

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016; opening at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki

Absent: Cassar

Also Present: City Manager Martin, Clerk Dryden and Attorney Schultz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Dzenko stated adjourn to executive session will be after the last Resolution-Supporting Child Abuse.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Lorenz, to approve the City Council Agenda for March 9, 2016, as amended.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Meskin, seconded Lorenz, to approve the February 10, 2016 regular meeting and February 23, 2016 study session minutes as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Meskin, seconded Lorenz, to approve the voucher report for March totaling \$156,513.23, as submitted.

Feb Payroll	\$ 49,322.35	Check #'s	11786-11790 DD2556-DD2577 EFT1032-EFT1038
Accts Pay-Feb-Mar	<u>\$107,190.88</u>	Check #'s	48754-48790 EFT 1145-1157 (E)
Totaling	\$ 156,513.23	ACH	1158-1163(A)

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko received the DPW, Police and the City Attorney reports for February and asked that they be placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Endres reported the Board of Review will be meeting March 14 & 15 for appeals and the Cable Board will meet tomorrow and he looks forward to seeing everyone there.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

BD-001-16

Pete Peters addressed the penalty for not paying on-time for the boat dock application. He stated he has had a dock for 44 years and he received the renewal letter back in December before he went out of town. He saw it when he got back and set it aside. He knows it is fault and takes full responsibility for being late, but didn't like being assessed an additional \$300, a 63% penalty. That is an excessive fee for being late the first time in 44 years. He would like City Council to review this. He understands there has to be a penalty, but this is upsetting.

Lorenz stated he was late last year and paid the \$300 and wasn't happy either.

Dzenko explained why the fee was put in place.

Neil Friedman thought there wasn't much time between when you receive the letter and the due date. Martin stated typically they go out first the year and are due March 1st, so there is two months to pay. Peter's stated his letter was dated December 22, 2015.

Helen Jane Peters shared she represents the Historical Society and invited everyone to join the Historical Society. There is an open house once a month. She showed a number of maps and stated Michigan was first surveyed in 1815, then this area in 1817 and again in 1872. She noted Sylvan Lake is partly in Waterford Township and West Bloomfield Township. Sylvan Lake was originally named Timber Lake and the southern side was called Pickerel Lake. In 1896 Merrell Mills purchased property with making the area a resort.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Sylvan Lake History

Martin thanked Helen Jane Peters for doing a wonderful job passing on the city's history and keeping the record. It is a passion of hers and we all benefit from her hard work.

ZBA Hearing

Martin reported there was a ZBA hearing tonight prior to this meeting and it was approved. Also there are two more appeals scheduled, one for March 17 and another for April 9, for the two adjacent properties on Pontiac Drive, just on the other side of the bridge.

City Hall Construction

A-003-16

The City Hall project is moving along. The rough carpentry is done upstairs and the rough electrical is almost done. We are getting very excited about finishing up and moving back upstairs. We're still working on cost for the ramp.

Garbage & Rubbish Funding

We have mentioned for a few months now that City Council will be looking at how the Garbage and Rubbish department is funded. Our contract will be coming up soon and there will be a decision made to either extend the contract for a specific term or go out for bids. The funding discussion revolves around paying for the cost of trash collection with a fee, or combination of fee and taxes. It is currently funded through a millage on your taxes. However, the amount received in taxes alone does not completely fund the department.

Boat Docks

The boat dock application process was quite typical this year. Martin believes there were six people that did not get their application and payment in on time. It's always interesting to hear that we are unreasonable because we make people follow the policy that was approved by Council several years ago. There will be a few open spots, so the next thing will be the move process and then offering the open spots to new dock license holders.

Items We Are Working On

A couple months ago Martin mentioned some things City Hall is working on to streamline process, save money, and run more smoothly. We are still working on the SCADA system to remotely see how our lift stations are functioning and if there are any issues. Some things that have been implemented are:

- A. Purchasing new Water meters that use cellular data so the use can be monitored very closely and accurately. Not only allowing us, but also allowing residents access to view their own data. Alert thresholds could be set to show excessive or no use, use during the night when there shouldn't be any could indicate a leak, etc. If someone goes away for a while and there is water usage it could indicate a problem. Martin thinks there would be a number of residents that may choose to buy this meter so they can monitor their water usage.
- B. Cellular Vehicle monitoring systems have been installed on 4 of our 6 vehicles. This system will show us driving habits, location, route, idling time, any mechanical codes that were triggered in the vehicle, etc. Very important things for Martin as a Manager and for vehicle operation and maintenance.
- C. Martin reported, unfortunately our idea for a mobile app for our park tags did not pan out. At least for this summer. We're still trying to figure out something. He hasn't given up on the idea of having cards and a card reader. We'll see what is new out there.

Election

Martin expressed a big thank you to all of the voters that came out yesterday. There were very few

issues and it was a record turnout. Dennise and workers did a wonderful job running the election once again. It is very nice to have great help that can be counted on.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Zubrzycki thanked Dryden for running the election and thanked the C.A.R.E. Committee for their work with this election. He stated residents should plan to the extra 2.87 mills for the sinking fund which passed.

Zubrzycki added the Euchre Tournament and Chili Cook-off was a lot of fun. He thanked all who volunteer in the city.

Lorenz thanked everyone for coming. He announced there has been a discussion for a dog park so this will be discussed at a study session. Lorenz also thanked all the volunteers. He hopes Pontiac Schools is please with their millage passing and that they spend the money wisely and make the improvements that are necessary so that the children that attend there can get a proper education and proper environment.

Meskin also hopes Pontiac Schools will send the money wisely. It is meaningful for the students.

Dzenko appreciates everyone coming to the meeting and thanked all the volunteers. He asked if any road improvements are planned this year. Martin stated he will budget for it.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution Supporting Sunshine Week **R-003-16**

Dave Albery stated this resolution supports open meetings and public records, which Sylvan Lake is already provides.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the resolution in support of Sunshine Week.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

- b. Resolution Opposing SB639-Elections **R-004-16**

Martin explained Senate Bill 639 is intrusive, creates barriers to the election process, disenfranchises new voters, and makes it more difficult for citizens to register and exercise their right to vote. It creates unnecessary work in the Clerk's office.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Zubrzycki, to approval the Resolution opposing Senate Bill 639 – Amendments to Michigan Election Law.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

c. Resolution Supporting Monarch Butterfly as Official State Insect **R-005-16**

Martin stated a Keego Harbor resident is sponsoring this and asking our support. Michigan is one of only three states that does not have an official State Insect.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Meskin, to approve the resolution supporting the Monarch Butterfly as Michigan’s Official State Insect.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

d. Resolution Setting Sprinkler Meter Rate **R-006-16**

Martin informed City Council he didn’t get a resolution completed for this, but he wrote something up and if Council agrees with it then the City Attorney and he will put it into the proper form. He read this is a resolution establishing fees and installation requirements of a second meter for outdoor use, which would be irrigation, washing cars, and anything that doesn’t send water down the sewer. Due to the continued escalation of cost for sewage disposal City Council is encouraging the installation of a second meter to reduce that cost and pay for water only. The cost to the resident or property owner will be the cost of the water meter, purchased from the city; plumbing permit, pulled through the normal permit procedure; and then after it is installed the City will inspect for proper connection and the city will install the meter. The on-going cost will be the normal cost of water with rates established by City Council from time to time, with no quarterly base fee. There will be no charge for sewage disposal since the water will not enter the sewer system.

He reiterated the three key elements are, they will pay for the water meter purchased from the city (he doesn’t stake a cost because that will change), there will be no quarterly base rate for the second meter and they will only pay for water-at the rate establish by City Council, and no sewage.

Martin stated the reason he would like to pass this resolution now is because it is getting nice out and residents are already asking about installing as second meter and we are not allowing it until City Council approves waiving the base fee for the second meter.

Meskin asked about the residents who already have a second meter for sprinklers. Martin stated if the resolution is approved then this would apply to them also.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the resolution establishing a purchase price for an irrigation or replacement water meter and base rate for an irrigation meter.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

e. Garbage and Rubbish Contract Extension **CA-003-16**

Martin stated the City Attorney and he are still working on cleaning up the contract language. He explained for the audience that Rizzo's contract is up soon and they provided an 8 year extension proposal with very good rates. City Council can approve the contract at the next meeting in April.

f. Garbage and Rubbish Funding **F-008-16**

Martin again reminded everyone City Council has been discussing this. Currently the funding for the Garbage and Rubbish is millage only. Things that are paid for out this fund is garbage collection, household hazardous waste collection, leaf collection and parks cleanup. City Council has been discussing should it be a flat fee or combination. They will have to make a decision before the budget is adopted in May. There will be a slight increase no matter how they choose to fund it unless they do away with some services.

Jim Endres wants to make sure everyone knows about this and feels the city and council has been great about getting the word out on this. Also he is concerned with Meskin always wanting to take funds from the general fund to pay for other funds/services. He requested if the City Manager could do some kind of a spreadsheet showing what the money is planned for and how long it would last if we paid for all the things Meskin wants to.

Meskin stated his request was taking \$70,000 from the general fund to give to the garbage and rubbish fund or reduce the 5 mills that was approved by 1 mill. He feels residents have had enough of a hit with 2.87 mills that will go to the Pontiac School Sinking Fund.

g. Waive Small Tax balances from Tax Roll

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Meskin, to approve waiving tax bills with small balances at February 29, 2016, because they cost more to send, collect and process than their value.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

- h. Removing Item 12 F. Citizen Research Council, from the Non-Action Items

Moved by Meskin, seconded Lorenz, to remove Citizen Research Council from non-action items.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

- i. Resolution Supporting Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month **R-007-16**

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Zubrzycki, to adopt the resolution supporting Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

Yes: All
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

- j. Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Moved by Meskin, seconded Lorenz, to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Yes: Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki, Dzenko
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

- a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- b. Parking in ROW
- c. Fire Department
- d. Seawall – Pontiac Drive and Lakeview Beach
- e. G&R Contract/Funding
- f. Citizen Research Council

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Meskin, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk