

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 2-1-11 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Kivell stated that Councilman Selden voted against excusing the absence of Councilman Morelli.

Attorney Lee stated that on page 6 during the discussion of the medical marijuana, his concern was with a 5-room 24-hour per day operation.

City Manager stated that it should be noted that Chief Kennedy was also present.

Councilman Wedell stated that in reading the minutes relating to a new well, he kept looking for a vote. Although there was not one, perhaps it should be noted that no vote was taken, that it was an informational item only.

Councilman Kivell stated that during the discussion regarding the well, he had asked that Mr. Martin take a look at sleeving the existing adjacent well.

CM 2-2-11 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES- FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Motion by Kivell, supported by Selden

To approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 Regular Council meeting as amended

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Contract with HAVEN

Chief Collins stated that HAVEN is one of the agencies that they refer people to depending on their need. Mayor Wallace asked if there has ever been a need for us to transport someone to their facility. Chief Collins stated that he cannot recall any time that we had to transport anyone.

Attorney Lee stated that the contract calls for a unit of measurement of their services. Clerk/Treasurer Zemke stated that she does have a record, not specifically names but general location in the City of those individuals who have used their services. We have been asked to keep that information confidential due to the nature of their services. Attorney Lee stated that he feels that Council should see that information before approving the agreement and contribution. Councilman Kivell stated that in years past we have relied on the City Manager and City Clerk to review that information. Discussion was held on the sensitivity of these services. It was stated that 42 individuals benefited from HAVEN last year.

Discussion was held on the HAVEN Program and their services including shelter for domestic violence victims including sexual assault and child abuse, counseling, etc.

CM 2-3-11 – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – HAVEN

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Morelli

To approve the contract between the City of South Lyon and HAVEN, Inc. for fiscal year 2011-2012 with a contribution of \$2,500

Councilman Kivell stated that this has been a successful program for the past 13 years and is something that we need to make available to people who need the help.

Councilman Wedell stated that he has heard presentations on this throughout the years and they have forensic nurses who are on duty to examine victims. Their work is accepted by the Court and the conviction rates by the prosecutors who base their cases on this information are near 100%. They do outstanding work. If you do the math it is approximately \$60 per person served, which is money well spent.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Budget Amendment

City Manager Murphy stated that we have to amend the administration budget in the amount of \$16,200. This is the cost for the repair of Mr. Bodnar's building. We have sent him a bill, but we do not expect to receive payment. Therefore, those costs will be placed on the next tax roll, which will be next fiscal year.

Councilman Wedell asked if that will be shown as a revenue for the next year to balance the expenditure. City Manager Murphy stated that it should be, but he will double check that with Plante Moran. Councilman Wedell stated that given that we have a two-year budget, we could probably add that revenue into the second year.

CM 2-4-11 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

To approve the budget amendment as follows:

Fund/Dept.	Account Number	Adopted	Amended	Line Item
Expenses				
Administration	101-200.000-802.100	\$84,000	\$100,200	Contractual Service

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Quotes for Well #6

Superintendent Martin stated that we have indicated that we were going to be totally transparent as we work through this from beginning to end. It has been 60 days since the day the well went down. We have addressed it, looked at it and determined that the existing well is not repairable. We met with the DEQ who indicated that as long as we maintain ownership of the well to meet the firm capacity, we can proceed with drilling a new well. At the last meeting we indicated that we would come back with at least three quotes. We have gone line item by line item of each quote, and they are almost identical as far as the location, size and depth of the well as well as abandonment of the old well. The low bid is from Raymer. The problem is that they cannot begin drilling until mid-June, which would put us at peak usage in the City. Peerless Midwest, whose quote is \$4,500 than Raymer, has indicated that if they get the quote they can start by March 7th. It could be on line before June 15th. We talked with the Mill today, and we talked with Milford who did almost the identical thing. His recommendation is that although Peerless is not the low quote, it is much more doable. The quote is still less than we originally anticipated.

Councilman Kramer stated that on the Peerless quote, they are going to do an overhaul of the existing motor and asked if he is satisfied with that as opposed to a new unit. Superintendent Martin stated that he is satisfied with the overhaul, but they did give us an option of \$1,500 for a new unit if we were not satisfied. He has had a lot of motors re-built and they have guaranteed us 100%. All three companies have indicated a 10 year warranty on any of their work.

Councilman Kramer asked the distinction between the 75 and 100 hp motor. Superintendent Martin stated that there is not a big difference. The pump will yield between 1,000-1,200 gallons per minute, which is what all of our wells yield. Right now the Mill is using between 3-400,000 gallons per day. Councilman Kramer asked if there would be any additional work. Superintendent Martin stated that this would not include a structure over the well. Also, this would not include any of the work done prior to this quote including when Peerless came in the first week in January to try and dig out and re-line the existing well as well as video taping of it. However, if Raymer or Northern came in, they would have had to do the same thing. They had the luxury of coming in and viewing the video to see what was already there. He stated that bill will be \$10-12,000.

Councilman Kivell asked the need to be 25 feet away from the existing well. He discussed running the plumbing underground and the possibility of building on to the existing well house. Superintendent Martin stated that his goal is to get it as close as possible so that the run of pipe is as short as possible. Discussion was held on the need to get the equipment in. Superintendent Martin stated that Milford did not even house theirs, they simply put up fencing.

Council Member Kopkowski asked where the funds are coming from. Superintendent Martin stated that we have restricted water funds, which is now \$780,000 approximately. He further discussed the funding.

Councilman Morelli stated that he went through the minutes of when he was not in attendance and there had been some discussion about the existing adjacent well. Superintendent Martin stated that what we would like to do when this well is done is go and look at well #4, which was drilled within 6 months of well #3. We would run a video and take a look at what we have. It may be fine, but we will not know until we take a closer look. If we can address that well sooner than later, we are ahead of the game. He is not comfortable just adding that to the job. These two wells run water to the Mill 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, one at a time. We have three wells that feed the City distribution system. Those wells, even though they pump much more water, only run 6-7 hours per day due to the fact that we have holding tanks and the water tower. The Mill is

set up where we have to constantly push water over to them. He has talked to them about installing some kind of holding tank in the future.

Councilman Kivell stated that if they are going to have equipment on site, there is some economy of scale to look at well #4. Superintendent Martin agreed.

Attorney Lee stated that if Council is going to accept anything other than the low bid, they need to waive the low bid for a specific reason.

CM 2-5-11 – WAIVER OF LOW BID

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski

To waive the low bid due to scheduling concerns

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 2-6-11 – APPROVAL OF QUOTE – WELL DRILLING

Motion by Kivell, supported by Selden

To approve drilling of Well#6 by Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$87,832

The question was asked if there is a contingency included. Superintendent Martin stated that there is not.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent Martin stated that City Manager Murphy has been extremely helpful and thanked Council for their support.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Kivell stated that he would like to have an agenda item added to a future agenda to discuss the possibility of sponsorship for the movies in the park to off-set some of the costs. This could be an opportunity for local businesses as well. We need to make sure that we take advantage of the financial commitment that we have made.

Council Member Kopkowski asked when the new equalization report would be available. Councilman Wedell stated that he will find out.

Council Member Kopkowski stated that right now everyone is thinking about budgets and asked if we are going to have a workshop to talk about possible cuts. City Manager Murphy stated that he is not sure we are going to need to make any cuts yet. Council Member Kopkowski asked if we have a hiring freeze. City Manager Murphy stated that we do not. Council Member Kopkowski asked why we do not. City Manager Murphy stated that we have very little turn over. We do have a DPW Foreman who will be retiring and he does want to replace that person, which will cost much less due to the longevity of the current employee. He further stated that if you look at the City of South Lyon and compare it to other communities of similar size and population or even less, you would find that we have at least 15 employees less than those other communities. The previous City Manager kept things very lean which is good, but makes it more difficult for he and this Council. If you want to provide the level of service that we do, we cannot keep cutting employees. Council Member Kopkowski stated that if the money is not there then it is simply not there. City Manager Murphy stated that he believes that the money is there. Council Member Kopkowski stated that she was suggesting a "brainstorming" meeting, but she will have to see when the budget is presented.

Councilman Wedell stated that unless we have some numbers and basis to start with, any brainstorming would just be that. Lets get some basic figures and go from there. Further he stated that we need to know what are revenues are going to be and discussed the cuts in revenue sharing and decrease in taxable values.

Discussion was held on scheduling a budget workshop once the budget has been presented.

Councilman Selden stated that like everyone he is tired of winter.

Mayor Wallace stated that he would like to commend the community for their efforts in taking care of the snow and meeting the needs of the community as far as keeping our sidewalks clear. The City has been going downtown and clearing it out, which looks great. He knows that some ordinance violations did go out, but we do need to follow through with our ordinance.

Councilman Wedell stated that the DPW has done a great job clearing the streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM 2-7-11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selden, supported by Morelli

To adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Tedd M. Wallace
Mayor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer