

CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 22, 2013

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, Rzyzi, Wedell, Kramer and Dixon
Also Present: City Manager Murphy, Department Head Martin, Chief Collins,
Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

AGENDA

City Manager Murphy stated Council will need to discuss setting a date for the budget workshop, and the second meeting in May falls on a holiday, so we will need to cancel it or reschedule it. It was agreed to add these two discussion items as #8.

CM 4-1-13 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer
Motion to approve agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

CM 4-2-13 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski
Motion to approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Fomin of 869 Huntington stated he has lived in the City since 1997 and one of best things about the City is the walking trails and pathways we have. He further stated he is concerned about the amount of development in Volunteer Park. Over the last few years, there have been some very nice walking trails through the park, and the farmer is now using approximately 75% of the natural areas. He further stated he is hoping there will be a balance kept between the natural areas and the developed

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areas. Mr. Fomin further stated he has started a page on Facebook called Volunteer Park Nature Trails to see if there are other people interested in keeping the park as natural as possible.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fair Housing Proclamation

Mayor Wallace stated L Brooks Patterson sent this notice to all communities in Oakland County, and it proclaims April as being Fair Housing Month.

CM 4-3-13 MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF APRIL 2013 BEING FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Motion by Wedell, supported by Dixon

Motion to approve the resolution/proclamation designating April 2013 Fair Housing Month in the City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. City Wide Yard Sale

Mayor Wallace stated we have had the City Wide Yard Sales for many years.

CM 4-4-13 MOTION TO APPROVE CITY WIDE YARD SALE WITHOUT PERMITS

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kivell

Motion to waive Garage and Yard Sale Permits for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 3rd, 4th and 5th 2013

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Rock Salt Contract

Department Head Martin stated it is time to look at purchasing road salt for the 2013-2014 season. He further stated we are in a Consortium with Oakland County along with many other communities. He stated they have held the price for the last two years in a row, and now a third year as well. He further stated it allows us to give an amount that we need, and we can take as little as 70% of what we asked for, or as much as 130% if needed. It has given us an easy way to budget for the next year.

CM 4-5-13 MOTION TO APPROVE ROCK SALT CONTRACT

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Motion by Dixson, supported by Kramer

To approve the extended contract with the Oakland County Consortium and the Detroit Salt Co.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. EXPANDED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Chief Kennedy stated this is a finalized version of the agreement. We were hoping to automate the process thru the dispatch centers, but they use Oakland County and we use Novi, so there were some complications, but we do have a work around. It just won't be as seamless as we wanted. He further stated this is a good document going forward to promote collaboration between the two departments. City Attorney Wilhelm stated this is just a memorandum of understanding and it does have a termination clause, it is largely operational, and it is something that may need to be tweaked, but the form of the agreement is good. If it fails we can terminate it, because it is not a formalized agreement, just a memorandum of understanding, with very specific purposes.

CM 4-5-13 MOTION TO APPROVE DUAL RESPONSE AGREEMENT

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Charter Township of Lyon to expand the current mutual aid agreement.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. E LAKE STREET DESIGN AGREEMENT

City Manager Murphy stated Council previously approved the design and topographical services from the railroad tracks to Pontiac Trail. He further stated we have received additional funds for this project so we can take it further west to Dixboro. Discussion was held regarding the different fees in the HRC contract. He further stated Council can just approve the \$53,300 for the design and topographic services for the original, and then we could have HRC come to the next meeting and give Council an explanation of the fees in the contract. City Manager Murphy stated we are on a tight schedule with this project.

CM 4-6-13 MOTION TO APPROVE HRC DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

To approve the design services agreement with HRC in the amount of \$53,300 for E Lake Street project from the rail road tracks west to Dixboro project.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED

Roll Call- Kivell- Yes
 Kopkowski-Yes
 Rzyzi- No
 Wallace- No
 Wedell- Yes
 Kramer- Yes
 Dixson- No

6. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

City Manager Murphy stated we need to do a few budget amendments for the sale of bonds for the water department, contractual services regarding the DWRF, and also the election that was held for the McCotter special election. We also refunded the unused portion of the funds to the junior league for the ball fields. Councilman Rzyzi asked the City Manager to explain the sale of bonds. City Manager Murphy stated that the bonds are for the money we requested up to this point, which in turn was used to pay for the contractual and professional services; we are paying as we get billed. We get billed for it, and then we pay them, and then go to the state and get reimbursement.

CM 4-7-13 MOTION TO BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion to Wedell, supported by Kivell
 To approve the 2012-2013 budget amendments as presented

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

City Manager Murphy stated this is a rate increase we are asking to go into effect in June 2013, which will effect the bills being mailed out September 30th. This will give us the funds to start paying back the principle and interest on the bonds for the DWRF. It is a 6% increase.

Councilman Rzyzi stated the citizens received a 10% rate increase in 2007, 7% in 2009 and a 14% in 2010. He further stated we received waste water increases of 10% in 2007, 12% in 2009 and 10% in 2010. He further stated it is quite significant, and there are too many people in our community that live on a fixed income and \$40.00 is a lot of money to them when already paying many other bills. He further stated he voted no on this project originally, and he will not support this.

Councilman Kivell stated when Council originally looked at this project, we had the benefits of some charts showing what the communities around us were paying, and we were always well below what they pay. He further stated we are still more competitively priced than most other communities.

CM 4-8-13 MOTION TO APPROVE WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell

To approve the water rate adjustment beginning with the June 2013 billing as presented

VOTE:

MOTION PASSED

8. Discussion on budget meeting and second meeting in May

City Manager Murphy stated the 2nd meeting in May falls on Memorial Day, and would like Council to change that date to Tuesday May 28th.

City Manager Murphy stated we also need to set a date for a budget meeting. It was the consensus of Council to have the budget meeting on May 8th at 6:00. The public is always welcome.

MANAGERS REPORT Nothing

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dixon stated she attended the Capital Conference and it was very interesting.

Councilman Kramer stated he attended a Boy Scout Banquet meeting yesterday where Bob Martin was presented with the Sue Evans Memorial Award, and he wanted to congratulate Bob. He further stated the next Rec Center Meeting is May 20th, at 7:00 at City Hall, he further stated they are in the final stages of an RFP that will be submitted to some architects for the design and the next discussion topic will be the location.

Mayor Wallace stated that white cane week is approaching, and Walmart will not allow the Lions Club to stand in front of their building anymore, so we can be found in front of Kroger and Buschs'

Mayor Wallace stated he would like to explain to Mr. Foman that the project at the Volunteer Park has been an ongoing project; we worked out a deal with the farmer so that he will clear out the brush and the trees that would be very hard to clear out in the future when we wanted to do projects. He further stated there have been new paths developed and more will be coming.

CM 4-9-13 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kopkowski

To adjourn the council meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Tedd Wallace, Mayor

Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer