

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2009**

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

Mayor Doyle led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Doyle
Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Maida, Morelli, Selden and Wedell
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Lee
City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke
Department Heads: Collins, Renwick and Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CM 9-1-09- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 24, 2009

Motion by Kivell supported by Morelli

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2009 as written

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

Discussion was held on various bills.

CM 9-2-09 – APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Wedell supported by Maida

To approve the monthly bills as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Murphy stated that he would like to remove New Business #6, 7 & 8 from the agenda. He stated that #6 & 7 will be coming back at the next meeting and #8 we wanted to look at alternatives ways to deal with the project.

CM 9-3-09 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Selden, supported by Kopkowski

To approve the agenda as amended by removing New Business 6, 7 & 8

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITIZENS SUGGESTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award

Chief Kaska stated that as we indicated at a previous meeting, we have received the grant award and are asking that Council accept it. We have broken it down so that Council knows how the grant funds are being spent.

Morelli stated that we are getting a standby generator and two Panasonic notebooks for a cost to the City of \$2,390. He stated that it sounds like a good deal. Council Members Maida and Wedell agreed.

Councilman Selden asked if this is an electric generator. Chief Kaska stated that this is a natural gas generator that will run both the fire department and ambulance quarters including lights, computers, etc. Councilman Selden asked the size of the unit. Chief Kaska stated that he does not know the exact size, but they did have Consumers Energy come out and give us a quote based on what are needs are.

Council Member Kopkowski congratulated the fire department for the good job. Chief Kaska stated that Erin Welch is the one responsible for writing and receiving the grant.

CM 9-4-09 – ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT – ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Morelli

To accept the Assistance to Fire Firefighters grant award from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$45,410 with a 5% local match of \$2,390

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Standby Generator

Chief Kaska stated that we received three quotes with Consumers having the best price. The will have to run a new gas line because the service in the building is old. That is included in the price.

Councilman Kivell stated that he would have liked to have seen the specifications on the generator itself. We have pricing on three different generators and none of them speak to the capacity. Erin Welch stated that she did have a lot of additional information. Councilman Kivell stated that the text of the grant award speaks to the fact that it will have enough power to power the entire building, but his question was if there was a smaller unit that could accomplish what we needed and saved some money, we could have used those funds for something else. Chief Kaska stated that we actually have to use the money for what we wrote the grant for. We made sure that the grant was written for a generator that will run the station as it is for an extended period of time if needed.

Councilman Kivell asked where the generator would sit. Chief Kaska stated that it would be in the back of the building behind where his office is and the ambulance quarters.

CM 9-5-09 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – GAS GENERATOR

Motion by Maida, supported by Wedell

To approve the purchase and installation of a natural gas generator and new gas meter for the fire station at a cost not to exceed \$40,000

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Toughbook Computers

Chief Kaska stated that we were awarded \$7,800 of the grant for the purchase of two Panasonic Toughbook computers. We will only be paying \$390. This will allow us to leave them in the trucks and use them for fire reporting using a program we already have that will be downloaded into the system.

Councilman Wedell asked if the wireless component is the balance of \$3,100. Erin Welch stated that it is not a set cost yet, but it will not exceed the price of the grant. The cost of the computers is \$5,050 with the remainder to be used for the wireless. We should be able to get the router, antennae, booster etc. for approximately \$2,000.

Councilman Wedell asked if the match funds are already in the budget. Chief Kaska stated that they are.

Councilman Kivell stated that he was surprised how much ruggedizing costs and asked if these units will stay in the cabs at all times. Chief Kaska stated that is the plan; one will be in the medical rescue and one in one of the engines. This will be for filling out the report in the field. Councilman Kivell asked that if they are going to be left in the cab, is it necessary that they be ruggedized. Chief Kaska stated that given the number of firefighters, the equipment that they are around and the atmosphere, water, etc. it is necessary to have them ruggedized.

Councilman Wedell asked if the reports that they are writing in the field go right into the records management system. Chief Kaska stated that they will go directly into the County reporting system.

CM 9-6-09 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – PANASONIC TOUGHBOOK COMPUTERS

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski

To approve the purchase of two Panasonic Toughbook computers and the installation of wireless access for a total cost not to exceed \$7,8000 and total cost to the fire department of \$390

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Budget Amendment #09-02

City Manager Murphy stated that we need to adjust the Fire Department budget due to receiving the grant so that it does not look at the end of the year that we were off the \$45,000.

Councilman Wedell stated that he still believes that if we are going to amend the expenditure side of the budget, you also need to amend the revenue side to maintain the balanced budget that was approved. City Manager Murphy stated that the auditors will be here at the next meeting and we will be able to discuss that issue with them.

CM 9-7-09 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Morelli, supported by Maida

To approve the proposed budget amendment for the General Fund, Fire Department, Equipment Miscellaneous (101-335-977.000) from \$30,000 to \$75,410 as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Mobile Data Computer Replacement

Chief Collins stated that this is the balance of the mobile data computers for our marked patrol cars. Last year we budgeted for and purchased three units. There are a total of six in the system. The older units are beyond their service life and are no longer supported by CLEMIS. We did budget a total of \$15,585. Motorola is the sole service provider and we are asking approval to proceed with the already planned and budgeted purchase of three mobile data computers.

Councilman Morelli asked if the ones we are replacing are no longer operable. Chief Collins stated that they still work, but are very, very slow. It takes much longer to write a report.

Council Member Maida stated that this was a budgeted purchase.

Council Member Kopkowski asked if there is a service agreement with CLEMIS. Chief Collins stated that it will come with a warranty from Motorola. If we do have a problem then CLEMIS will come out and service the newer units. Council Member Kopkowski asked how long they will do this for the newer units. Chief Collins stated that he has never had a problem with CLEMIS refusing to help us with our units. Council Member Kopkowski asked who pays for it. Chief Collins stated that he never remembers receiving a bill from them. Chief Collins further stated that the older units were supported for 5-7 years, but he is not sure what the life expectancy is on these newer units, but it should be similar.

Councilman Kivell stated that since the older units are still operating and given that fact that we know that we can buy them at any time, he asked what the turn-around time would be to get a unit or would it be something that would have to be fabricated causing a unit to be out for a period of time. Chief Collins stated that it is something that has to be ordered, and the last time it took approximately a month. He further stated that the other issue is the speed and workability of the units themselves. The new ones have much more speed and ability to download the pages that the officers have to use to complete their reports

CM 9-8-09 – WAIVER OF BIDDING PROCESS – MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS

Motion by Selden, supported by Wedell

To waive the bidding process for the purchase of Mobile Data Computers from Motorola due to the fact that they are the sole provider contract with CLEMIS

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 9-9-09 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS

Motion by Selden, supported by Wedell

To approve the purchase of three MDC units from Motorola in the amount of \$15, 585

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Beer Tent – Removed from the agenda
7. Suspension of Noise Ordinance – Removed from the agenda
8. Installation of Storm Sewer Pipe – Removed from the agenda
9. I.U.O.E. Local 324 Union Contract

City Manager Murphy stated that after the last Council meeting we had met with the union and negotiated a contract. They ratified the contract last week. The information has been provided to Council. He stated that he does believe that it is a fair contract. He took the information that he received from Council at the last meeting during closed session and used that to negotiate. The union came in very fair and they do understand the problems that everyone is experiencing.

Councilman Morelli stated that it does cover most of what was talked about.

Council Member Maida stated that it does look fair and the City Manager did a very good job negotiating.

Councilman Wedell stated that he agrees that this was a good job. He further stated that anyone reading the papers will see that most employees both public and private are receiving a pay freeze or pay cuts. He does think that Council and Administration needs to pay attention to that. He stated that he did struggle with how he was going to vote on this, but when he read item #6 and did some research with Equalization, he believes that we will probably be re-negotiating salaries next year and is satisfied with the contract. We need to be looking at the numbers and what are revenues are going to be in the future. State Revenue

Sharing will be going down and certainly taxable value will be going down. According to some quick calculations, we will be looking at a decrease of approximately \$368,000 in 2010. We are going to have to deal with some tough issues.

Mayor Doyle stated that he liked what he saw and is in support. Councilman Selden agreed.

Council Member Kopkowski stated that this is a step in the right direction considering what is going on.

Councilman Kivell stated that it hit all of the target points that Council spoke to and the things that we wanted to accomplish. It gives a raise, but a reduced raise that is not punitive. They talked about this unit not bearing the brunt given the other bargaining units had already settled. We set a tone that times are changing and we are going to have to look at things differently than we have historically. We have a benchmark to change from defined benefit programs to defined contributions. Everything about this was a positive move. It is not punitive to the employees but establishes a different direction that we are going to have to take.

City Manager Murphy discussed the savings between going to a PPO 2 and the change in the pension.

CM 9-10-09 – APPROVAL OF UNION CONTRACT – I.U.O.E. LOCAL 324

Motion by Kivell, supported by Maida

To approve the agreement between I.U.O.E. Local 324 and the City of South Lyon

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City Manager Murphy stated that when he refers to "we" worked with the union, he does refer to Julie also being instrumental in this as well.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Murphy stated that Chief Collins provided some additional information with regards to the camera equipment approved at the last meeting for the Police Department. He stated that the digital recorder system will have motion sensor to activate the recorder and will also include a DVD burner.

City manager Murphy stated that the audits should be received this week and would like to give Council a week to review them. If that happens, it will be on the agenda for September 28th.

City Manager Murphy stated that there are two prospects looking at the purchase of South Lyon Lumber and we hope to get somebody in there quickly.

City Manager Murphy stated that next week is the MML convention and he will be out of the office from Tuesday through Friday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Morelli stated that the fence at Yerkes Drain looks great. He asked if the bridge on the other side is ours. Superintendent Renwick stated that it is. Councilman Morelli asked if we could get that painted. Superintendent Renwick stated that we will look at getting that done.

Councilman Morelli asked if we know what is going on at the Crossroads Grille. City Manager Murphy stated that he had heard that they are planning on opening in about two weeks. It is his understanding that they are still waiting for the Liquor Control Commission to finalize everything.

Councilman Morelli thanked Councilman Wedell for bringing forth the information on what we are going to need to do with the various contracts next year. The article that he provided can really scare you. This is not good news and it is happening all over.

Councilman Wedell stated that he enjoyed the Labor Day Bridge Walk.

Mayor Doyle thanked Kristen Denlaney, Mike Olando and all of the people involved with the event. It was a great event. He stated that we had 3 times the participants over last year and the weather was great.

Councilman Selden stated that the Historic Commission did a great job with Depot Days. There were a lot of people who came out and enjoyed the event.

Councilman Kivell stated that the fence over Yerkes Drain does look great. It blends in but has more of an architectural value.

Councilman Kivell stated that in a number of places along the bike path where homes abut the path, although the landscaping looks nice, they were starting to encroach on the path. Steve Renwick saw to it that those people tended to that and we now have our 10 foot path back and it looks very nice.

Councilman Kivell read a congratulations and recognition to Florence Deschler, a resident of South Lyon since 2003 who will be turning 100 years old tomorrow, September 15, 2009. He read a brief background and family history. He stated that she has a wonderful family legacy and at 100 is a true human achievement. As a South Lyon resident, he thought it appropriate to bring attention to this milestone.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM 9-11-09 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Morelli, supported by Maida

To adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

John Doyle, Jr.
Mayor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer