equipment. He further stated we are asking for sealed bids to be turned into the Clerk's office before 2pm on September 6<sup>th</sup> for repairs and resurfacing of the fire station apparatus and floors, which was budgeted for. He then stated there have been 3 promotions which include: Alex Grandy from Cadet to Firefighter, Eleanor Shipley from firefighter/EMT to Engineer, Alex Good from Engineer to Aerial Pump Operator.

#### POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik reminded everyone that we are still in need of 2 crossing guards for the school year, and they are still looking for a new cadet as well. He further stated Cadet Caroline Callander is settling in nicely. He then reminded everyone of the Lake Street Cruise In this week, as well as Anita Cochran playing in the park Friday night. There will be a heavy police presence at the concert. He then stated on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, they will have the onsite accreditation happening. He further stated the South Lyon Schools have decided to go with Oakland County Sherriff for the middle schools this upcoming year.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Final reading for City Ordinance Chapter 46, Article II, Fire Department inspections and maintenance reports

Fire Chief Thorington stated this is the final reading to amend Section 46-37 and add Section 46-40 regarding private fire hydrants and inspections. He stated the change would require the inspections to be completed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, instead of April 30<sup>th</sup> which would prevent vendors from checking hydrants throughout the winter. He also explained once the contractors complete their inspections, they complete their report on triplicate paper, which then can cause significant delays in receiving the forms in the mail. By using the IROL and online reporting, once the inspection is complete, it will be made available immediately to the SLFD for review in case there are critical issues.

#### CM 8-4-22 MOTION TO APPROVE FINAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve the final reading of the proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 46, Article II, Section 46-37 and adding new section 46-40.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes  
 Hansen- Yes  
 Kurtzweil- Yes  
 Kennedy- Yes  
 Dilg- Yes  
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLYNEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of new Kaeser blower for waste water treatment facility

Superintendent Varney explained the Wastewater Treatment Plant facility needs to replace a failing blower. It is a scheduled purchase for this year's budget for \$11,149.00 out of capital improvement account 592-557-972. He is also asking to waive the bid due to no other company offers this so there wouldn't be a benefit for bidding.

CM 8-5-22 MOTION TO WAIVE BID PROCESS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to waive Sec 2-224 of the City Code of Ordinances, approval of purchases or contracts over \$2,000; competitive bidding for purchase or bidding over \$5,000 because no advantage to the city will result.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes  
 Hansen- Yes  
 Kennedy- Yes  
 Kivell- Yes  
 Kurtzweil- Yes  
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 8-6-22 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the purchase of a new Kaeser Blower at the Wastewater Treatment facility for \$11,149.00 under line item 592-557-972

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes  
 Kennedy- Yes  
 Kurtzweil- Yes  
 Hansen- Yes  
 Kivell- Yes  
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Purchase of new freightliner DPW salt/plow dump truck chassis

Superintendent Varney explained they are asking to trade in and replace a 2003 sterling large dump truck due to age and availability of parts for the cab. The trade in value is \$17,000. He explained they use the MITN bidding system in which the bidding already completed through Rochester Hills. He further explained they not only use this truck for snow plowing and salting streets, but for leaf hauling, sweeping debris and hauling to the dump.

CM 8-7-22 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve purchase of a 2024 model year Freightliner DPW salt/plow truck chassis model 108SD from Wolverine for \$201,829.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kurtzweil- Yes  
 Kivell- Yes  
 Dilg- Yes  
 Kennedy- Yes  
 Hansen- Yes

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Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT- No public comment was made

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated Sue from MERS will be attending the next meeting to discuss evaluation. He stated the cross walk continues to move forward at Marjorie Ann and Pontiac Trail as well as the sidewalk. He then explained he recently found out the city received a \$100,000 critical infrastructure grant which will be used for planning activities for an alternative water supply outside the current aquifer, water service line verifications to remove lead service lines and plan to address structural defects that will extend the life of our sanitary sewer system. He then stated since December, the city has received a \$200,000 grant for trailway improvements, \$100,000 grant for the new park at McHattie and Pontiac Trail, \$60,000 trailways planning grant, and \$2,000,000 for Pontiac Trail repaving. He then stated we are working on bidding for the last phase of the DPW yard paving project. He then stated he attended a district planning meeting with RCOC and they discussed the planned 2026 road improvements for Pontiac Trail, he will also meet with RCOC regarding the drainage study. He then stated he will give the information from the public comment earlier to the DPW and our Ordinance Officer will look into what we can do. Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked Phil Munro for his public service and she knows it is frustrating because she has been complaining about CVS for years. She went in and asked them to clean up their parking lot. There are businesses in the DDA that have some weeds and the property owners need to take more concern in what their buildings look like. She then stated the city is notorious for not taking care of their property and she would like to find some money in the budget and use it for landscaping. Councilmember Kennedy stated when people see something, they should act on it and contact city hall. Some of the complaints in the pictures have already been taken care of. The businesses in the DDA have some responsibility at keeping their property cleaned up. Councilmember Kivell stated our Ordinance Officer is working on some of these issues and he does a good job. Further discussion was held regarding property owners not keeping things up. Mayor Pelchat stated he can't think of a more thankless job. He stated the city has had a few great ordinance officers, and we do have good one now.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hansen stated he wanted to thank the staff at the Witches Hat and all their work with the Blessings in a Backpack event. They have done this for many years and do a great job. He then stated he wanted all dog owners to be aware of an illness that is going around killing dogs. It seems like parvo, but when they are tested, they test negative. It is mainly up north but everyone should be careful with their pets.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked DPW, Jeff Archey for all the improvements they have made at Paul Baker Park. She then thanked them for all their dedication. She then reminded everyone of the Lake Street Cruise In event that is happening this week. She also reminded everyone to support the Historical Society and their efforts in collecting donations for the barn to be moved.

Councilmember Kivell stated the Witches Hat is remarkable for doing the Fury for a Feast event for the past 10 years. He then thanked the Police Officers that assisted with people crossing the street during the event. He then stated there have been recent changes in the downtown that really cause potential for growth. There are some buildings that will be available for people that are interested in bringing their businesses to the city.

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Councilmember Kennedy stated he wants to recognize Marianne Jamison who has served the residents of this community for the past 24 years as the voice on the phone when you called the DPW and requested their assistance. She was always there to help ensure your tree branches were picked up after a storm; city trees were trimmed when needed; and your requests for service were passed along to the great group of guys in the DPW. She will be missed and we certainly wish her the very best as she enjoys her retirement and the next chapter in her life. He then welcomed Holli Plummer to the City of South Lyon. She'll be taking over for Marianne and she will provide that same friendly, effective and efficient service to all of our residents. So, welcome aboard Holli. He then mentioned, you have a great group of guys in that department and he's certain they'll always be there to help you if you need it. He then reminded everyone that Wednesday evening is the Lake Street Cruise-in once again. So, make plans to come downtown at 6:30pm to visit with your friends and neighbors, get something to eat and drink and see some great classic cars. He then reminded everyone that Depot Day is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm at the Historic Village. There will be crafts, vendors, train rides, a silent auction and more so make plans now to attend a great family event on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. He then reminded everyone there are a couple of other events that weekend as well. On Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11, St. Joseph Catholic Church will be holding its Polish Festival. It will take place from 6pm-11pm on Saturday and from 1pm to 8pm on Sunday. There will be a Kid's Corner; a classic car show; a wide variety of Polish food; and a variety of entertainment; all sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Then on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Colonial Acres Phase V will hold their annual garage sale at the Clubhouse. The hours on Friday are from 9am-6pm and on Saturday from 9am-2pm. So, make plans to come early for all the best deals. He then reminded everyone once again about the Anita Cochran Concert in the Park that will be held on Friday at 7pm to 8:30pm in McHattie Park by the ball fields. The Kiwanis will also be there providing hot dogs, brats, beverages and other snacks for a donation. So, make plans to come out on Friday evening for a great time.

Mayor Pelchat thanked Marianne for all her years of service and wished her well on her well-deserved retirement. He also knows Holli Plummer, and she was a band Mom and will do great in that position. He then stated football is starting again on Thursday with South Lyon High and South Lyon East.

CLOSED SESSION- to consider attorney/client privileged communication in accordance with MCL 15.268 (1)(h) and to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with Oakland County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-190850- CD (Douglas v. South Lyon), MCL15-268(1)(E)

CM 8-8-22 MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Hansen

Motion to enter into closed session to consider attorney/client privileged communication in accordance with MCL 15.268 (1)(h) and to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with Oakland County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-190850- CD (Douglas v. South Lyon), MCL15-268(1)(E) at 8:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Hansen- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

\*Council reconvened the meeting at 9:13 p.m.\*

ADJOURNMENT

CM 8-9-22 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:14 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mayor Dan Pelchat

  
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City Clerk/Treasurer Deaton