

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
September 25, 2023

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, Councilmembers: Dilg, Kivell, Kurtzweil, Hansen, and Kennedy

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Police Chief Baaki, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan, DDA Director Mack, and Deputy Clerk Pieper

Absent: Councilmember Mosier

CM 9-1-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to excuse absence of Councilmember Mosier

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES- 9/11/23

Councilmember Kivell stated the words to get back to 9/11 needs to be added to his council comments

CM 9-2-23 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 9-3-23 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate) appointment
2. Downtown Trick or Treat
3. Ladies Night

CM 9-4-23 MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATION- South Lyon Hotel

See attached proclamation

Larry Ledbetter then gave a presentation of pictures. He stated it was built in 1867 and after completion it was named the Commercial House. There were 2 hotels in South Lyon and because of the railroad, passengers from the train would stay in town. He then stated the two hotels were rivals when a train would come through, and they heard the whistle, they got into their horse and buggies, and raced to the train and upon arrival, they would persuade the passengers to stay the night at their hotel and it was exciting for the residents of South Lyon. The Commercial House whose name was changed to the

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Whipple House for a short time and eventually became the South Lyon Hotel. The hotel was rumored to be haunted based on the fact it was built on an old cemetery and the bodies had to be removed for the construction. In addition, a fire occurred in 1977 and it took the life of one of its residents. There were 13 that survived thanks to the efforts of Tony Solomon. He was banging on the doors getting people out, and the man that passed was Omar Duncan who went back in to get something. Another example of you never go back into a burning building. Some of the haunting rumors were probably intended to intimidate the younger employees. He then stated Paul Baker came to town in 1988 and he purchased the South Lyon Hotel, and anyone that knew him would say he was a very interesting man and he had a great foresight of things that would happen. He changed things a lot. The 12 rooms upstairs along with the community bathrooms were removed, and the upstairs was converted to a banquet hall. Several years later, it became a general dining room with a bar. After the massive fire it was determined the structure couldn't be salvaged and the Bakers and Corry Bala went ahead with the new building. Because of the Baker family and Corry Bala, the hotel is a fine place to dine, to meet up with friends, to celebrate special occasions as he did for his retirement in 2014. Corry Bala stated a lot of thanks goes to Chris's dad and his family when they took it over in 1988. He further stated there has been a lot of craziness, and he likes to tell people we had a fire, we rebuilt, we opened up, then we had covid. We have gotten good at getting beat up. He further stated he doesn't know if that is a business strategy, but maybe it is, being a team that adapts and moves forward is who wins. He then stated we are only as strong as the people we brought up with us. We try our best to have a good team, and the Baker family has been great to him. And everyone knows when it burned down, we would not have been able to rebuild without everyone coming out to help out. He stated he had landscapers come out and offer their services without pay, we had drywallers help without pay. He then stated he appreciates the Mayor and Council for their support. He then stated when they were trying to rebuild, he would go to Council and ask for favors and the city has always been great to help them move along. He further stated they would be nothing without the community and everyone here. Chris Baker thanked City Council. He spoke about watching the hotel burn down, but he said South Lyon pride and South Lyon strong. He said they rebuilt and he hopes everyone loves the Hotel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Cottongim of 601 Lafayette thanked Councilmember Dilg for her time and efforts for organizing information about No Mow May. She then thanked all of Council for taking the time to discuss this and consider a change. She stated the overall idea is to get the word out about our pollinators being in danger and to have a conversation about how to help them. It has a small but positive impact and our biggest impact is having a conversation starter. No Mow May is working in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Ferndale, East Lansing and many more local cities with no negative effects. She stated she would like one word changed in the Ordinance, from May to June. That would be enough to let her and any other citizen participate without the fear of being cited or fined, and its time to help our pollinators, and baby bunnies, ducklings, and so many would benefit from the extra time. She then said some cities are suspending their lawn ordinances until June 1st. She is worried that suspending the lawn ordinance wouldn't be long standing like actually changing the ordinance, but the most important thing to do is to make a positive change here and now. The worst thing that could come of this is nothing. We have learned so much since it was written in the 1980's, we know now that our pollinators are in trouble, and she thinks we can all agree on that. We can do something that would stop our pollinators from hurting that we need to live the life we live today. She then said she wants to participate in this positive initiative without fear of being charged with a municipal civil infraction.

Ryan Cottingim of 601 S Lafayette also thanked Councilmember Dilg for all her working and bringing this before Council. He stated he agrees with everything Erin said, and changing the Ordinance is the best

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way to guarantee this initiative can be practiced in the city without repercussion. It's just one month and it will guarantee those that want to participate are allowed to do so on the property that they own, and pay taxes on in our city. To add natural beauty to our town, and lessen noise population and landscaping and carbon emissions from landscaping equipment for our families and neighbors to bring awareness to others that our pollinators are in danger, and to lead by example showing how one small act of not mowing our grass for an extra month can help so much with this. This is not negligence, it's the exact opposite, it is a purposeful act to help all of us and to help pollinators that supply our food. He said he doesn't want short tidy grass; he wants to do everything he can to protect our food and food supply for our kids. He then said that is what is important to him, not what anyone else thinks about his lawn or how his property looks. He further stated it is property he pays taxes on and he should be able participate in this if he wants to. Changing the ordinance is the best way because policies can be easily changed or dropped. Planting perennial gardens are a great idea, but it's expensive and it takes a while to achieve and not everyone has the ability to do that. He then said limiting to the backyards or certain areas still restricts too many people and properties too. He said it also hinders the ability to spread awareness to let people know, it really is the biggest part of the initiative is to spread awareness and getting conversations and dialogue going. He then said changing the ordinance is the best way to keep the initiative alive.

Susan Dreffs of 412 Washington Street stated she would like a text amendment Housing Commission Ordinance, Chapter 34 article 4 changed to age restriction 62 and older.

Judy Keeling of 62180 Arlington Circle stated she would the ordinance to stay the same so younger, handicapped or less financial people can also live at Washington Manor.

Mary Eilola of 416 Washington Street stated she would like a text amendment Housing Commission Ordinance, Chapter 34 article 4 changed to age restriction 62 and older, but also allow younger or older handicapped or disabled to be allowed in.

Jean Dendel of 321 Hagadorn stated she wanted to let everyone know that the street is coming along great, and she wanted to commend not only the workers on the street, but also the day after the huge storm, she sat on her porch and watched the delicate dance between the workers and the people coming out to remove trees, and the Police Department. Everyone was cordial, no one was honking their horns. She stated she does have 2 items about the street. She stated people are wondering what the purpose of the black piping is that is going in the ditches because it isn't being connected to anything. It's laying in the ditch then dirt is going over it. She doesn't understand how something can drain. She further stated it not only affect people on the streets and students, but several of the workers have complained that there are people picking up their kids and flying down the street. She thinks its pretty bad when the workers complain about that. She further stated she just wanted to let everyone know that speeding is still a problem.

Leslie Conatser of 418 Washington Street stated she would like a text amendment Housing Commission Ordinance, Chapter 34 article 4 changed to age restriction 62.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

DDA Director Mack stated they had a ribbon cutting for Jodea Bella on Friday. They have been at their new location in town for a few months, but were now able to get the ribbon cutting done and he was happy to assist them. He then stated the Social District is now open which is fantastic. He stated they had a little ribbon cutting there at 5:00 which took place in the Farmers Market parking lot. He then stated DPW did some work back there to spruce it up and it looks really nice and he is grateful for their

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assistance, especially with all the work they've been doing since the storm. He then stated the DDA Board approved a contract for the Christmas lights downtown for this winter and they expect the work to begin late October. He asked for a quote for extension cords to replace the white ones.

Councilmember Hansen stated he is happy the Social District is now open and it is creating a stir on social media as well as news articles. He then asked about an Indian Restaurant coming to town. Mr. Mack stated they just submitted documents for their site plan, so they are waiting to hear back if they have been approved, but he can say the owner has another restaurant in Novi.

Councilmember Dilg stated the area for the Social District looked great, and it was fun to be there, but she was surprised by the fencing that was done. She then thanked him and the DPW for doing that. She further stated she was in town for a while Friday night, and she saw quite a few people outside in different areas having drinks and spoke with several people and they were very excited about it. She further stated it may take a while for people to get it, but it was a good start. She then asked about the people working on the roof on the corner of Lake and Lafayette Street. Mr. Mack stated their building permits are still open and they are still doing work there, but he doesn't have any new information.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she had the opportunity to be downtown Saturday night and individuals were very pleased about the Social District, and she thinks we are moving into Fall, so you may not see as many people. It seems like a more spring or summer activity to be outside more often. She then congratulated him on all his hard work he put into it and the community is noticing which is a good thing. She then stated she ran into someone from Farmington so it seems word got out that we were opening it up this weekend and maybe they wanted to compare notes. And there could be other cities that have Social Districts that may come to look at ours to see how theirs gauge how their district is to ours.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Thorington stated they are at 971 instances for the year. He then stated Aiden Branigan Brown successfully completed his EMT class and he completed firefighter in the past so he is now a full-fledged firefighter. We had ISO in last week which comes in every 3 years to assess the department. They look at our dispatch center, the water supply system, mutual aid agreements, our policies and procedures for our fire equipment. Hopefully we'll get good news in a few months. We currently at a 3 and our target is to stay there. He further stated they integrated with the Police server, so now we have a backup for our system.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Baaki congratulated Corry and the hotel. He then stated about 15 years ago he was working midnights and he saw some activity at the Hotel. He checked it out and it was ghost hunters and they were filming trying to find ghosts. He was tempted to dress up like a ghost and run through there, but chose not to. He then stated the Tahoe should be on the road mid-October. He then stated he heard a lot of good comments about the Social District, and reminded everyone about the Lake Street Cruise in and Pumpkinfest but the boundaries for the Social District do not change. Even though the footprint of the events may be bigger, the boundaries remain the same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Hagadorn paving project- addition of Warren Street

City Manager Zelenak stated as part of our efforts to make further improvements to roads within the City of South Lyon and as the first project associated with our Road Bond project, we have solicited bids and awarded the Hagadorn paving and sewer project to DiPonio Contracting. The original bid was \$3,874,858.79. We recently increased the project cost due to changes in the reconstruction method for

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East, West and North Crest Lanes and Orchard Ridge from half-width mill and overlay to full depth reconstruction. Now we are proposing to add Warren Street to the project and pave from West Lake Street all the way to McHattie Park, including the paving of McHattie Park parking lot. Based upon this change in estimated quantities, it will increase the cost of the project approximately \$264,000.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if this will extend the time frame for completion. Mr. Darga of HRC stated it will not. Councilmember Kennedy then asked if he has a response to the black tubes that was mentioned by a resident during public comment. Mr. Darga stated that is the edge drain, it goes closer to the intersection near the curbs and we extended it up to the ditch line. It will help to drain the ditches quicker. It is connected to the storm system. Councilmember Kivell asked about the funding source for the parking lot and what is the cost. City Manager Zelenak stated the funding is from the Parks and Recreation fund, so it does come out of the general fund. He then stated the cost is \$77,899.67

CM 9-5-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OF PROJECT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the change in the scope of the project to add Warren Street and McHattie Park parking lot to the project cost for an amount of approximately \$264,000. For DiPonio Contracting from account # 204-451-802, and 101-751-978

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. EV charging station contract

City Manager Zelenak stated city staff have been working with Charge EV, an Oakland County based company to provide turnkey solutions for the General Motors Community Charging Program. The initiative encourages municipalities to identify EV charging locations in their communities. Local dealerships provide 80-amp EV chargers from General Motors and will dispatch State Electric Company to install the equipment and commission the chargers upon completion. Equipment procurement and materials, site preparation, utility coordination, and the scheduling and commission of the units are coordinated by Charge EV. State Electric Company will also maintain the equipment and troubleshoot any issues that may arise, decreasing the amount of time the chargers are not in use. There have been 5 locations identified that can be utilized for EV charging. They are 390 S Lafayette St (Lafayette Park), McHattie Park parking lot (502 Washington), McHattie Park near the freight house (300 Dorothy), Whipple Street parking lot and Wells Street parking lot. Councilmember Kivell stated there is a push right now in US and Europe so that everything has the same kind of plug in it. Will the chargers be able to transition to those standards once they are in place. Mr. Mack stated they will be able to be updated. Councilmember Kivell stated being essentially designed for the GM platform, he understands there are adapters. Mr. Mack stated there is a push to have all the charger plugs the same, the only difference is Tesla. Councilmember Kennedy stated the paperwork talks about advertising on the units and he asked if it is a video screen or some kind of static advertising. Mr. Mack stated there will not be a video playing, it will be the logo of the dealership. He further stated the city has a wide latitude of what is allowed to be advertised on the charging stations. If they want to do some sort of advertisement, the city would have to approve it first. Councilmember Hansen asked about the commencement date in the contract. The contract states they have 150 days to bring the charger online, is there any wiggle room on that. Mr. Mack stated we don't push them because there is a lot of work that has to be done, such as calling Miss Dig, and

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getting all the infrastructure in place. Councilmember Hansen then asked about the locations, his opinion is the Wells Street parking lot and by McHattie Park seem like the most logical places, and we could advertise for our events. Councilmember Kivell stated having 5 locations will spread the word more. Do we designate the parking places to be used or do they? Mr. Mack stated it will be the city and the company. City Manager Zelenak stated we came up with the locations, but they will have to work with our utility company regarding pole placement so that may designate the parking places.

CM 9-6-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT

Motion by Hansen, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the EV charging contract with Charge EV for electric vehicle charging stations in the City of South Lyon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. No Mow May discussion

City Manager Zelenak stated for several months we have had brief discussions and received information on No Mow May. The packet includes several articles on the subject listing the pros and the cons of the possibility of initiation of this in South Lyon. He then said our options are to change our ordinance, create a policy, or we can look at additional options. Councilmember Dilg stated she thinks the best thing to do would be to change the ordinance to June, but there are a lot of other options we could be doing. Do we want people to register or just require it to be done in backyards, or change the length in the ordinance. She brought this up to hear other councilmembers thoughts. Councilmember Kivell stated there are a lot of generic things we can talk about. He further stated we can talk about trying to come up with something right now, you can find endless stories about this. He understands the idea of helping the pollinators, but if you have been in your home for 20 years and you take great care of your lawn, and the idea of having a neighbor letting theirs grow and seeds end up flying into their yard, seems like an intrusion on them. He further stated he likes the idea of starting out allowing it in the backyards. He stated that might be a good way to ease into it and see if there is any pushback. He stated he has a lot of pollinators in his yard, and he likes the idea, but he is concerned about what homeowner associations are likely to end up doing. He then stated there is a lot of room for more discussion. He then stated he has been pushing for using our parkland for that, it doesn't have to go into residential areas, but although you can, as long as it doesn't go into your neighbor's yard. With the parks we have, we can have much more impact on making sure there are enough viable places for pollinators to be nourished. He doesn't think that has to be an expensive event. Councilmember Hansen stated he can see both arguments, but he does appreciate this conversation has started. Some of his ideas is having folks register and gauging what kind of interest there is and maybe having the city supply them with a sign so they know what they are showcasing. Reflecting why their yards are larger, or maybe even donating to a fund for using the city park. It may be something to consider next year to see what kind of interest it generates. He further stated until we can gauge the public, and all the other communities trying it out. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is glad this discussion is being held. She has been involved in this for almost 15 years and she is happy people are getting interested. She stated she sees both sides of the argument. She said she has a lot of knowledge on this. She plants these types of gardens. The argument for No May is about pollinators. We need to understand the facts. We have ground bees and they dig holes in the ground, but the average bee doesn't fly around in the grass. You aren't helping to pollinate. When you have grass and it is grown, and you

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cut the grass in June, you will be mowing the nest and the yellow bees coming out of the ground, which is a negative impact. Additionally, bees are interesting and when they find a place for food, they tend to continue to come back each year. If you encourage bees to come back to your yard, and you now destroy that habitat they have to find a different location to go. That is an argument for a temporary solution to provide bees for a certain habitat. She further stated if you help nature, help them survive, not only in May. There is no evidence to support that. The pollinator issue is solved by long term management of providing pollinator gardens. It isn't that expensive. She has one in her yard and one at the church. If you say you don't want to cut your grass in May to help the pollinators, you're on the wrong path. She further stated you have to follow the research and science. She further stated if you're doing No Mow May, and you let your grass grow, sometimes animals will nest there. Such as rabbits. She stated she had a friend that went to cut her grass in June, and there were things coming out of the mower, and she hit a rabbit's nest and they were gone. She further stated you have to understand even though you're providing a place for nature to nest in a taller grass environment, what you're doing is when you come back to the pattern of cutting grass, you need to be careful of what has nested in the area. She also reminded everyone that mosquitoes and ticks live in the tall grass. She spent the weekend going over the advantages, and one of the issues was carbon sequestration and it is the process of capturing carbon and storing it. When you allow your grass to grow, it is absorbing carbon and the theory is because of climate changes, we have more carbon in the atmosphere, therefore if you grow your grass tall, the carbon will make more nutrients into the soil. She further stated, she hasn't found any research that when your grass is 7 inches tall, and then you cut it to 3 inches, there is no research showing that the 4 inches of grass have resulting in any carbon sequestration during that time. It is important to understand. Another argument people use is it saves on water usage. She stated she seeds her yard every year with drought resistant grass seed, which requires less watering. She then stated if you want to reserve water, you can use the drought resistant grass seed so you're not watering your grass in June, July, August and September. She further stated we can build pollinator gardens, and its not that expensive, she has them in her yard and she gives plants away every month, and she goes to organizations that give perennials away. You have to be careful about the plants you choose, because you want to engage the pollinators. She further stated she isn't opposed to people turning their front yards into gardens. Councilmember Dilg stated she likes the ideas of the gardens, but who would be responsible for the maintenance of the gardens, would we allow people to have a public garden. Councilmember Kivell stated it would be a wonderful project for Eagle Scouts, or Girl Scouts. It would get the ball rolling and try to entice people to be a participant. He further stated he spoke with Parks and Recreation and they seem to be on board with it, it is a good starting point, and they didn't have any misgivings about it. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated we have to applaud people that recognize that we have an issue with things that keep us alive. City Manager Zelenak stated he will bring this back at a future meeting for a discussion with things that were brought up tonight. Further discussion was held regarding the future meetings and the additional information that will be discussed.

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Dendel of 321 Hagadorn stated she loves the idea of the gardens, but she isn't keen on not mowing the grass. She is highly allergic to bees, but if someone is willing to help the community and help plant flowers that will beautify the community, it is a wonderful idea. So many people are afraid of not adding the right plants.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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City Manager Zelenak stated Plante Moran will be at the next meeting to present the audit and we will also have the mutual agreement with South Lyon Schools for the Senior Center. He then stated the contractor is continuing to work on repairs at the DPW building and they are trying to get the building closed up before the snow comes. All of the repairs are being handled by MMRMA, our insurance company. He then stated we went out for bid for crack sealing a few weeks ago and we didn't receive any bids so we are reaching out to the companies that were going to bid, to see if we change it to a multiyear contract will encourage them to bid the job. They have started the sanitary sewer project near the railroad tracks, so far, they have done tree removal, minor excavation, and building the bore pits. He then stated the Housing Commission met a few weeks ago, and discussed the proposed redevelopment of the property on Washington and procedures for approval. It looks as though it will still go through as a PUD, so it will have to come before Council for approval. We will have a public hearing, and the final steps will include the applicant submitting a PUD site plan for review for our engineers and consultants, planning commission, and ultimately city council for approval. Councilmember Dilg stated the sidewalk program was a hit in her neighborhood, they look amazing, there were so many that were messed up and they look terrific. They did a wonderful job and thank you to the contractors. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated that is important because as we move into the budget season, that has been the number one thing discussed besides fixing the roads. Everyone is happy about it. The only thing we learned from COVID is to get outside and get healthy and having good sidewalks is important. There are beneficial things that happen when you get out and walk. She may ask to have a little more money being spent. City Manager Zelenak stated he has spoken with Jeff and they talked about extending it for future years, and it was an excellent program and the professional job the contractor did. We will continue the program, not only just for sidewalks damaged by city trees. We want to have a walkable town, and we will continue to try to make some big leaps with this. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked about the manholes covers that are in people's driveways. What is the process if one is cracking their driveway. City Manager Zelenak stated if it is caused by the city manhole cover, the DPW will look at it and decide if it needs to be replaced or removed. Councilmember Kennedy asked for an update on what is taking place on S Lafayette where there are steel grates across the road and the hole in the sidewalk on the east side of S Lafayette. City Manager Zelenak stated that is some utility work being done, they are doing some additional boring in that area. The permits and work are being done by the Road Commission, but we may have done some Miss Diggs identifying the utilities. Councilmember Kivell stated he loves the idea of the sidewalk program and he would love us to find equally important thing to start doing the tree supplement so we can remove trees that are tearing up our sidewalks and putting in less intrusive trees and not ruin all of our stuff. He further stated we have to start somewhere. City Manager Zelenak stated city staff met to look at specific species of trees we should be planting within the rights-of-way instead of some of the old types that were planted. Immediately after the storms we started to discuss a tree replacement program and we will be doing that for several years because we had so much damage within so many areas of the city, we still need to identify what trees need to be taken down. The work is ongoing and the staff have worked over 1,000 hours on just tree and debris removal.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kivell stated he'd like to expose the often bad and dangerous driving over by Bartlett that's putting a lot of other drivers, pedestrians and children walking home in jeopardy. The road construction has made it worse than normal, but the only acceptable solution is to take a deep breath and do your part to make sure nobody gets hurt. Please be focused on driving with reasonable gaps between you and the other cars and smile. It's harder to ram into someone if you're smiling, unless maybe you drive in demolition derbies.

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Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone that this Wednesday will be the last Lake Street Cruise-in for this season and that it will begin at 4:30pm rather than 6:30pm. So, make plans to come downtown and see some great cars and enjoy a dinner at one of the restaurants downtown. He then stated the Salem-South Lyon District Library will again be offering notary services tomorrow evening. Brad Heist from Comerica Bank will be available from 6pm until 7pm. No appointment is necessary, just bring a photo id and do not sign your documents before arrival. He then stated Larry Ledbetter asked him to pass along a message that the South Lyon Area Historical Society is collecting items to be included in the new time capsule. The items should be non-perishable, no liquids, looking for photographs, letters and other such items of interest. You can drop off the items at the Witch's Hat Museum or you can call 248.437.9929 to make arrangements for someone to pick them up. The deadline is October 15th to make a contribution. He then reminded everyone that Pumpkinfest is this weekend, with the Pumpkinfest Parade on Saturday starting at 10am. There will be lots of activities and entertainment for the entire family so make plans now to be downtown this weekend. You won't want to miss it.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated South Lyon is a great place to be and town has been packed with people every weekend this month with some great events. She further stated Pumpkinfest is this weekend and it is a great event. She then thanked all the individuals and volunteers that keep the events going. She then stated the weather is going to be great and she hopes everyone stays in downtown this weekend.

Councilmember Hansen stated he is excited to have the EV Chargers on the agenda and he was surprised by the locations, and some people may not notice them, but we will be getting put on the maps when the service is offered for shoppers, travelers and he is thrilled to see this. He then thanked the City Manager and Nate for all their work and he will be there with their family car.

Councilmember Dilg thanked all the volunteers and workers and the Pumpkinfest committee will begin to meet next month for next year and there are so many people that are doing so much work to make this happen. She then gave a shout out to our city staff for all the work they will be doing for the Election season.

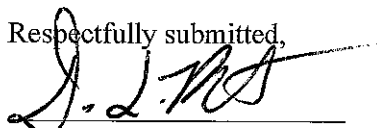
Mayor Pelchat stated people in general need to treat each other with respect.

ADJOURNMENT

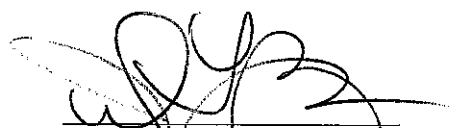
CM 9-7-23 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil

Motion to adjourn at 8:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Dan Pelchat



Deputy Clerk Judy Pieper

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CITY OF SOUTH LYON

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Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the South Lyon Hotel, built in 1867 in the heart of downtown South Lyon, is one of the oldest hotels in Michigan and;

WHEREAS, the building first served the community as a hotel and is now a dining and entertainment venue; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have shaped our communities, embodied the entrepreneurial spirit, and become pillars of our economy; and

WHEREAS, the South Lyon Hotel was destroyed by fire in 2016, but through the dedication of the owners and the support of the community, the hotel reopened in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the South Lyon Hotel has been an important, caring part of the community contributing to many causes and needs without hesitation; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor of the City of South Lyon on behalf of the City Council and the entire community offer congratulations to the South Lyon Hotel for their many years of business in the South Lyon community.

Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor

9/25/23

Date