

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008; opening at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hungerman presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Maurina, Shepp, Wiegand, Hungerman,

Absent: Lorenz

Also Present: City Manager Martin, Clerk Clippert and City Attorney Bibeau

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Maurina, to approve the City Council Agenda for November 12, 2008, as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Maurina corrected October 15, 2008, regular minutes; on pages 2-3 Ron Glassman's name should be changed to Ron Ogusky.

Moved by Maurina, seconded Shepp, to approve the following minutes as presented:

October 08, 2008 Special Meeting

October 15, 2008 Regular Meeting

October 30, 2008 Study Session

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Maurina, to approve the voucher report for November totaling \$158,473.08.

Oct Payroll	\$ 41,734.72	Check #'s 10760-EFT163
Accts Pay-Oct-Nov	\$116,738.36	Check #'s 43375-43467
Totaling	\$158,473.08	

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

### ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Wiegand asked Martin to update everyone on the dispatch services. Martin reported police dispatch is through West Bloomfield. The cost is around \$46,000 year. Keego and Orchard Lake also have the same service and pay the same amount; it is not proportionate. Sylvan Lake is waiting for the County to get their new system so we can change over to them. The estimated cost will be \$20,000.

Mayor Hungerman received the DPW report and the City Attorney report for the month of October 2008, and the Police Department report for September 2008 and asked that they be placed on file.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **C3-008-08**

Loren Maurina report for the GWBCAB. He stated next month the budget will be presented to City Council for approval. He voted to not approve the 2009 cable budget at the Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee did approved it. Maurina would like the City to talk with the Keego and Orchard Lake and convince them to turn it down. He understands the city wants to use the reserve funds for wiring the Community Center. In doing this, funds will be short for the budget and have to be made up some how either through the general fund or through West Bloomfield. He doesn't know. The short fall will come from the shared funds (\$950,000) between 4 communities.

Maurina noted the \$83,000 increase in the cable budget is due to the contractor services. The Cable Board is trying to fix this problem with the contractor. They are looking at restructuring this. One person to program and one to handle the financial end of it.

The Cable Board hired Plante & Moran to figure out how much of the \$950,000 in shared funds is for each of the four communities. Plante & Moran is being paid through a budgeted line item which was approved last year under special projects.

Sharon Maurina asked to find out the actual cost to televise the council meetings. Loren Maurina estimated it will be \$300-\$400 per meeting.

Mayor Hungerman thanked Maurina for his time and work on this.

Wiegand reported for the Home and Garden Tour. He stated at the last meeting they selected all the houses which will be on the tour next year. Justin Hatch is the new Chairman of the committee.

#### BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Russ Meskin asked if Bloomfield Twp. could provide dispatch for Sylvan Lake. Martin replied, they can't communicate because of their different radio system.

Randy Ykema heard City Council is considering charging a fee to be on the boat dock wait list. He feels this is ridiculous.

Mike Zubrzycki wondered why somethings are grandfathered and other are not. He would like to know the intent of the change.

#### CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

##### Leaf Collection

##### **M-003-08**

Martin spoke with Richfield today and asked that the leaf crew work everyday until they are caught up. Also a new recycling program is being discussed where they keep track of who is recycling and how much.

##### Developments

Tim Horton's has submitted a site plan. The Engineering portion is being worked on. Vision Optical bought Dr. Donner's office and that site plan is being reviewed also.

##### Study Session

Martin would like to discuss, at a study session, a balanced budget and a new ordinance for water/sewer, putting foreclosed homes on the tax roll.

Martin thanked Paul Hungerman for all his work on City Council and for being Mayor. He stated he was great to work with. Martin congratulated Mike Zubrzycki and stated he looks forward to working with him.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Martin conveyed Lorenz' comments. Lorenz thanked the election workers, John Martin and Dennise Clippert for their time put in. He thanked Paul Hungerman for his years of service to the city and for being a team player. Being willing to run for re-election with the millage question on the ballot. Lorenz also is in favor of the dock policy and lot coverage ordinance.

Maurina thanked everyone for coming and voting. Maurina shared comments and concerns she heard while out promoting the millage proposal. The perception is there is a lack of communication from City Hall and City Council. Maurina acknowledged Council did ask the City Manager to close his door so he could get more work done. She suggested possibly having one day a week or biweekly, dedicated to residents. Maybe 4 hours in the afternoon and 4 hours another morning. Council wants the residents to have access to him. She also suggested improving the newsletter to make it less rules and regulations. She wasn't sure why election results weren't posted on cable, but felt they should have been more timely in getting them on. Maurina did state it is a two way street and residents need to take advantage of things that are available to them, saying many residents admitted they don't read the newsletter or check the city website.

She admitted there are more foreclosures than she thought and houses which are rentals with the owners not living in the city.

Maurina covered video taping the City Council meetings and doesn't know if the City can afford it, but feels council needs to decide and let cable know.

Shepp thanked Hungerman on doing an outstanding job on council. He stated they have always been able to work together and Hungerman is very steadfast in his beliefs. Shepp congratulated Mike Zubrzycki.

Wiegand echoed Shepp's comments and added that Hungerman was a very good Mayor. He is sure they will all be able to work good together.

Wiegand followed up with Aqua Fina he thought they were suppose to be planting plants along the trail to cover the rusty gate. He asked if Valero was finished yet. Martin replied they are working on minor items, replanting and storm water. Wiegand asked if the public trail that was washout got fixed yet. Martin stated it was fixed last month, the day after it was reported. Wiegand would like to discuss at a study session, storage of cars.

Hungerman congratulated Mike Zubrzycki for his time put in campaigning. He feels the city will be well served. Hungerman thanked Justin Hatch for running. He thanked all those who supported him and the city employees; he enjoyed working with all of them. He also thanked Jack Hunger, Rick Eriksen, Brad Conkey and current City Council. He enjoyed working with them all. He noted there are legal requirements to run for City Council and he feels they are as they should be. All other qualifications and qualities are left for the voters to decide and that too is the way it should be. Over the last three years he has learned important qualities that make one successful in this position. Desire and dedication to the community, ability to work with others, ability to articulate views clearly, ability to listen to others with respect, and ability to make tough decisions. He stated he will always be an involved resident.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **R2-012-08**

#### a. Approval of Resolution to Participate in CDBG Program

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Maurina, to approve the Resolution to participate in the Community Development Block Grant program for the 2009 program year.

Yes: All

No: None

## **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

### **BD-011-08**

#### b. Consideration to Approve Boat Dock Policy

Martin explained the policy has been looked at by the Boat Dock Committee. They came up with a list of ideas which they felt needed to be addressed. Council has studied their suggestions and discussed them at a number of study sessions. He stated one of items discussed was making sure people on wait list are really serious. Another issue addressed was timing to get their dock or mooring post in sooner.

Randy Ykema feels it is wrong to charge a fee to be on the wait list if the only reason is to gage the intent of interest. He asked where the money would go to. He would like justification for the fee. Brad Conkey from the dock committee stated, serious interest needs to be known because too many people get on list just because they are told to.

Russ Meskin doesn't agree with the fee being non-refundable.

Mike Zubrzycki asked if the current residents on the wait list would be grandfathered in. Hungerman replied, no, it is for everyone on the wait list so the city can have a clean list. Conkey agreed it wouldn't help to grandfather because then no one would get off the current list.

Conkey does agree the \$100 fee should not be refundable.

Maurina read the change which will require a one-time non-refundable \$100 administration fee to be on the wait list and the top 25 people on the waiting list must notify City Hall by February 15 of each year, on whether they will accept a permanent dock space if one becomes available. She explained this came about because there are always complaints of spaces not being used. The wait list is very long and why aren't those people getting a space. By the time City Hall found out the space wasn't going to be used people on the wait said it was too far into the season to have to get a boat or where already sharing at another space.

Shepp reminded everyone the boat docks are a privilege and not a right. A lot of time and discussion has been put into this policy by the dock committee and city council.

Moved by Shepp, seconded Wiegand, to approve amending the Dock Policy as presented.

Yes: Shepp, Wiegand, Hungerman  
No: Maurina

MOTION CARRIED

**O-008-08**

c. Consideration to Approve Ordinance 294, Amending Code Sections Regarding Lot Coverage

Martin explained this is the amendment to the Code of Ordinances that was approved by Planning Commission in the summer of 2005, but was not adopted by City Council. At that time there was discussion about other possible amendments pertaining to garages and impervious surfaces. Another Public Hearing was held by Planning Commission and they recommended this amendment.

Moved by Maurina, seconded Shepp, to approve Ordinance 294, amending section 78-206, 297 and 610 of the Code of Ordinances as recommended by Planning Commission.

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

**CA-006-08**

d. Consideration to Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Contracts

Moved by Shepp, seconded Wiegand, to adjourn to Executive Session following item 13 on the agenda.

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Boat Docks and Marina License
- b. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Defining Maximum Lot Coverage of Structures
- c. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- d. Street and Drainage Project
- e. City Entrance/Identification Signs

There was nothing new to report on these agenda items.

NEWSLETTER AND CABLE INPUT

There was no input for the newsletter or cable.

At 8:51 City Council adjourned into Executive Session.

At 9:16 City Council reconvened the regular City Council meeting.

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Maurina, to approve the Police Union Contract for July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011, as submitted.

Yes: Wiegand, Hungerman, Maurina, Shepp

No: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Shepp, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Dennise Clippert, City Clerk