

City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
September 26, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy and Councilmembers: Dilg, Kurtzweil, Kivell, Mosier and Hansen

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Chief Sovik, Finance and Benefit

Administrator Tiernan, and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

Absent: Mayor Pelchat

CM 9-1-22 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Dilg

Motion to excuse absence of Mayor Pelchat

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

CM 9-2-22 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- N/A

AGENDA

CM 9-3-22 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hansen, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA- N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Munro of 910 Westbrook stated his neighbors asked him to come and complain again. He stated he trimmed some branches in his neighborhood and contacted DPW and to pick them up, and they are still there. He stated nothing gets fixed in the city.

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated the city lost a great representative of downtown, Diane Roest who ran Diane's Dollhouse. She has been at that location for 30 years, and it was a very prosperous shop. He stated the husband may re-open it at some point. He further stated visitation is the 30<sup>th</sup> and the funeral is October 1<sup>st</sup>. He then thanked the vets club. They do a lot for us. They gave him a new cane. They also fixed the sewer problems they were having for years.

Judy Keeling of 62180 Arlington stated the Senior Center for Active Adults has a large medical closet and they give away canes and wheel chairs for those in need.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

DDA Director and Economic Manager Mack stated Diane Roest opened Diane's Doll House in 1989, which means she had a great business for 33 years and has been an anchor in our town. She has made many families happy over the years. Her funeral is October 1<sup>st</sup> and the viewing is on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mack stated he and the City Manager and building officials went to 135 E Lake Street to see if it is almost completed. He stated they did a walk thru and the investment has been completed. They are waiting for the elevator inspection which is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as some kitchen inspections. They are not asking for an extension. He then thanked the DPW and everyone involved with Pumpkinfest. He further stated Diana the Market Manager has done a great job and even found a few more spaces for vendors during Pumpkinfest. He stated it was a great event for the entire community. Councilmember Dilg stated she has been very impressed with the Farmers Market and how it was set up. She stated she appreciates everyone involved and it was a great event. Councilmember Hansen stated he is happy to hear Spun Sugar will be moving to the downtown, and asked when that would be happening. Mr. Mack stated he doesn't know if they have closed on the building, and it could be a while.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Thorington stated as of today, they have had 789 incidents. He stated this was his first Pumpkinfest and the organizers did a great job. He stated the DPW, the Police Department and the Fire Department all did a great job. He then stated they are reviewing some software for the fire department to purchase. He stated the ladder truck is still moving along and he has added the timeline and pictures to social media. He then stated engine 2 was out of service, but has now been repaired. Councilmember Kivell stated the kids love to see the firefighters and the trucks at Pumpkinfest. Chief Thorington stated the firefighters enjoyed Pumpkinfest as well.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik thanked Kathy Swan and the committee and volunteers for all their work on Pumpkinfest. He stated the DPW and Jeff Archey did a great job setting up and breaking down everything. Even though everyone was short-handed, they did a great job. He further stated Officer Faught helped with Pumpkinfest as well, they were short some volunteers and he did a great job. He then thanked the Oakland County Sheriff for helping as well. He said it was a great event with great team work. There were a lot of people that attended and everyone enjoyed the event. He also thanked Green Oak Township Police for the use of their golf cart.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NoneNEW BUSINESS

1. Repair and resurface all the apparatus bay floor in the fire station

Fire Chief Thorington stated the apparatus floors have paint peeling and some cracks and normal wear which needs repair and general maintenance. He stated they are proposing to have the floors ground down, cracks filled, any damage repaired, polished and sealed. He then stated he received 3 bids and Concrete Craft was the lowest at \$21,555.10. Councilmember Hansen asked why such a difference in the bids. Chief Thorington stated it is labor costs.

CM 9-4-22 MOTION TO APPROVE LOW BID

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the low bid to repair and resurface the fire station apparatus bay floors.

Maintenance/repairs to include being ground down, cracks filled, any damage repaired, and polished by Concrete Craft in the amount of \$21,555.10 from account line item 101-336-972

## ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Purchase of two new solar LED flashing crosswalk beacon systems for installation at two crosswalks

Superintendent Varney stated the city has been planning on upgrading two crosswalks with LED flashing systems as was installed last year at Lafayette and Whipple Street. The DPW has obtained a quote and would like to order the materials to install these at the west side crosswalk of Wells St and E Lake St. and north crosswalk on Lafayette and Liberty. Everything is included with the systems with the exception of poles for one at Wells St installation, the devices will be mounted on existing poles. He then stated the other two poles will be purchased for less than \$100.00

CM 9-5-22

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the purchase of two solar LED flashing crosswalk beacon systems at the delivered cost of \$19,562.25 under account number 202-474-740

## ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Dilg asked about the ARPA funds and who is the person that is keeping us from using the funds. Benefit and Finance Administrator Tiernan stated there are 3 individuals that oversee the funds. Some of the larger communities have begun to use their funds, but we are still waiting to see any required reports so we can get an idea of what will be approved and what will not be approved. The larger communities aren't required for certain reporting like we will be, so we cannot see what they are using the funds for. She and the City Manager discussed it with Plante Moran and they stated many of their clients are in the same position we are in. Councilmember Kivell stated it seems we should be able to develop a scheme to have them look at our plans and tell us if it would be approved. Benefit and Finance Administrator Tiernan stated they don't offer that, and they may be removing people in the department by half. She further stated she has reached out for guidance and hasn't heard anything back. She further stated the funds will have to be committed by 2024 and used by 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated we lost an important business, but we gained a new one. He stated Service Works sold for four million dollars. And the new company is Motor City Power wash, and they make the machinery and they will be hiring 70 employees, and they hope to have more next year.

He then stated he was sad to see George Millers house torn down. It was originally the office for the saw mill in 1832-1833.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting Plante Moran will be joining us for the audit discussion. He then stated City Hall was closed Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September while construction was being done on the building. There will be an additional day that city hall will be closed while they are putting up the heating and cooling units. He further stated they will be replacing concrete around the building shortly, and will be adding signage to direct people to use the back entrance. He then stated he met with HRC regarding the upcoming road improvement plan. Councilmember Dilg asked if the complaints that were discussed about Colonial Acres and CVS have been looked into. City Manager Zelenak stated our Ordinance Officer is working on the ones in the city, and some have already been addressed. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated when budget season opens up, she would like everyone to consider hiring a contractor. She stated Mr. Munro's complaints are valid. There was minimal work done near the entrance signs to the city, and of course it was also due to a lack of volunteers. She further stated the DPW manages events and they are in a tough position. She stated she takes care of Paul Baker Park because she knows they don't have the man power or time to do so. Maybe we can put some money aside for a contractor next year to take some pressure off of the DPW. She further stated they are the hardest working guys, and they deal with events, leaves, snow plowing to just name a few. They are in a tough position. Councilmember Kivell stated the DPW is a union, and that could cause some issues with outsourcing part of their work. City Manager Zelenak stated there are certain limitations due to the union contract. Councilmember Hansen suggested we look at putting in outlets and hard lines to remove the look of the electrical cords downtown. Councilmember Kennedy stated he has discussed that with the City Manager. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has also spoken with the City Manager and she has looked at their contracts, and she doesn't think it would be an issue.

#### COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Hansen thanked all the volunteers, sponsors and the committee. Pumpkinfest was a great event. There were a few detractors, but there are also many volunteer positions available. If people are unhappy with it, they should volunteer their time and help. He further stated they are having a German Festival Fundraiser and the event will raise scholarships for kids. The cost is \$40.00 a ticket.

Councilmember Dilg stated as a part of the Pumpkinfest Committee, she thanked the commissioners and all the volunteers. She further stated it is a year long process. She then thanked Elissa Slotkin for judging the pie eating contest and Kelly Breen, the Police Department, Fire Department she thanked everyone that came to the parade. She sent condolences to Diane Roest's family. She then stated Lyon Township neighbors are working hard to get a new library. She also stated that our Attorney Lisa Hamameh is listed as a super lawyer in Crains magazine.

Councilmember Mosier thanked Kathy Swan and all the people on the boards and committees and all the volunteers. She thanked everyone at the DPW which every day is their busy season and it is a thankless job. She also thanked Police, Fire and the Water Department.

Councilmember Kivell stated there were more people that walked in the parade than ever before. It was a great event and a smart idea to focus on the kids with the bounce houses.

Councilmember Kennedy also passed along condolences to the family of Diane Roest, the owner of Diane's Doll house, who passed away on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Diane was an ardent proponent and supporter of South Lyon and she will be dearly missed. He then wished her husband George, and the rest of her family, comfort during this difficult time. He then congratulated the South Lyon High School Varsity Equestrian Team for finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Division A finals and to wish them the best of luck as they move on to the Regionals taking place this weekend at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. He then congratulated the Pumpkinfest Committee for another great Pumpkinfest and for not letting the weather dampen their spirits. Working on the committee he was amazed to see how much work and effort goes into planning and managing it. It was a great event and he's glad so many folks came out to enjoy it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kurtzweil

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy

  
City Clerk/Treasurer Deaton