

**The City of South Lyon
Regular Council Meeting
May 9, 2016**

Mayor Galeas called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
Mayor Galeas led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Galeas
Council Members: Dedakis, Kivell, Kramer, Kurtzweil, Rzyzi and Wedell
Also Present: City Manager Ladner, Chief Collins, Department Head Martin, Attorney Wilhelm,
Deputy Clerk Pieper

Minutes:

CM 5-1-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell
Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council Member Kivell stated he would like to have the wording changed on page 5, third line under Council Comments to: a mural of old railroad cars painted on the fence.

CM 5-2-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Council Member Kivell requested additional information from Department Head Martin referencing check register, page 3 of 7 regarding a bill from Hornet for concrete/sidewalk repair in the amount of \$415.00. Martin advised that it is just for some random stuff that had been done.

CM 5-3-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Rzyzi
Motion to approve bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

May 9, 2016

AGENDA

Attorney Wilhelm asks to add an item to the agenda regarding Consumers Energy and their 30 year gas franchise that is due to expire on June 23, 2016.

CM 5-4-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards, 390 Lennox, South Lyon, MI – Richards presents a copy of a photo given to him from the Cultural Arts. The photo is of downtown South Lyon looking North on Wells Street, July 3rd, 1985. He adds that he has been over to the cemetery, noting that two trees have been removed and the Normar crew has done a great job on the cleanup. While over there he took a look at the garden plots and advised that the plots have been dug/cleaned out by Ken the farmer.

Steven Sieler, 329 McMunn, South Lyon, MI – Mr. Sieler addressed Council regarding the speed of vehicles that travel down McMunn, and what can be done about it.

Ray Dryer, currently resides in Texas – former resident of South Lyon and former Council Member. Dryer speaks to council regarding the 6 year anniversary of the passing of Jeff Potter. He requests that something be named in honor of the former Mayor.

Jeff was one of those mayors that come around once in a lifetime. He was a very gifted individual and he had tremendous vision that you just don't always get anymore. When he went to the county commissioner position, we all knew we were losing a real gem that would be difficult to replace. He was an incredible individual.

Jill French - Glazy Days, 101 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI – French wanted it to be known that she had not been aware of the talks that had been going on between the current owner of the Corner Café and Mark Jerant until she had been approached by a person on the street advising her about Mr. Jerant's presentation to the council. French goes on to explain that she has been in business for 8 years and that her business has been growing from year to year. Glazy Days is a family friendly business that supports the other downtown businesses and has reached out to other communities. Patrons come to Glazy Days for birthday parties, days off from school, Ladies Nights, holidays, etc. The proposed new business will have limited hours of operation leaving that main corner of the city dark during the day. South Lyon is a city that does for their children and is a focused family community. She adds that she knows this as she grew up in South Lyon, went to South Lyon High School and is currently raising her family here in South Lyon. There will always be the couple looking for an intimate restaurant to celebrate a special occasion, but having a fine dining date night eatery on the main corner of South Lyon with limited hours of operation is not at all conducive to bringing our family's downtown and increasing our foot traffic. Closing Glazy Days will be an incredible loss to our community.

OLD BUSINESSNEW BUSINESS

1. Consider resolution to temporarily change Polling place location

Attorney Wilhelm presents to the council (on behalf of Clerk/Treasurer Deaton's absence) that voting Precinct 2 and Precinct 3, which are located at Bartlett Elementary School will not be available for the August 2016 Primary. Deaton and Wilhelm worked together on a resolution to move these precincts to the Fire Hall just for the one election due to construction at the school. A resolution similar to this one will then be put in place at least 60 days prior to the November election to return the precinct to Bartlett. Council has been provided with a copy of the resolution. Voters are already being notified.

CM 5-5-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY CHANGE IN POLLING PLACE RESOLUTION

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the resolution to approve the temporary change of Precincts 2 and 3 from Bartlett Elementary School to the South Lyon Fire Hall for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Consider approval of the sale of Fire Apparatus Sale

Mike Weir - South Lyon Fire Department is getting close to taking delivery on their new Engine #1 (sometime mid-June) and they are looking for approval to post this on the M.I.T.N. Website for a minimum price of \$50,000.00 for at least 2 weeks. If they do not get an offer, they would like Council's approval to pursue other avenues keeping the minimum at \$50,000.00. Council Member Kivell questions Weir about the offer of \$20,000.00 that was received and if he is feeling confident with the \$50,000.00. Weir advises that based on the comparable that Chief Kennedy and Doug Buers have looked at, he is confident that the \$50,000.00 is a fair asking price.

CM 5-6-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF FIRE APPARATUS

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the placement of the old engine #1 on the M.I.T.N. Website for a minimum purchase price of \$50,000.00 for two weeks, in the event that the engine does not sell on the M.I.T.N. Website, the South Lyon Fire Department has authorization to pursue other avenues at the same minimum price of \$50,000.00.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consider adopting City of South Lyon Strategic Plan 2016-2021

City Manager Ladner references the Strategic Plan as it was received from Mr. Bender, along with the input of the city department heads. Each of the department heads have agreed to step up and take

responsibilities for different areas and different tasks. Council Member Dedakis expresses her concern regarding the importance of follow up, asking if we will have check points throughout the year or an end of year conversation. Ladner advises that they will be addressing things on a monthly basis, again on a six month basis and then an end of the year review. Not ruling out that some of these items could take longer than a year. Council Member Rzyzi compliments Ladner on how well administration was able to put together what Council wanted and take this to the next step.

CM 5-7-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SOUTH LYON STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2021

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Dedakis

Motion to approve the City of South Lyon Strategic Plan for 2016-2021 as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider McLeadUSA request for extension of METRO Act permit

Attorney Wilhelm explains to Council that in 1986 the city granted Consumers Power a 30 year franchise to provide natural gas service. This franchise is due to expire June 23, 2016. They are asking for another 30 year extension. There are no monetary components to this: they simply provide the physical service and they are subject to Michigan Public Service Commission for rates. He then reviews some of the changes that are made to the conditions.

He adds that The METRO Act permit is a straight forward issue with a lot of technical details involved in it. This is a unilateral Metro Act extension request. Wilhelm points out that they have all the information required to get the extension and he is recommending that Council approves the agreement and authorize the City Manager Ladner to sign the agreement and notify the Michigan Public Service Commission.

CM 5-8-2016 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING EXTENSION OF METRO ACT PERMIT

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance granting Consumers Energy Company, a natural gas franchise in the city of South Lyon, for a period of 30 years and direct the City Clerk to publish the public notice of intent to make the proposed ordinance available for inspection as required under the city charter

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DOWNTOWN

Council Member Rzyzi asks Department Head Martin, when the seeding of the property located at 390 Lafayette would be done. Martin advised that they are waiting for quality top soil and he is hoping to have this completed in the next week or two.

Rzyzi asks City Manager Ladner for an update on the Carwash sign. Ladner explains that she and Martin will be heading out after the meeting to measure the candle wattage. In the meantime, the sign is turned off. Also, the LED portion of the sign has been reduced.

Council Member Kivell questions the timing on the electronic signage and the changing of 1 time per hour being part of our ordinance. He also verifies that the LED portion of the sign has been reduced. Kivell adds that a new business will be opening in the building where the Polish Pottery was.

Council Member Dedakis and Ladner discuss the new procedure for our Food Truck Ordinance, including processing time, back ground checks, turnaround times and fees. Dedakis adds that we have taken a huge step forward and our ordinance is comparable to other towns. Mayor Galeas adds that the ordinance is in place to alleviate headaches and protect the public.

Council Member Rzyzi returns to the topic of the speeding on McMunn Street asking Police Chief Collins if a traffic study has been done. Collins discusses in detail what procedures have been done and what the options are. A South Lyon resident came up to defend Chief Collins and the South Lyon Police Department.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ladner reminds Council of the up and coming events for the city. Our city wide cleanup is scheduled for this weekend, the Farmer's Market is now open, Saturday's 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We also have our 24 hour Relay for Life at Millennium Middle School this coming Saturday, our City Wide Garage Sales run May 19th through May 22nd. South Lyon Area Youth Association Recognition Breakfast and Ceremony, May 10th. Ladner will be there representing the City. Also, as a reminder, this is Kelly McIntyre's last week as our City Community and Economic Development Director. We are in the process of interviewing new candidates for her position.

Ladner heard great news from the county road commission, the Federal Legislature has released the way that we can spend the \$89,900.00 that we have on ear marked funding. Ladner will be working with Bob Martin to identify a project.

Lastly, Ladner brings up the budget and questions Council if they would like to have another budget session or are we ready to have a public hearing. Council Member Kurtzweil references the budget and a few issues that she wanted to bring to Ladner's attention. The front of the bond issue of the bond itself says general obligation unlimited. To me, I understand unlimited to mean that you can raise the millage rate to any amount you want, it is unlimited, you are not capped at 2.5. If you look at the language on the ballot it talks about the millage estimations. To me when you are working with estimations on a ballot issue, that tells me it was unlimited, that it gave a range, not definite numbers, but a range of where that millage should be to service the debt. I don't know if the millage amount of 2.5 is in fact sufficient to cover the bond. Is there a financial analyst available to go to and say what should I recommend for this mill to be increased to so that the mill itself is covering the servicing of the debt rather than having to tap into other sources.

Kurtzweil also thanks Ladner for doing a great job on providing her the information that was needed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Kurtzweil comments on the naming of the new Elementary School and that she was able to attend the ground breaking ceremony. She adds that she enjoyed a movie at the South Lyon Theatre and that we should all take a look at the new signage at the Witch's Hat. Kurtzweil finishes with a thank you from the Cultural Arts Department to City Manager Lynne Ladner for being a strong supporter of the Arts.

Council Member Kramer thanks Randy Clark for the use of his parking lot for the Boy Scout flower sale fundraiser. He then asks Department Head Bob Martin about the digging being done on the west side of Pontiac Trail to which Bob advises that King Plaza has been tied in to our city water and sewer.

Council Member Wedell reminds everyone that the American Legion will be out on the streets and in the shopping centers selling their Poppy's. The money raised goes to support Veterans and their families.

Council Member Rzyzi excited about the up and coming Garage Sale Weekend, would like to suggest compiling a map of the sales, possibly starting next year. The maps can be used to let people know where the garage sales are located. Rzyzi adds that he was able to attend the Farmer's Market this past weekend and it is just growing more and more. A positive note to City Attorney Wilhelm regarding the Food Truck Ordinance and adding Section 22/243 – Fees, this section stated that no fees will be charged to any Honorably Discharged Veteran. Rzyzi further states that he was able to attend the ground breaking ceremony for Pearson Elementary School and felt we had great representation from the City and from Lyon Township. He then directs his statement to Jill from Glazy Days, complimenting her on her speech and hoping that a positive resolution can be settled on for everyone involved. Next, Rzyzi, references a letter that was received by Council from a resident of Lafayette Woods. Her concerns were with Lafayette Square and the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the sign, and with the Planning Commission meeting being cancelled. He questions the status of Lafayette Square and wants to make sure that we keep Lafayette Woods up to date on any up and coming meetings. He then goes on to talk about the grant that was received by the Cultural Arts Department and the meeting that he attended for Volunteer Park regarding field development.

Council Member Dedakis thanks Ms. French; owner of Glazy Days, for attending tonight's meeting and sharing her side of how this affects her and the downtown.

Council Member Kivell asks Ladner if there has been any mention of the sidewalk at Kings Plaza. Ladner advised that the owner of the building will be putting it in. He goes on to discuss the model home that is being put up at the Knolls and the progress that is being made. Kivell enjoyed a bike ride through the City and Lyon Township and goes on to question if there has been any talk with Lyon Township about the benefits of unit pricing for any repairs needed on the bike path.

Mayor Galeas is going to be attending the SOCMA dinner in Southfield. He goes on to say that this is a great chance to talk with other Mayor's, City Manager's and Council Members from other cities. Galeas were pleased to talk about the economic activity in the city and thanks Jill French for coming out to attend and speak at the meeting. He also adds that a new business will be opening in town across from the Hotel and a "For Rent" sign is now posted in the green building in town. He adds we are starting to see the benefits that we have been working on and talking about. Lastly, he talks about a letter that was received at City Hall complimenting the cemetery and the workers involved in the Sayre family funeral.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 5-9-2016 Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kurtzweil

May 9, 2016

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:40 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor John Galeas

Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer