

City of South Lyon  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 24, 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, Kivell, Kurtzweil, Richards and Walton

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

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Councilmember Kivell stated on page 5, in the last paragraph, the word he should be changed to he'd. He then stated we should add "that haven't completed the census" should be added at the end of that sentence. He then stated on page 6, it should state the motion was made by Kivell, supported by Kennedy. He then added on page 7, the motion was made by Kennedy and was supported by Walton. Councilmember Kennedy stated on page 2, the second to the last sentence need the words "shout out" to Sgt. Baaki. Councilmember Richards stated on page 3 when he was speaking about the 390 property, he wants the language that "it will cost the City \$200,000 to remove the peat and debris from the property".

CM 8-1-20 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED

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

VOTE: MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 8-2-20 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Linda Hyadick stated she is here to represent the office of Jim Runestad. She stated she is here to find out what is going on in South Lyon and to let everyone know they are here to help the City with any problems, ideas for legislation and they are here to serve the City. She stated her number is 517-373-1758 and their website is [senjrunestad@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senjrunestad@senate.michigan.gov). She thanked everyone for allowing her to attend.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Nate Mack the Economic and Downtown Director stated they have added 16 feather flags along Pontiac Trail. He stated Tina Archer and Andrea Meyer of the Chamber and himself presented to the Michigan Downtown Association regarding the Show Your Love for Lyon Campaign and presented how that came together and it went really well. The task force has ramped up and today we received the 24" by 9" corrugated boards that we will be passing out to businesses. The DDA met on August 13<sup>th</sup> and they voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 Cool Yule due to COVID-19. He stated they discussed other events they may not have this year due to the pandemic and safety concerns. He then stated the drilling for the soil  
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borings at 390 Lafayette took place today and they hope to have some results from that soon. Mr. Mack stated he has been in touch with Main Street Oakland to discuss moving up the City to the 3<sup>rd</sup> level which is the highest level. He further stated they said there is about a hundred thousand dollars additional of funds and services that would be available to the DDA. He then stated we can't do that right away, but that is a goal he has set for the next few years. Mr. Mack stated he spoke with the MEDC about the redevelopment communities' program and he is going through the prerequisite training courses now and he has had some discussions with the City Manager about it as well. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the training that he is doing is to get the certification that would have enabled the City to gain grants last spring. City Manager Zelenak stated this would have allowed us to be in the pool of other communities for mini grants. He stated they only had so many dollars and he believes only 7 communities out of 48 received the grants, but it would have afforded us the ability to possibly receive one of those grants. Mr. Mack explained it is a labor-intensive process that goes into looking at the zoning, development plans and sites, and working with the MEDC to develop that. He further stated going through the trainings will tell us if this is feasible or not. We may be doing some of the things already, but it is another thing we can utilize to help the City move forward. Councilmember Dilg asked if there was any conversation with the Chamber about the scarecrows downtown. Mr. Mack stated he has not had that conversation. Councilmember Dilg stated she will speak with Andrea about it because it would be nice if we could do something nice this year. City Manager Zelenak stated someone had told him that they have expressed an interest in doing so this year. Councilmember Kennedy asked if there was a decision made about downtown trick or treating. Mr. Mack stated they will be discussing that at the next meeting, but he thinks they are leaning toward cancelling it. Councilmember Dilg asked whose decision it is to cancel trick or treating all together. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there are two issues, it's a government issue, and an individual issue. She then stated she thinks the subdivisions should decide for themselves and if her subdivision has trick or treating, she will be giving out candy.

#### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Vogel stated he spoke with Oakland County last week about the tornado siren, they are still waiting for quotes, but they are thinking it will be over \$8,000 but they have to pay for that, the City doesn't have to. He asked them to let him know when they plan on repairing it. He then stated we received numbers on the fire truck repairs and the ladder truck should be fixed soon for approximately \$3,500. He is debating on some repairs on some other trucks. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if our Fire Department reaches out to extend condolences when there are accidents or deaths in other Fire Departments, such as the passing of Sgt. Johnson who passed while rescuing 2 girls from drowning in the Detroit River. Apparently, he was a great human being and a great coach. Chief Vogel stated he understands he was an extraordinary person. Chief Vogel stated he always sends a personal note and usually tries to attend, but he doesn't know how or if that will happen with the Governor's order remaining in place. Councilmember Kivell stated he saw the video of the aerial firetruck at Novi and asked if Chief Vogel liked it. Chief Vogel stated it was a very nice vehicle. He further stated we are having a committee look into our truck and at different options we have. He stated the first thing that we decided is that we do need an aerial truck. With the new developments going in that are multiple levels, we do need one. We need to decide if we keep nickel and diming with the current truck, look into refurbishing or look at purchasing with some special financing and buy a newer truck. We are being open minded, and he hopes to have something to Council by the end of the year. Discussion was held regarding our current aerial truck. Chief Vogel stated it was built in 2000, came to South Lyon in 2001. He stated it has some issues. It was the first ones built. Chief Vogel stated one of the issues is our building is old and there is a limit on the height of the doors. He stated he is having a manufacturer out later this week just to see if it would even fit in the door and see what our options are. Councilmember Kivell stated the examples of the new developments are perfectly appropriate and we have the high school

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and MST and without an ariel we wouldn't be able to prosecute a fire anyway near as effectively. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if Lyon Township has one. Chief Vogel stated they were approved to purchase one and they are in the planning phases. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated not only does South Lyon need one, but as a mutual aid standpoint it would benefit others as well. Chief Vogel stated Lyon Township is going through significant growth and it concerns him to depend on them. He isn't sure they will be staffing that truck. Green Oak has a very old truck and they are not going to replace it.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik updated everyone on Power House gym. He stated a while back he had mentioned that he spoke with the City Manager and the City Attorney and it was decided the best way to deal with the executive orders and complaints is to take the report, investigate it, then forward it to the appropriate agency for enforcement. He stated we received some complaints and calls about the gym in town being open. So, we took the reports, investigated and forwarded the reports to the Attorney General. He then stated on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, they sent an agent down with a cease and desist order. He stated the owner of the gym was curious as to why this was happening. Obviously, he was violating the executive order for a while and instead of him fighting it, he decided to close. Chief Sovik explained even though it seems things are moving slow, but we do have a process to deal with the complaints.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Acceptance of the State of Michigan Training Council burn building grant and purchase of the burn building

Chief Vogel stated the State of Michigan offered a grant for training props or training classes with money that comes from fire work sales. He stated in January they applied for a grant for two shipping containers that they can use for a training building, and to use for practice with tools, searching, or setting it on fire and fighting the fire. He stated he worked with Doug Varney and Ron Beason to find the right spot to have the building by the water plant. Councilmember Kivell stated this is a great investment and it seems like it will be flexible with the different training you can do. Chief Vogel stated they plan on reaching out to the surrounding communities to join us for some joint training. Councilmember Richards asked for more information on the size and weight of the containers and if they will be assembled on site. Chief Vogel explained there will be some ground prep done. They are 20x40 feet long and they will be put side by side, and our staff will build up rooms, walls, doorways and windows for practice. He doesn't know about the weight, but they are just empty containers. He further stated they will be able to use this to keep up with the state requirements for continuing training. Councilmember Kivell asked if there is a hydrant for them to use? Chief Vogel stated there is a hydrant within the area that they can use.

CM 8-3-20 MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT AND PURCHASE BURN BUILDING

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the grant from the State of Michigan Training Council for the amount of \$4,700.00 to be deposited to 101-000-000-698-600 (Fire Grant Account) to purchase two shipping containers for the purpose of a firefighter's burn building from Capital Equipment Account 101-335-000-978-000

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. New phone and internet provider for Police/Fire/City Hall

Chief Sovik stated the Police and Fire buildings have a very unreliable phone service that has consistently failed which leaves our citizens unable to reach the Police and Fire Department. The current system is made up of Avaya phone systems and a phone switch which is maintained by another company CBTS, Windstream and AT&T. At the end of June 2020 Windstream informed him that they will not be able to assist them when their phone lines go down because there is a switch that needs to be replaced, which we then had an independent contractor to come out and confirm that was true. He further explained they contacted different vendors, but being a Police Department there are certain compliance issues they have to be concerned with. Originally, we were looking at this for the next year's budget, but because we have been having so many issues with our lines being down, we decided it was urgent to do this year. He further stated the contracts have been reviewed by our City Attorney. Councilmember Kivell stated there are a lot of pages with a lot of different figures on them. He then asked what the monthly fee will be. Ms. Salyers stated the monthly total will be \$2,290 and currently we pay \$2,129 between CBTS, Windstream and AT&T. Councilmember Kivell stated that seems like a very good deal. Councilmember Kennedy thanked Chief Sovik, Chief Vogel, Briann Salyers and Paul Zelenak for the answers to his earlier questions. It was well researched, well put together and hopefully this will help with the issues with the phone lines being down so often. Councilmember Richards stated he spoke with her about this earlier today and he was skeptical, but he is now in full support. He also thinks Windstream should pay a penalty fine for leaving us like they have.

CM 8-4-20 MOTION TO APPROVE COMCAST PHONE AND INTERNET AGREEMENTS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the Comcast phone and internet agreements

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Walton- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Richards- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Phone infrastructure contract from Challenger Technologies

Chief Sovik stated this item goes along with business item #2. We need an individual company to provide the infrastructure to provide the fiberoptic lines for each building in the public safety complex. This was not budgeted for in this current year, and we will be asking for a budget amendment from the Police and Fire budget on the capital outlay line item. He stated this is a cost savings, and we will own the lines, but Challenger will do all the work and the lines will be underground so that will be more secure. He stated Comcast spoke about running lines to each point would be \$2250.00 per month. This will allow both Police buildings and the Fire building to be on one point which will only cost \$750.00 per month. This will pay for itself within a year. He stated they have worked with Challenger Technologies previously with them installing the access points for their cameras and the line for the server for their in-car cameras. He stated they are very happy with their service. Councilmember Kivell asked if Challenger will be doing any follow up service. Briann Salyers stated they will be doing all the maintenance on the lines. Councilmember

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Kennedy thanked everyone that was able to answer all his questions and for ensuring the material that was going to be used will be totally agreeable with Comcast. Chief Sovik stated that Briann Salyers is the most familiar with this, she has attended multiple zoom meetings, several phone conversations and conversations with our City Attorney and Comcast’s legal department and she did an outstanding job on this.

CM 8-5-20 MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHALLENGER TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the Challenger Technologies contract in the amount of \$12,128

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Road assessment/Improvement plan \*please see attached Road Improvement Plan\*

City Manager Zelenak stated this is our first discussion on addressing the long-term repair of our roads including discussing revenues, expenditures, funding alternatives and how to plan and move forward with a long-term solution. City Manager Zelenak then began reading through the Road Improvement Plan Discussion which is attached to the minutes. The report reflects a PASER study which indicates the surface rating of our roads based on an evaluation process of each road. The study reflects that the majority of our roads are in poor condition. The report also reflects a projected 10-year average rating for various funding levels to improve the roads. The City receives the majority of its road revenue from ACT 51 funds, which comes from gasoline and vehicle registration fees. Distribution is calculated using the most recent census population figures and the total miles of road we have in the community. Other examples of road maintenance, repairs, improvements include: County road funding-funding directly received from the County for a specific road, Tri Party Funds- a combination of City, County and RCOC funds for a specific improvement. SAD- special assessment districts, which is a specific levy designed to recover the costs of improvements that benefit the property, which means it is levied against the lands benefitting by the improvement. Federal Funds- funds directly to be used based upon the requirements of receiving the funds. General Fund- City tax dollars allocated in the budget. Bonds- a loan designated to pay for a particular improvement and a levied road millage- a voter approved millage by the residents. A levy of one (1) mill would generate approximately \$400,000 per year in additional revenue. The City has the ability to levy one mill, anything more would have to be under the vote of the electorate. City Manager Zelenak explained if you bond for road improvements, you can begin the improvements right away, but there is an interest expense. Bonding for \$1 million dollars for ten years would cost the City an extra \$200,000 in bond costs. He explained that any infrastructure that needs to be repaired such as watermains, sanitary sewer lines all need to be addressed prior to paving. The conclusion is we now have a long-term improvement plan that will outline the funding and the timeline for paving segments of road within the community.

Mr. Alix of HRC stated this isn’t an easy topic. Aging infrastructure is a problem most communities have and it comes at a high cost. He stated the PASER study is a nationally recognized rating systems of roads. The rating system is 0-10. Zero means the road is almost rubble and needs to be reconstructed and 10 meaning no repairs needed. He then stated the average of the City’s roads are at a 2.6 which means approximately 90% of the city’s roads are poor or very poor. This has to do with the amount of the money the City has been budgeting for road improvements that last few decades. He further stated without

significant funds the roads will continue to deteriorate and as they age, it becomes more expensive to repair. It is significant to mention that all though our Governor ran on the fix the damn roads platform, we don't expect any state or federal additional funds will be forthcoming in the near future. Mr. Darga of HRC stated the chart in the package that reflects the estimated cost of improvements in 2020 dollars. He stated the chart reflects that the City does have some roads that do not need maintenance, but once the roads get down to a rating of 7, you need to start working on the crack sealing, all the way down to a 5 where you need non structural overlay of 1.5" He stated once the ratings get below 5, you are getting closer to major repairs and reconstruction. Mr. Darga explained the chart that reflects the estimated cost of a per lane mile based on the PASER rating. He stated it can get very expensive, for an example of a million dollars for a total reconstruction per lane mile, which may include storm basins, sidewalk ramps. He reminded everyone that the rating is based on site only, they haven't looked underneath. Mr. Alix stated they are scary numbers when you think about it and he would like to say that you have to start somewhere, you can't keep kicking this can down the road. You have to start looking at funding and it is imperative it starts to be dealt with and taking small steps is important. City Manager Zelenak stated there are other things in the works as well, such as the water and sewer rate study, the sanitary sewer study and reviewing all the other infrastructure. He stated there are many different options we can look at. We need to get the community involved so everyone potentially understands the funding we have. We cannot start a major road repair plan with the funds we currently have. The minimal funding, we have will only cover minor repairs. We have to talk about based upon the levels described in the 10-year average, we would have to spend over 2 million in road repairs in a year to start making an impact on the infrastructure to gently inch up every year. It is going to take a long time, but we need to start. Councilmember Kivell stated we have a tale of two cities. Half of the roads have new roads from the new subdivisions, and unfortunately the other half have a lot of old antiquated infrastructure that is typically undersized and hasn't been kept up with and that adds to a great deal of costs. He further stated we aren't going to pave over bad storm drains and such. He stated the newer subs maybe relatively easy and the SAD's may be easier for them to swallow, as some of the stuff in the older areas that don't have the same value in houses necessarily of frontage on those roads. This is going be a challenge. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the subdivisions will have tremendous opposition to SAD's. Their taxes are some of the highest in the City and trying to impose a special assessment tax on them because they are in a district to repair the roads is going to meet up with a lot of challenges, as opposed to alienate the communities from the old and the new and create that division, it is a shared cost and it should be paid by a bond. Mayor Pelchat stated he has known this has been a problem. He suggests we get the community involved and get a group together working on this. The roads are the thing that he is asked most about and continually saying we don't have the money after a while falls on deaf ears. He suggests that we put together a committee to start working on a plan immediately. Councilmember Kennedy stated even though you see the condition of all the roads in the City, you have to remember this doesn't include Lafayette Street at all, and even though that is a County Road, there is obviously commitment that is required on our part to address the infrastructure below that road that needs to be addressed to prevent the flooding that occurs down by Good Day Cafe and the rest of that before we can even pave so there is additional money beyond just what is in this report. City Manager Zelenak stated a community that he worked with in the past used a combination of a special assessment district, as well as city funds. He further stated we constantly have people moving in and out of the City. People moving in may not vote for it. He stated this is for public roads, not apartment complexes or private developments. He further stated there could be a problem with bringing together people for a committee right now because they may assume, we will be fixing the roads this year. Usually a SAD project takes more than a year and it is imitated by resolution by Council or the residents. He stated getting people to understand the process is a good idea, but we do have work to do on the infrastructure. We need to start a good education process. Councilmember Kivell stated he wasn't suggesting for them to bear the cost of the entire project, but for

them to supplement what our buy in for what our repairs would be. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if our state shared revenues are continuing to decline. Finance and Benefit Administrator Patricia Tiernan stated she is waiting for the full report, but they are saying the decline isn't as bad as they originally estimated. She stated a lot of the information may not be available until October. Mayor Pelchat stated he met with Spencer and Doug of Plante Moran last week and they said the same thing, they don't think it is going to be as bad as before. Mayor Pelchat stated the infrastructure of the City needs to be bumped up to the top of our priorities. City Manager Zelenak stated he will be bringing information back to Council in the near future to look at different ways to fund the repairs. He further stated we want to have individuals that have the best interest of the whole City, not just in their backyard. Councilmember Richards stated after looking at this, he agrees with the City Manager's assessment, we need a blue-ribbon committee to formulate an attack plan of how we will go about this. He recommends we look at the bond solution for the worst roads on the first agenda. He stated paying \$200,000 on interest could be better than paying \$400,000 on concrete and asphalt in the future. Councilmember Kennedy asked Mr. Darga about the wastewater project. He asked for a copy of the plan, and he asked when that will be available. Mr. Darga stated the contractor submits that, and they gave them one last week and HRC made comments and they are supposed to be bringing it back to them soon. Councilmember Kennedy stated the project is underway, so someone must be working off some plan, so there should be something out there and he would like to see it as soon as possible, and he understands revisions could be forthcoming following that. Mr. Darga stated he would get it to the City Manager when he has it. Councilmember Kennedy then asked where we stand with the filter project since HRC decided to take that on. He stated he knows we have a window of time for the project because we didn't want to do the project during the high demand during the summer, and we need to take them offline and let them come up to ambient temperature and be able to paint them and then do the filter changes. Mr. Darga stated right now they are focused on getting the tank up because those improvements have to be done before you can take the filter offline. Councilmember Kennedy stated the filters isn't dependent on that. He thinks both projects can be worked on concurrently. He further stated we will miss the window once it gets cold and then it can't be painted. Mr. Darga said they were focused on the tank first.

BUDGET- None

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak reminded Council to review the proposed zoning ordinance rewrite for an upcoming City Council/Planning Commission meeting.

City Manger Zelenak reminded everyone to fill out the census form, the amount of money the City gets for road improvement from the ACT 51 money correlates to the number of people living in the City.

City Manager Zelenak stated we did receive approval from the Governor's Office for the charter amendment language to be placed on November's ballot. City Manager Zelenak stated the MML will be having a virtual conference and if anyone wants to attend, please contact Clerk Deaton. He then stated Plante Moran will be at the first meeting in October to discuss the audit. He stated the project is moving along, but this week a large conduit of electrical equipment in close proximity to the proposed water tank site was found and it was determined that due to the pilings that are to be placed on site to stabilize the tank, that it was better and more cost effective to move the water tank. He stated we are having weekly meetings with the contractors on site. He then stated there could be more change orders as we move forward, but each one is reviewed by staff and the engineer before approval is granted and he will keep Council aware of any additional changes. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to ensure that we appropriated 4.3 million for this project and that the contingency that was included in the 4.3 million is sufficient to cover the change order. Mr. Alix stated when the project was budgeted, we came up with an estimated amount

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of 4.3 million dollars. The bid came in at 3.3 million. He stated we recommend a 10-15% contingency because there are always unknowns that you may run into underground or other issues. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the 3.3 million includes a contingency plan. Mr. Alix stated the 3.3 million was the low bid and it did not include a contingency plan. City Manager Zelenak stated the money will still come from the water and sewer accounts, but what we will be doing as we move along, we will have pluses and minuses based upon their bid, materials or based upon changes that will occur. We will have to bring it back to Council if it is more than the original bid. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the problem will be if you cap out at 3.3 million and you have \$400,000 in change orders, where is that money going to come from. She further stated they have seen a job with a contingency fund for other communities. Mr. Alix stated each community deals with that differently. He stated at times, HRC will send the City a letter suggesting a 10% contingency, but the negative side of that is if you're the contractor and you know the City already earmarked 10% more, they will then raise their bid. The way South Lyon has done it in the past, is not putting that contingency in writing so you're not already letting the contractor know that you already have that extra money. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated that could become a game, because a change order could mean they didn't bid the job properly. She understands you may not catch everything underground. She stated this job could have included a contingency plan due to the age of the underground infrastructure. Councilmember Kennedy stated he wants to make sure everyone is on the same page because it isn't like the electrical line was unknown, it was on a separate set of drawings which was found later. He then asked what process change will prevent that from happening in the future. City Manager Zelenak stated it was found by a set of park plans. There can always be another set of plans that you may not know about, but sometimes things fall through the cracks. Mr. Alix of HRC stated no matter when this was found, it would have been an additional cost. The original location for the tank only required sheeting on one side because one of the sides is a property line. When you move the tank to the west, you then have to put up additional sheeting and if the contractor had known that during bidding there would have been a charge for that as well. Regardless, we do need to make sure we cross reference as many plans as possible when working on a job of this size.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone to complete their Census Questionnaire. The deadline for being counted is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) and complete it today. Also 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. We are currently at an 83.5% response rate. That means approximately 1,980 residents have not been counted so far. For every person who is not counted the state loses approximately \$1,800 per year in Federal funding. Just from the folks not counted in South Lyon that equates to a loss of \$3.6 Million per year and \$36 Million over the next 10 year period until the next census is conducted. As has been mentioned before the census results determine how much federal funding communities receive to support housing, education, transportation, employment, healthcare and more. Every resident needs to be counted. Please, do your part and complete the census.

Councilmember Richards stated he agrees with the other Councilmembers on their views on the change order and he may go further, but he won't. He stated he has been on the site at the water plant, and he has discussed some things with Paul and Ron Beason and he found out while we have all the equipment there, it would take two separate permits to go to the drain commission to improve the Yerkes drain where they

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will go underneath it for the well number 7 line. He hopes we can accomplish this in the future. He then stated the average citizen doesn't know how much property the city owns. We are the largest land owner next to the schools. A lot of the land have peat and wetlands, it is desperate for our own advantage to buy a power shovel, it would save the city ½ million dollars in the first 3 years.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked all the residents in the city for spending the last 6 months working on their yards, putting in new landscaping, new porches, new patios and new decks. The City looks gorgeous. She then thanked everyone in the City for improving their neighborhoods. She thanked the seniors at Colonial Acres, the entrance looks gorgeous. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has noticed at the grocery stores; many children are now wearing masks so they are getting ready for the time when they will be back in school. She wants everyone to encourage children, middle schoolers and teenagers to continue to do their part and wear masks.

Councilmember Walton stated she wanted to let everyone know the Historical Society is looking for volunteers for some programs they have coming up if anyone is interested and has the time. She stated Active Faith recently received a grant for \$2,500 from Farm Bureau Insurance to purchase kid friendly lunch foods, snacks and school supplies and with that help, they were able to distribute 120 backpacks and snack filled tote bags. She stated Active Faith is working extra hard and helping out a lot of families and they can always use your support. The Historical Society does a great job and keeps our historical village looking beautiful, so if you have a few minutes, maybe go over there and pull some weeds, they would appreciate it a great deal.

Councilmember Kivell stated he always enjoys walking through the village, and the sign they have by the garden that says "don't just stand there looking, pull some weeds". He stated that is charming. Councilmember Kivell stated the Farmers Market continues to have good attendance, and Tim has some new vendors coming in. It's nice to see with all the other things being shut down, all the other things we relied on for entertainment or at least for some special interest have gone by the wayside, but the Farmers Market has given us some reason to take a walk in town and grab some veggies or cheese. He is hoping we can build on that and find the little things that will help people rally to get out and try to communicate with each other without having to have masses of people. He stated the Farmers Market hits that density point perfectly. People are mindful and they are wearing masks the visiting is kept to a limit, but they are still able to be entertained by being down there.

Mayor Pelchat stated the PASER study that was discussed tonight was eye opening and we will have to stay on top of that moving forward. Mayor Pelchat reminded everyone that the Love for Lyon campaign is kicking off this week. He stated he heard the big box stores are doing better than they expected. He asked everyone to support our local businesses. He stated we have a great fundraiser with signs and t-shirts for the Love for Lyon and if you can take a picture of you supporting our local businesses. He asked everyone to be kind to each other, you never know what people are going through.

#### ADJOURNMENT

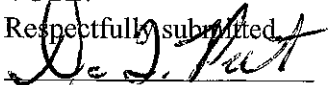
#### CM 8-6-20 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

NOTE:

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mayor Dan Pelchat

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton