

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
September 23, 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, Richards, Walton and Parisien
Also, present: City Manager Zelenak, Chief Sovik, Superintendent Varney, Attorney Hamameh, DDA
Director Donahue and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Pieper
Absent- Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

Fire Chief Vogel stepped out for a run

MINUTES – 9-9-2019

CM 10-1-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy
Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

Councilmember Kivell requests the Agenda to be amended to add guest from the 52-1 (52nd District Court – 1st Division)

CM 10-2-19 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy
Motion to approve agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Parisien requests that item #2 on the consent agenda be removed and added to the end of new business for discussion

CM 10-3-19 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion by Parisien, supported by Kivell
Motion to approve the agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Lare, 716 Grand Court, South Lyon, Michigan

Lare advises that he had the pleasure of accompanying Councilmember Richards to Richards's 1964 High School reunion held at the Riverbank Golf Course. He goes on to thank the people at Riverbank Golf Course for having such a wonderful reunion. It was also great to see the High School that is now Bartlett, and seeing the difference and how time flies but is never forgotten. He states that it was nice meeting the people from 1964 and what an impact they made in South Lyon. He goes on to thank Richards for the invitation, adding he and Carl both won a Mum.

Jim Hamade, 1189 Horseshoe Drive, South Lyon, Michigan

Hamade advises that he will be holding a City Council Meet and Greet at Lucas Coney Island at 6:00 p.m., 22689 Pontiac Trail. He also states that tomorrow, the Salem-South Lyon Library will be holding a Meet the Candidates at 7:00 p.m. He goes on to say that it would be wonderful if everyone in South Lyon could attend. He also states that this meeting will be taped and shown on Channel 19, as well as the website. He states that he has launched his social media sites - Jim4SouthLyon (Twitter) and his email address is Jim4SouthLyon@hotmail.com, and follow him on Facebook where he will be announcing his positions, policies and vision for the future. He goes on to thank Paul Zelenak for spending the 24 hours, especially the grueling overnight and the entire community that came out to support him for the American Cancer Society, Men Who Wear Pink.

DISCUSSION -- DOWNTOWN

DDA Director Donahue reviews downtown events which include: Downtown Trick or Treating on October 24th, this event has been expanded, a pet parade and more music at the four corners has been added. He goes on to thank S.L.A.R.A. for their involvement this year to really expand this event. Norm Fultz will be the chair for this event. We have a Downtown Ladies Night Out, November 15th, not to be confused with a Ladies Night at the Hotel.

Plans moving forward, after a committee meeting today for Cool Yule, December 6th & 7th, and a new event, South Lyon Eve, December 31st.

He goes on to say that this weekend is Pumpkifest, good luck to everyone involved, hoping for good weather. The Business Survey responses are due September 30th, we have approximately 17 that have been turned in.

Donahue goes on to say that they are looking forward to having Gary Fagin on the DDA Board. Gary brings a wealth of experience back from earlier years. He goes on to thank Jennifer Dunigan for her years of service on the DDA Board. Very thoughtful and a good person.

Donahue goes on to personally thank prior city attorney, Tim Wilhelm, for all his support and advice and wished him luck.

He has given a timeline for the new Veterans Memorial, it will be fast and furious from now until November. Very exciting.

Councilmember Kurtzweil commends Donahue for getting Gary to agree to come back on the DDA. She goes on to say that he is one of her favorites, and he is so committed. Gary is one to work behind the scenes and gets things done. Just look at what he's done with a Good Day Café. He has a good sense of trend.

She states that while visiting a client in the downtown, she had to drive around quite a few times just to find a parking spot. This is a good thing, four years ago, this would not be a problem. She adds that while she was downtown she noticed quite a bit of things going on, which include...new windows going in to the Artcraft Building, Dayna Johnston painting phenomenal Halloween scenes on the windows for

Grande Trunk, 104 Salon getting a new paint job and the strip mall by South Lyon Woods getting a new parking lot, so that's a ton of money being dumped in to the city. Incredible the investment going in to this town in just a small period of time. Kurtzweil congratulates Donahue and the DDA for their hard work.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Vogel unavailable due to responding to a call.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik states that just a reminder Pumpkinfest is this weekend, the PD will be updating their Facebook with road closers and detour routes. No parking signs have also been posted. He goes on to say that tomorrow, Lake Street Cruising will be at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 and this will be the last one of the season. Re-striping is being done at some of the crosswalks. DPW has been out working hard. Tomorrow Doug (Varney) and his crew will start at 4:30 a.m. to mark off seven handicap spaces in the downtown area. Sovik thanks them for working so hard.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 52nd District Court, 1st Division

Guest Speakers: Judge Travis Reeds and Judge David Law

Judge Law addresses the Council and thanks them for being added in to the agenda. He states they are here to go over what they do, how they do and why they do it, and see if you have any questions. Law advises that the Court covers the following communities: South Lyon, Lyon Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Village of Wolverine Lake and the Village of Milford. He goes on to say, that we Judges feel very fortunate that the city of South Lyon is part of the umbrella that we cover.

South Lyon is a wonderful community to work with from the residents, to the administration and the Police Department. The Police Department does a fabulous job with the testimonials that they provide. They are professional and well trained. They treat people well and we see that every day that they are in there. He goes on to commend our Attorney's, Prosecutor Chuck Snell does a nice job and he knows Lisa (Hamameh) will do a tremendous job as well.

Judge Reeds also thanked the Council for having them there. He states that South Lyon is a great town and that they both live here. Reeds continues by saying that he would also like to commend Chief Sovik on the terrific job that he and his Officers do for the city. It's a pleasure to work with them in court.

Judge Reeds states that he would like to talk a bit about what they do. The 52nd District Court is a statutory court so they handle certain types of cases, along with Civil and Criminal cases. All the criminal cases in the state of Michigan start in the criminal courts. They will then either stop in our court, or they will go on to Pontiac to be finished by the Circuit Court Judges. He goes on to explain that the 52nd Court is a high volume court, one of the highest in the state, and they do about 50,000 cases a year. Which is a lot for 3 guys, but we get it done. A lot of the cases are very quick, things like Civil Infractions, speeding tickets, moving violations and things of that nature. Misdemeanors and more complex civil cases do take a little more time.

Judge Law adds that the City Prosecutor does a fair job and people leave feeling that they've been heard, even if they didn't get the result that they were hoping for. Reed goes on to say that South Lyon is a very

safe community to live in. He goes on to share the statistics of the city. He states that last year South Lyon had, 29 drunk driving cases, 100 traffic misdemeanors and 49 non-traffic misdemeanors. Reeds states if you want to see your City Attorney's in action, these cases are tried on Tuesday, come on in for a tour and a cup of coffee.

Law goes on to explain that they sincerely mean this, and if a resident has a child that they may want to bring in, they can be extra grumpy on those days to give them the ramifications on what it is like if you make a poor choice. He states that they do participate in a number of school programs, including a Court in School program. Where they actually bring real cases in to the schools. Some of the cases include pre-trials and sentencing. He goes on to say that they will actually include one or two cases where they know that someone is going to be cuffed and taken away so that the students again can see the ramifications of a poor choice and the consequences. This program will hopefully help us to see these students before they come to us as a defendant. Law states that he thinks this is a great program and they are hoping to extend it in to the Middle Schools. It sounded a bit young at first, but things like vaping and some of the more modern problems are in the Middle Schools too. Law adds that the decisions that these young people are facing now a days are nothing like what he had to face at their age.

Judge Law states that two of the things that he is most asked is how do you sentence someone? And what is his favorite part of being a Judge? He begins by discussing sentencing and how they first send them down to the probation department for an interview to get a report back. This report will give us additional information about the defendant. He goes on to say that they look for what they can do as Judges to try and prevent them from committing another offence. He states that his favorite thing, and he believes he speaks for Judge Reeds too, is participating in the Sobriety Courts. All three judges in the building participate in the Sobriety Court, overseeing the cases. We also have Drug Court and Veteran Court. Judge Reeds oversees the Veterans. Those are specialized dockets where we will see those defendants much more often. In these particular cases, we may see them twice a month. They are working with the probation department. So to see the transformation over an 18 month period of intensive counseling, services, probation, meeting with judges it's very gratifying to see the success that we have. Reeds states that one of the best parts of the job is going to their graduation ceremonies, to listen to their remarks and see their transformations. Judge Law adds that they deal with 100's of cases all week and it can be a bit of a treadmill sometimes, but sitting through the graduations in the specialty courts really re-charges his battery. Reeds states that they have a graduation ceremony this Wednesday and again, they invite everyone to come to the Wixom Community Center to see this event and they will make sure that from now on the Mayor and Council will receive emails inviting them to these types of events.

Mayor Pelchat thanks the Judges for coming.

Councilmember Kurtzweil states that she has two questions. The first, on the Specialty Courts, what is the rate of recidivism, when they graduate, do they really graduate or is there a period where they come back? Second, how attentive are you doing with respect to providing mental health counselling as a component with respect to substance abuse? Kurtzweil states it's the Mental Health component she is interested in.

Judge Reeds states that the recidivism rate is half or less. He goes on to say that they track the data 2 years out from graduation and 4 years out from graduation. In a recent development at the State level, in order to have a Sobriety Court, a Veteran's Court, a Drug Court you have to be certified by the state. He advises that they were the first court in the state to get that certification. Recidivism is never perfect, but it's definitely better then not having Specialty Court and the numbers do show that. Judge Law states that when someone is being monitored for 18 months, they generally do well. Law goes on to explain that they are looking to put something in place for when the 18 months is over. Judge Law goes on to

Kurtzweil's second question about Mental Health and how often do they look at that. Kurtzweil questions how sensitive are the courts to mental health issues? Judge Law states that they are hypervigilant to it, and goes on to say that this is why they send a defendant to get the reports that they need for sentencing. Mental health issues is not something that they necessarily can pick up on by just having a conversation with somebody while in court. We send them to an expert that can interview somebody, go through their records, do a background check, everything that they need to do and that's where these things show up. Councilmember Parisien states with drugs and alcohol being an issue in our community she thinks that any step that is taken to be proactive about stopping unwanted behavior is important. Thank you so much for everything that you are doing to be proactive and to try and stop the issue before it happens. Councilmember Kivell states that he agrees, and if you create an environment they will recognize just how jammed up they can get. They are much more likely to stay away from that. He goes on to add that speaking to the addictive aspect of those other issues, he is delighted to hear that the courts are acting the way they are. He states that if you are sending someone out without any kind of help at all and expecting a different result, seems ridiculous. Councilmember Walton states that it is wonderful that you have the tool belt that you have, but it does sound like you have a magic wand for some of these kids and adults. She states that the Judges mentioned Wednesday's graduation but wants to confirm the time. Judge Reeds confirms 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Kennedy states that his wife had an opportunity to participate down there and she was in Judge Reeds' court room. He goes on to say that she was impressed by the efficiency and the fairness that was displayed in the trial that she was a juror for. She told him it was a good experience.

Judge Reeds goes on to commend working with colleagues like Judge Law and Judge Bondy. He adds that he is very lucky and that they are his friends.

Councilmember Richards questions that in civil matters, what is the point that it will be kicked up to Circuit Court? Reeds states that it is \$25,000.00. Once it's over that it must be sent on to Circuit Court. Reeds states that it's been that way for quite such time and this \$25,000.00 is for total damages.

2. Air Handle Unit replacement for the entrance works at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

City Manager Zelenak states that the Waste Water plant had an inspection performed by E.G.L.E. of the state of Michigan in June, 2019. They informed us that we will need to replace the air handle unit for the wet well. The ice air handle unit that services entrance works was abandoned and beyond repair. This item was budgeted and planned for in this year's budget. Zelenak goes on to say that we've obtained five bids for this project and direct replacement with the explosion proof model as engineered by HRC is determined to be the most logical course. Four of the five bids elected to go with an ICE unit replacement. We have a quote from Covenant Environmental for your review as well as the direct replacement unit and bid sheets detailing all the quotes. Doug is here to answer any questions that you may have. The possible course of action is to approve or deny the purchase and installation of the air handler unit that provides ventilation and heat for the entrance works by Covenant Environmental in the amount of \$50,210.00.

CM 10-4-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AIR HANDLER UNIT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the purchase of the new Air Handler Unit for the entrance works at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to be installed by Covenant Environmental for the amount of \$50,210.00, as outlined in the current budget under line item 592.557.970

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Purchase and installation of a new 1050-gallon double wall diesel storage tank that supplies fuel to the generator set at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

City Manager Zelenak states that the diesel storage tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is well passed its use and in danger of failure. This can cause potential catastrophic problems and should be replaced as soon as possible. We received three quotes and although Corrigan is not the lowest, they provided the service for the switching of the tanks. This unplanned expenditure can be purchased out of the building and equipment maintenance account under 592.557.931 and all quotes are attached for your review. Possible course of action, is to approve or deny the purchase of the installation of the new double wall diesel tank for the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$5,012.42, plus fuel transferring fees by Corrigan Oil Company. The lowest bid, STAFCO estimated a delivery charges of \$350.00, but their quote did not include installation or the ability to transfer the diesel fuel. They do not offer service to remove the current tank and place the new tank on the existing concrete pad. The attached motion is for your review and Doug is here to answer any questions you may have.

Councilmember Kivell states that this is pretty straight forward but asks if this Staff Co typically does new installs or sell to utility. Doug states that this is correct and when he questioned Staff Co about what else they offer, he was told that they pretty much drop the tank and leave.

CM 10-5-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DOUBLE WALL DIESEL STORAGE TANK UNIT FROM CORRIGAN OIL

Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the purchase from Corrigan Oil of a double wall diesel storage tank for the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$5,012.42, plus fees to transfer the diesel fuel and charge the corresponding line item 592.557.931 as it is the building and equipment maintenance.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Kennedy states that he would like to compliment Doug on looking at the big picture on this and not basing his decision on the initial purchase price. You got what you needed to do the job and do it in its entirety. You didn't base your decision on the lowest price and then finding out that all these add-ons were going to occur later. He states that he appreciates Doug doing his due diligence to come with what the full picture is going to look like. Kennedy questions if they are still looking at upgrading the controls for that generating unit. Doug advises that as of right now, they will be keeping the same controls. The generator itself is working fine.

Councilmember Richards questions what will happen with the old tank. Doug advised that he questioned that himself, he did not want to get stuck with it, but it will be our responsibility to deal with that tank. Richards ask if they would be able to re-sell it. Doug confirms that they would have that option.

Councilmember Kurtzweil would like to compliment Doug on being at the right place at the right time in order to discover that it was in danger of failure. She goes on to say that this speaks to Doug's credentials and his great management decision that the City Manager made in hiring you. You've got the training and the ability to jump on something. We have the right guy in the right place, thank you for the skill set that you bring to the city.

4. Purchase and installation of a new security fence for the water tower located at Mill Street

City Manager Zelenak states that the newly refurbished water tower currently has no fencing. As was discussed with the budget process, we have obtained three quotes and would like to move forward and have the vinyl-coated 8' high security fence installed around the perimeter of the base of the tower. This is an item that we have budgeted for in the current budget year under line item, 592.556.970. All quotes are attached for your review. He states that additional decorative fence will be added to this project at a later date. The three quotes are included in your packet. Possible courses of action approve or deny the purchase of the installation of the new eight foot vinyl coated commercial grade security fence for the Mill Street water tower for \$9,500.00 by DeBord Brother's Fence Company.

CM 10-6-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW SECURITY FENCE FOR THE WATER TOWER LOCATED AT MILL STREET

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of the fencing from DeBord Brother's Fence Company of an 8' vinyl coated commercial grade security fence for \$9,500.00, for the Mill Street water tower as outlined in the current budget under line item 592.556.970.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Richards states that he has had contact with DeBord Fencing in the past and they are highly recommended. He goes on to say that he has observed their work that they have done at the cemetery and other places. They are an excellent company and highly respected in this area.

Councilmember Kennedy asks what the estimated deadline once this is approved. Doug advises that we should be on the books within the next three or four weeks.

5. South Lyon Educational Foundation Charitable Gaming License

City Manager Zelenak states that the South Lyon Educational Foundation is a non-profit group established to benefit the South Lyon Community Schools by promoting the educational mission of the South Lyon Community Schools. They are attempting to get a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan for an event they will be holding. They are asking for the attached resolution to be passed by the local government stating that they are recognized as a non-profit organization in the community. The attached documents includes an IRS exemption letter from the State of Michigan and by-laws of the South Lyon Educational Foundation. Possible course of action is to approve or not approve their request.

Councilmember Parisien states that she would like the body to know that she participates on this foundation or this non-profit as a board member and she would like excuse herself from discussion as well as voting even though she does not have a direct interest financially.

Attorney Hamameh states that there should be a motion for Councilmember Parisien to abstain from voting and participating in this matter.

CM 10-7-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THAT SHE, MARY PARI SIEN, REMOVE HERSELF FROM DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS ABSTAINING FROM VOTING

Motion by Parisien, supported by Walton

Motion to approve that she, Mary Parisien, remove herself from discussion, as well as abstaining from voting

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 10-8-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH LYON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Motion by Kurtzweil, support by Walton

Motion to approve the request from the South Lyon Educational Foundation, South Lyon, Michigan, County of Oakland, to be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

BUDGET

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak advises that the Business Survey has gone out, as mentioned earlier, we did receive 17 responses. We still have another week for the surveys and once we get all the information compiled, it will be forwarded on to Council as well as providing the information on the city website. Zelenak goes on to thank everyone that came out for the Real Men Wear Pink event he had last Friday night. The warm reception from the public, people came out at various hours of the evening. Thanks for not coming out between 1:30 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., He goes on to say that he appreciates that. Zelenak also appreciated being able to participate and have this at the Farmer's Market event. This event will continue all the way through the month of October. The next City Council member will be having the police in car camera purchase coming before City Council. Just to update everyone on traffic counts, we still have the traffic improvement association devices on Pontiac Trail. Those will be picked up and removed. We may have additional ones coming out to check speeds because we are checking traffic numbers as well as speeds all along Pontiac Trail to assist us with reviewing traffic patterns as it affects businesses and residents within the community. He goes on to say that he did provide some information in the Council packets regarding attorney bills rather than including them within the city packets and also that we are reviewing the athletic field uses for S.L.A.R.A. We are discussing charging outside entities who are not part of the Junior League or other South Lyon Community group's fee to use those fields. We want to make sure that the fields are accessible to South Lyon teams and we are discussing that and we will be bringing something back before City Council at a later date and he will be happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Kivell states that he is curious if we have ample data storage for the police car cameras. Police Chief Sovik advises that we do.

Zelenak adds that we included in the packet information regarding the 8 Mile to 9 Mile Dixboro Road construction, he goes on to say that the road is just closed for through traffic and you will still be able to access for residents as well as access to Volunteer Park.

Councilmember Kennedy states that we have 17 responses to the business survey at this point. What is the target population, what percentage does that represent at this point, out of all the businesses that received the survey do we know? This initially started with taking the inventory to see how many businesses we actually had out there and then this was pushed out to those businesses. Zelenak states that it is still less than 10%.

Councilmember Richards questions that in McHattie Park, what is the completion time for Peerless Midwest.

Doug advises that according to Ron Beason, who spoke directly with them, they are going to be at the park tomorrow to finish the install of the meter, once that component is put into place, we then have to be able to communicate with the meter so we have to have UIS come in to do their end of it, which has already started which would be the communication with SCADA back at the Wastewater Treatment plant. They should be out of the way shortly, picking up all the pipe that was there that they had used temporarily to flush. Then the meter is going to go in. They should be out of there tomorrow or the next day.

Richards states that he walked down the bank and looked at that latest flushing operation and it was much less than the previous one which was up to 1,400 gallons a minute, this was lower volume but it lasted for a week, why? Doug advises that it was because we needed to pass a Bacti's test. He advises that we are not actually allowed to have the well until they pass the Bacti's test, which it had to pass two in a row. Doug advised that they went above and beyond and did four in a row. The recommendation was to run it for 24 hours, but we ran it for a couple more days longer than that at a lower volume than what we were pushing initially. Richards states that he has noticed that the grading has been done around the site where the new well is in the ground. He asks if they are preparing for floating to be put in there before the building is erected or is that going to have just a fence around it. Doug advises that it will have concrete foundation and we are prepping that right now. We are building a temporary structure of some sort, a pretty solid structure over that number 4 offset well. Richards ask if Peerless Midwest is the contractor for the construction of the building. Doug advises that they are not, that will be up to us.

Councilmember Kennedy advises that he would like to get back to the Business Survey. He goes on to say that we are showing a less than 10% response rate at this particular point. He states he is looking over the project plan for the Business Survey and he doesn't see an activity listed. Are there any plans to go back to the businesses and see if there is any way to increase the response rate? Just a follow up, whatever way that we can generate an interest in it. City Manager, Zelenak states that we had not planned that. We had no idea of what type of response that we were going to get. Usually if we get a 20% response, that is very good for any type of survey. He states that they can certainly do that. This would be sending out another 250 to 300 letters to all the businesses, basically the exact same letter.

Councilmember Parisien states, what about just a quick email, reminder to the businesses, because we do have an email list. Zelenak advises that he would have to see if we have emails for every single business owner or for the person that would be potentially opening those up. He states that we can certainly look at that if that's what Council wants to do. Parisien states that she cannot speak for the whole body, but this could be a good use of time, if we just send out a quick email that we have addresses for and for those businesses that we don't, we can personally go and see them. Zelenak states that we can certainly do that, it will take quite a bit of time. He advises that we will have to look and see how we can handle the staffing levels with elections and other things coming up. Parisien adds that the whole point of the survey was communication to understand where the businesses stand and how they feel about the city of South Lyon and what we are doing for them. We need to take a proactive measure to send out an email, a friendly reminder that the due date for the Business Survey is September 30th. It doesn't have to be elaborate. Zelenak states that he will take a look at it and advises that someone will have to enter every one of the email addresses, and he will talk with the staff about that and see what time frame it will take.

Councilmember Kivell states that he knows that the addresses were on some documents from early on in this whole thing, so it's just a copy and paste to a general blast to everybody. If we got 20 more, we would be better off than where we are now. He states that he thinks it will be worth it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Keeling, 62180 Arlington Circle, #5

Keeling states that she went to the park with her Grand Children and she was surprised that the wheel chair swing is not up yet. She states that she knows that Council doesn't control that, but she is hoping that it will be up by next spring. She also states that if there is anything else that needs to be done, she would be happy to help with it.

Chief Vogel

Chief apologizes for being late, they were at a fire on Norchester, it was a small basement fire. He goes on to advise that they had a fire Saturday at Michigan Seamless Tube. It was in pickle #2 house, the staff was great. They were assisted by Lyon Township, Green Oak Township and Salem and finally he wants to thank the schools for allowing him to have a gator for Pumpkinfest. Chief Sovik got it for him. The plan is to have staff on all weekend and the football game. The plan is to have fire extinguishers and medical supplies in the gator. We learned last year that we had a lot of medical runs and a small fire and trying to get a truck through there is impossible and trying to run from the station is too far. The schools really helped.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kurtzweil

Kurtzweil states that her comments are going to be focusing on memories of Tedd Wallace, politics can wait. First she went on to thank Ken Mihalik, South Lyon Police Officer Timothy Rapp, and Sean from Peter's True Value for assisting in the removal of the huge tree branch that snapped off of a tree in Paul Baker Park during the storm on September 13th. Sean said, this is what you do for your community, you help. Kurtzweil goes on to talk about Tedd Wallace, she states that he was a character, she agreed on Ted for somethings and I disagreed with him on most things but whatever he did, he did it with conviction and he did it with passion. She goes on to tell of how Tedd wanted to meet her Dad, so she and her Dad and Tedd had lunch at Brown's Root Beer and it was a great two hours. Kurtzweil tells of how her Dad was so excited to be able to have lunch with the Mayor of South Lyon. He and Tedd chatted endlessly about careers, schooling, politics and life in a small town. Actually, they had a lot in common. She states that she is ever so thankful to Tedd Wallace for giving her a great memory of a wonderful lunch with her Dad. She adds, and as I recall, my Dad and I paid for the lunch. Kurtzweil stated that when her father past several years ago, it was Tedd Wallace that could not have been nicer to her, you really don't forget what people do in your time of grief. So I wanted to thank Ted and his family for that. Kurtzweil states that many of you may not know, that she volunteers in one capacity or another in helping to keep Paul Baker Park in good condition for the last 15 years. It was actual her first volunteer project that she took on when Former Mayor, Jeff Potter, appointed her to the Park and Rec Commission. Over the years the landscaping has changed, but one thing did not change, Tedd Wallace always thanked me for helping to maintain the park, every, every year. This year was no different, but the conversation that they had went beyond a simple thank you. This spring, when she was working in the Park with DPW and Rose, getting it ready for the Memorial Day Parade. Tedd stopped, he and I had a great conversation and he thanked her

for working in the park. He then spoke of this days on the Cable Commission and he's right, he raised a whole generation of South Lyon residents on Tedd TV. Tedd TV was clean and wholesome, it was about sports, Pumpkinfest Parade, Christmas Lights and the sub-divisions, making parents proud when they saw their young athletes on TV. Tedd than said to her, if I am unable to keep an eye on the tree that was planted for the man that saved my life in St. Croix, could she do it for him. Little did she know, 5 months later, the torch would be passed to her and that she would be keeping her eye on that tree. She states that tonight she wants to talk of the good things about Tedd Wallace, they may have bantered a bit, but at the end of the day, I always respected him. At his funeral mass, Father Stan spoke of that tragic event in St. Croix. But as she sat there in church all she could hear was keep an eye on that tree. She goes on to say that whatever memory that the city has for Tedd Wallace, that there is some recognition for his commitment to the Cable Commission, his commitment to Sports, and for those that were not at his funeral, Tedd was buried in a shirt that had South Lyon Cable TV on it, with his name and if that doesn't say something about his commitment and his love for the city. Kurtzweil goes on to say to Tedd's children and Ellen, to his soon-to-be first grand-daughter, prayers, comfort, love and support are extended to you from me and my husband Ken. Thank you.

Councilmember Walton

Walton states that she would like to thank Judge Law and Judge Reeds for coming here tonight. Your speech was very interesting and very informative. Walton goes on to thank Heinanen Engineering for their open house over the weekend, it was a great time. She said that she found it very interesting that they have a press in there from 1887. It came from one of the Ford Plants, and it is used to stamp the Heinanen Engineering logo in to all their equipment. She adds that Witch's Hat and their special Martin's Hardware Brew, it's very interesting and a very neat thing and just the way that our businesses support each other here in this town. She talks about how we support each other and how our residents support each other, but look at the businesses supporting each other. Walton adds that her thought and prayers are with the Wallace Family, she cannot say anything more than what Councilmember Kurtzweil has said, it was a very heartfelt message. She says she grew up on Tedd TV herself as a lifetime resident of South Lyon. There's not a memory that goes back to childhood to elementary school without Tedd Wallace in it. Thank you.

Councilmember Richards

Richards states that there is stuff going on that doesn't get mentioned very often. Up at Brookdale Plaza, the beat goes on. Those people are out there re-doing the front of those buildings. Nobody has told them that they had to do it, and they are doing it with sandstone and fine decorative stuff. Whether a business occupies the building or not, they are putting all new frontage on them. He goes on to say thank you and thank you for improving the quality of the plaza. He goes on to talk about 113 North Lafayette. He has gone over there and taken pictures. He goes on to say that he is absolutely flabbergasted, they are doing a beautiful job and it has been architecturally approved. Richards then goes on to praise our City Manager for his endeavor at the Farmers Market Location with the pink chair. It was beyond the call of duty for this event for our city. He did stop by to say Okay and best wishes, be safe and good luck. He goes on to talk about the Historic Tour in Northville that is going on tomorrow. This is an annual affair. He goes on to talk about Tedd Wallace, he states that after the last Council meeting we all left here. He goes on to say that he was probably the last person to see Tedd alive. Richards had gone up to the Gas Station, Wallace was up there getting a lottery ticket. His voice seemed a little weak, but he appeared to be in good spirits. We had a nice discussion talking about Tedd TV and South Lyon Politics. Tedd was a lifetime member of the Historical Society, along with his wife, Ellen. At the Historical Society meeting last week, we discussed mortality and that old saying, here today and gone tomorrow. We discussed our obligation to

our stewardship and to our historic duty to preserve the records of the City of South Lyon. Anyway, Tedd was a friend to all and we will all miss his spirit, his sincerity, his leadership and his grasp of the big picture and the bigger issue at hand. And finally, Richards goes on to say that when he was injured, it was Tedd that was at my house and knocking on the door to see what he could do. Tedd was one in a million.

Councilmember Kennedy

On a sad note, almost 2 weeks ago we lost a life-long resident of South Lyon, Tedd Wallace. A husband, father, grandfather and former teacher, council member and mayor for this city who will be missed by many. It was impressive to see the number of folks who attended Tedd's funeral and just as impressive was the number of businesses and individuals from our community that contributed food and other items for the gathering afterwards. What a great community we live in. On another note Kennedy wanted to congratulate our City Manager, Paul Zelenak, for his 24 hour event highlighting breast cancer awareness and raising funds for the American Cancer Society. He says he managed to get a couple of hours of sleep overnight last Friday night but I think he may be overestimating that. It certainly wasn't an easy effort but it was certainly for a very worthwhile cause. He also wanted to recognize and congratulate Doug Buers for his 27 years of service to this community. During that time, Doug was responsible for keeping all of our equipment in a safe and reliable operating condition. Doug will be leaving us at the end of this week and while I don't believe he is planning to fully retire right now, he is going to pursue some other opportunities. We certainly wish him the very best as he does so, and thank him for his commitment and years of service to our city. All the best, Doug! Tomorrow, Tuesday September 24 the Salem-South Lyon District Library will hold their first Meet the Candidate event from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. This session will provide an opportunity to meet the 7 candidates who are running for the 3 open seats. Then on Thursday this week, the Salem-South Lyon District Library will host a second event where attendees can meet the candidates for Mayor. This event will also run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. And finally, this Wednesday will be the last Lake Street Cruise-In. It will begin one half hour earlier at 6:00pm. It's always a great time, so come downtown and enjoy the cars and dining with your friends and neighbors. It's always a great time!

Councilmember Parisien

Parisien states she will echo Councilmember Kennedy to meet the candidates. It's her mantra every single meeting, do your homework, come prepared. Individuals in the audience will be allowed to write down their questions and be asked to the candidates. We have fantastic candidates in the audience and incumbents here at the table. Do your research, look at Facebook pages, what do they say, what are their platforms. Look at videos for the incumbents that currently sit on Council. Who are the individuals that are progressing the city forward, who are the obstructionist, who doesn't work well with department heads. How do they fit your needs and how do they fit community's needs. I won't tell you who to vote for, but I can point you in the direction of what video's to look at. Parisien states that we always need volunteers, and thank you Gary Fagin and welcome aboard. Pumpkinfest needs volunteers. Cultural Arts Commission is in need of volunteers, spread the work. She goes on to thank Tim, it's great to have you here to thank you for all your years of service. He has provided us with numerous municipal transactions that we have had and you have never failed us. You have been fantastic! Best of luck to you in Ann Arbor. Thoughts and prayers go out to Tedd Wallace's family.

Councilmember Kivell

Kivell states that he would like to thank Chief Vogel for the relationships that he's built with our neighbors. Saturday's fire at the Tube Mill, and the response time for Lyon Township and Green Oak Township were staggeringly good. Knowing people have our back like that speaks volumes of Rob. He

goes on to say that Tedd and his mother Norma were two of the people that he first came in contact with when he first went to City Hall, back in 1987. Not too terribly long after that Tedd had asked him to be on the Parks Commission as well. Tedd was always very proud of the cable show and that was remarkably valuable for a community of our size. People used to complain to City Council about getting another cable company, but we didn't have densities to justify all the costs of rewiring the city. He goes on to say how many people and their relationships with Tedd was because Tedd was their teacher. Just by the number of people that were at his funeral makes it pretty clear on how consequential his time in this community had been. Rest in Peace and thank you for all you have done. Kivell goes on to thank Tim for all he has done for us and he hopes that Ann Arbor realizes the gift that they are getting. He tells Lisa, that he is sure she will be just fine, but she does have some big shoes to fill.

Mayor Pelchat

Thank you to Gary Fagin, while he mostly operates in the background he is a major player here in town. It will be nice to have him back. Pelchat goes on to thank Doug Buers as well, and we wish him the best. He goes on to thank Tim for being here. We have some memories for sure and if we ever do that TV show, he will be in touch.

In regards to former Mayor Wallace, he was a friend and he thanks everyone for the kind words.

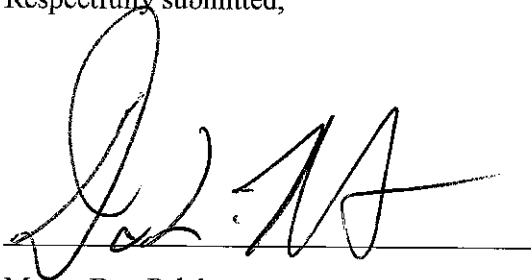
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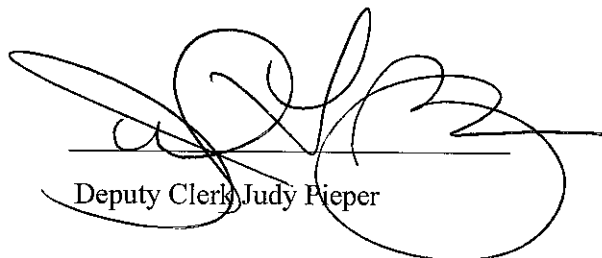
Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton
Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat



Deputy Clerk Judy Pieper

