

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2010**

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

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

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace

Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Morelli, Selden and Wedell

City Manager Murphy

Attorney Lee

Department Heads: Collins & Martin

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynch

ABSENT: Council Member Kramer, Clerk/Treasurer Zemke, Department Head Renwick

Discussion was held regarding Julie being off due to an injury, Renwick is on vacation. It was stated that Mike Kramer is on a family trip.

CM 8-1-10 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE OF COUNCILMAN KRAMER

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kivell

To excuse the absence of Councilman Kramer

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Attorney Lee stated their needs to be a change in the first sentence under the Proposed Park Use policy from the July 26 minutes. It needs to read, Attorney Lee stated there was a decision made by the United States Supreme Court finding that a City ordinance banning hand guns from a City is unconstitutional.

Mayor Wallace stated he would like the minutes to reflect his intention was to say for young people to reconsider your drug use, not consider your drug use.

Councilman Kivell stated he would like the minutes change to reflect Wedell made the motion to approve the minutes, and he stated he was a no vote.

CM 8-2-10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Selden

To approve the minutes of the July 26, 2010 meeting as amended.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:**

Discussion was held on various bills.

CM 8-3-10 MOTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Morelli

To approve the monthly bills as presented

VOTE:

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilman Selden stated he would like to add an item under New Business to discuss the vandalism in the cemetery. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she would like to change that to discussing vandalism in general.

City Manager Murphy stated he would like to add an item for discussing the Green Project Reserve. Councilmember Kopkowski stated she would like to remove item #3 under new business because that should be discussed with a full Council.

CM 8-4-10 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

To approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed Park Use Policy

City Manager Murphy stated the changes Council requested have been made.

CM 8-5-10 APPROVAL OF PARK USE POLICY

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski

To approve the Park Use Policy as presented

VOTE:

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Strolling the Streets

Rosanna Twitchel of 558 Lyon Blvd stated this is an updated version of what was formerly known as Gala Days. There has been an interest in reviving that. The date is the 28<sup>th</sup> of August from 10am to 7pm. What we are hoping to acquire is the feel of the arts, beats and eats kind of thing. There will be sidewalk sales, arts

and crafts, food and a stage for entertainment. She is hoping it will be a nice relaxed casual event. Some discussion was held on the layout of the event.

Mayor Wallace stated he is all for this event, he remembers Gala days being a really nice community event; they had helicopter rides, and fireworks. Rosanna stated that is not in the budget this year, but they are working on it.

#### CM 8-6-10 MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD CLOSURE FOR STROLLING IN THE STREETS

Motion by Selden, supported by Kivell

Resolved That Julie Zemke, City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County on behalf of the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan for the necessary permits to conduct the 2010 Strolling in the Streets event on August 28, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the related road closures:

Lafayette St. from Whipple St. to Liberty St.

Lake St. from Wells St. to Alleyway between Lafayette St. and Washington St.

and that the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan will faithfully fulfill all permit requirements, and save harmless, indemnify, defend and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to operations authorized by such permits as issued.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 2. Traffic Control Order

Chief Collins stated the DDA has requested to reserve the Veterans Memorial Parking Lot for Farmers Market use only on Wednesdays from noon until 8 p.m. from May through October. Discussion was held on where the signs would be and if they would be permanent. Chief Collins stated they would have to be permanent. Councilman Kivell asked if the dates changed, if we would have to change the Traffic control order. Attorney Lee stated if we change the date, we will have to change the traffic control order.

#### CM 8-7-10 MOTION TO APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

Motion to approve by Wedell, supported by Morelli

To approve the Traffic Control Order 10-03

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 3. Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention

Discussion was held on who would be attending the Convention.

#### 4. Vandalism

Councilman Selden stated there has been a lot of headstones tipped over lately. He further stated a few years ago we offered a reward and maybe we should do that again. Councilman Selden stated we should give the City Manger permission to post a reward. Something needs to be done about the desecration that is



happening at the cemetery. Chief Collins stated there have been 3 incidents lately where more than 1 headstone has been knocked over or damaged. Mayor Wallace stated that Channel 2 was at the cemetery about the vandalism, and that doesn't make a good impression, although the reporter did say this was the most beautiful cemetery they had seen. He further stated there are a lot of instances with the burning of plastic flowers and burning of scarecrows' in the garden part of the cemetery. Councilmember Kopkowski asked if the police can patrol in that area more. Chief Collins stated they are patrolling the area more often, as well as doing a few other things to apprehend the people doing this that he would rather not make public. Councilmember Kopkowski commented how busy the cemetery is. She suggested that we put an article in the paper so it would be more known. Maybe people will be more vigilant.

Some discussions were held regarding the amount of the reward. Councilman Kivell stated it is really disappointing that a reward has to be offered to get someone to offer information on this kind of damage.

Councilmember Kopkowski stated someone stopped by her office and said there was some damage on the rail trail by the steel company. The resident stated it looked like someone had been cutting the asphalt. More discussion was held regarding the vandalism that occurs in our community.

#### CM 8-8-10 TO APPROVE REWARD FOR VANDALISM

Motion to approve by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski

To approve the City Manager to offer a reward up to \$400 for information that would lead to the conviction of the individuals responsible for malicious destruction of property in the cemetery

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. DWRF

City Manager Murphy stated if we become a green project reserve, we can get up to 40% forgiveness on the DWRF loan. The information he has received from Jesse VanDeCreek indicates there would be a minimum of 15%, and we are getting an extra hundred points, but we have submit a request for them to look at it again. He further stated by the end of August we will be able to see where we place with the other communities that will be receiving this. We are still on the list. Jesse VanDeCreek has indicated that it would take not more than a day for his engineers to pull the information together and could do it by August 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost would be less than a thousand dollars. City Manager Murphy stated the system is 80 years old and it will need to be replaced sooner or later.

Councilman Wedell stated he feels that is cheap enough for us to keep our name in the queue. He further stated we should not ignore the money and the unheard of interest rate of 2 ½%. This is not only for now, but for the City long into the future.

#### CM 8-9-10 MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion to approve Wedell, supported by Morelli

Motion to approve the application for the DWRF

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Murphy stated Julie has been off for a month or so, and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lisa has really picked up the pace and has taken care of this election, she was there until midnight as well as Anne. He further stated he wanted Council to know how well the people at this building have stepped up Lisa, Lori, Anne, Phyllis, Kristen and Diane. I don't think you can imagine how difficult it is just for the little day to day things Julie normally takes care of. I am really pleased with how Lisa has performed. He further stated Julie did come in on Election Day, even though she couldn't get around much, and she was whipped by the afternoon it was great having her there. He further stated it has been really difficult with everyone being short staffed and he wants Council to know these ladies have really stepped up.

City Manager stated that about 1 ½ weeks ago there was a fire at the steel company. They called and asked him if we would accept a donation of \$1,000.00. City Manager Wallace stated the tube mill has made many donations over the years.

**CM 8-10-10 MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION**

Motion by Selden, supported by Kivell

To accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from Michigan Seamless Tube

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Selden stated he would like to compliment all the voters, election workers, Julie and her staff. Councilman Selden stated he would like to congratulate Phil Weipert for his win for County Commissioner. He also stated for the public that the Bodnar building is all cleared out.

Councilmember Kopkowski stated she received a letter about the Pumpkinfest parade committee which stated there will be a donation for the politicians to be in the parade. She further stated the politicians are voted in by the public and they should be seen by the public without being charged a donation fee. Councilmember Kopkowski stated the American Legion Honor Guards and the VFW should be at the beginning of the parade to show the respect they deserve.

Councilman Kivell congratulated Phil Weipert and stated he will be good representative for the South Lyon area.

Councilman Kivell stated the city gardens haven't been attended to lately. We need someone to take better care of them. We have some beautiful parks that are not being fully appreciated because they are not being taken care of.

Councilman Morelli stated he will be absent from the next Council meeting due to a family vacation. He further stated he would like to put off the conversation about the medical marijuana until after the MML convention because they are having a meeting on that.

Councilman Wedell stated it is nice to see the City Manager give thanks to his staff.

Mayor Wallace stated he went to the mayor's conference and found what a lucky town we are to have our historical village. The other mayors were green with envy of our historical village.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

CM 8-11-10 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Selden, supported by Kopkowski

To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Tedd Wallace  
City Manager

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Lisa Lynch  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer