

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006; opening at 7:53 p.m. Mayor Lorenz presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Hunger, Hungerman, Lorenz, Conkey, Eriksen

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hunger requested to add 12G, re-appointment to the Fire Board. Eriksen requested moving 12C to 11A.

Moved by Eriksen, seconded Hungerman, to approve the City Council Agenda for June 14, 2006, as amended.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Eriksen, seconded Conkey, to approve the following minutes as submitted:

May 10, 2006, Public Hearing -2006/07 Budget

May 10, 2006, ZBA-1420 Glenwood and 1426 Glenwood

May 10, 2006, Regular Meeting

May 23, 2006, Special Meeting - Citgo Property

May 23, 2006, Study Session

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

B2-001-06

Eriksen communicated his objection to the CPA s cost for the audit. Council agreed they would like Martin to send out bids for auditing services.

Moved by Eriksen, seconded Conkey, to approve the voucher report for June totaling \$237,615.20.

May Payroll \$ 44,111.14 Check #'s 9933-9970

Accts Pay-May/June 191,465.97 Check # s 41090-41179

Auto Debits 2,038.09
\$237,615.20

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No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Mayor Lorenz received the Public Works Department and the City Attorney's reports for the month of May 2006, the Police Department report for April 2006 and asked that they be placed on file.

Eriksen invited Chief Silver to make comments from the Police Department. Chief Silver introduced his newest officer James Sherrod and his wife Claudine.

Committee Reports

Judy Schwanitz, Home and Garden, Committee Chairman, invited everyone to the Home and Garden Tour, June 17th, from 10am-4pm. Money raised will be going toward the Community Center kitchen and landscape. There is already \$20,000 raised from the prior years. She has tickets available.

Al Payson announced the Goose roundup is June 21st. Jet skis and personal water crafts are needed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Lorenz opened the meeting to the public.

Marlene Toby asked everyone to donate to the Boat Club s fireworks. Envelopes were sent out.

Helen McAllister, 1896 Lakeland, thanked everyone who participated in the Plant Exchange. The event the Garden Club will be hosting is the Ice Cream Social, the third Thursday in August from 6-8 p.m. Ice cream dippers are needed.

Betty Delaney, 1831 Sherwood, requested a four way stop sign at Pleasant/ Woodland and Lakeland.

JoAnn Eberhardt noted the commercials on TV to open cable services. She asked everyone to support this. Mayor Lorenz explained the City receives \$16-\$18,000 in revenue per year from Comcast.

There were no other comments

Mayor Lorenz closed this portion opened to the public.

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CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Fireworks

The Oakland County Boat Club will display their fireworks July 3rd with a rain date of Saturday, July 8th.

Events

Martin thanked those involved in the City Wide Garage Sale, Plant Exchange and Memorial Parade.

Michigan Week Breakfast

Last month at the Michigan Week Breakfast, Judy Schwanitz and the Home and Garden Tour were the recipient of the Michigan Week award. Martin thanked them for their hard work.

DPW

The DPW have been working on canoe/kayak rack at the Community Center. It will be finished soon.

Memorial Park Committee

Martin thanked Robin Reisig and the committee for their cleaning, planting and maintaining the park. They are often over looked when thanking.

Cable TV

AT&T is working with the Cable Advisory Board currently to work something out. Martin stated they have to make sure they are willing to provide similar benefits for the City and residents.

Police

Tickets are being issued. A big one is the right and left no turn at Beverly and Knowlson. Tickets are also being issued for speeding and stop signs.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Conkey thought gates times had been set and are not being observed. He feels residents need these set times. Martin informed him after the gate committees recommendation council agreed to keep the times as they were, open at noon and closing no later than 9 pm depending on weather and traffic.

Conkey conveyed road right-of-way items are popping up again and they will need to be removed. He asked if the City owned a brush hog to mow the trail. Martin stated they did not. He spoke with West Bloomfield today regarding this. They will handle it.

He noted June 12th was the cut off date for having to have your boat in the space. He stated

space 42, 43 and 45, don't have anything in. A resident from the audience corrected him, stated only dock or mooring post has to be in.

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Conkey thanked Al Payson for getting rid of the geese each year and he encouraged everyone to participate in the Home and Garden Tour.

He urged Council to do something with the Community Center. It is becoming an eyesore.

He addressed the Pleasant/Woodland four way stop and stated he was almost hit there.

Hungerman expressed his view on the dock issue, stating his intention was just getting going to look at it, to see how many are interested in the idea.

Eriksen thanked all volunteers in the city.

Hunger thanked the volunteers also and said residents have really responded to the call. He asked if it would be ok to open the restroom at Ferndale for the Home and Garden Tour. Council agreed they would like to have it open for the Tour.

He had a resident contact him regarding his name and address showing up on the Internet in the Sylvan Lake minutes. There are a lot of residents in the city who are in the public eye and may have somebody holding a grudge against them. He asked if addresses have to be included with the minutes. Martin stated they do not have to provide their address if they don't want to.

Hunger shared that City Council is working together and sticking up for each other and the dock issue was only an idea that was suggested and they felt they needed to look into.

Hunger also asked everyone to contribute to the fireworks.

Lorenz thanked the volunteer groups and asked everyone to attend the Home and Garden Tour. He noted a lot of outside residents participate and residents should partake in the event also. He expressed this is back-to-back awards for volunteer committees and feels it is a great honor. He thanked City Council for allowing him to make the presentation even though they don't agreed on every issue. Lorenz welcomed Officer Sherrod and everyone for coming.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Dock Installation Near the Community Center

BD-006-06

Martin explained the plan and stated there are 48 residents who responded positively. The Dock Company that may do the installation submitted a permit application to the DEQ. The DEQ is still reviewing it. He stated only 50 additional spaces would go in and the application shows them on the Community Center side.

Mayor Lorenz opened this item for public comment.

Mark Breimeister, 1048 Otter, he heard there was no permit submitted to the DEQ. If the number of docks coming out is even with what is going in then he would be ok with it, but he is not in favor of adding more docks.

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Mike Bodine of Keego Harbor, feels it will cause a jungle of boats if this is done. He suggested raising the price for the current slips instead of ruining the lake.

Bud Krause is concerned with some of the comments in the Mayor's letter. He would like to keep things simple by maintaining the parks, protect the children and property of the city, keep the budget lean and he would support a new Community Center. He is opposed to the dock system.

Art Asplund, 1910 Warwick, asked what the plan is for taking away from current dock holders they will be displacing.

Bill Brundage feels the current docks need to be managed better. He asked whom to contact with questions and complaints. Martin stated Dick Pfeffer is head of the docks now and to contact City Hall for his number.

Rob Christensen, 1595 Kessler, is displeased with more boats on lake. It will cause more pollution and ruin the quality of water life.

Rob Conkey stated having dock spaces is an advantage to living in Sylvan Lake. It has always been a hot topic. It is the most requested item. He stated not all of the 50 boats will be out at the same time; probably 10 at the most.

Katrina Schwarz, Benvenue, feels two boats should be required at each space and this would help to eliminate the wait list.

Dave Lachman, Beverly, lives on the canal and stated there is a lot noise and pollution. He is not in favor of this.

Jeff Majchrzak, 2358 Ferndale, questioned who authorized the Dock Company to send in the permit to the DEQ. Mayor Lorenz stated Martin only did what he was instructed to do.

Phil Thomas, President of the Sylvan-Otter Association, asked Council to not go ahead with this plan for the betterment of the lake, communities and properties. Residents knew when they purchase property in Sylvan Lake that there is a waiting list. He asked how the fireworks would be launched with all the docks there. He stated a list of accomplishments and items he fought off regarding the lake. In 2004 he has a Sylvan Lake statement, wanting to limit the number of people using the lake. In 1988, the City of Sylvan Lake supported a lawsuit against the condos for adding 78 slips. He asked Council to rethink what will negatively impact the community.

Mayor Lorenz asked for a show of hands for those who feel the same. The majority of the room raised their hand.

Pete Peters appreciates the arguments. He shared when he lived on lake St. Clair, in order for it

to be fair; you had to give up your dock space after six years. He feels there is a lot more room on the lake for more boats.

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Doug Deuster, 1608 Inverness, asked what percentage of dock holders share their space. He feels incentives should be used to encourage sharing.

Jim Kaminski, 2239 Pontiac, feels the price for the docks is too low and it isn't fair when a new resident comes into the City and knows someone who has a dock and gets to share with them. The rule should be they have to share with the next person on the wait list.

Steve Stein, 2510 Garland, asked if there has been any consideration to taking out current dock spaces and putting them in the marina.

Craig wanted to know how to contact the DEQ.

Tom Christman asked where all the cars are going to park. The Community Center is full with the current boats, bocce ball and volleyball teams.

Jerry Rozycki stated there would always be a wait list. He is concerned because this looks like a done deal. He provided a petition with 200 signatures against this. He feels with only 50 interested, they shouldn't do it.

Dr. Applefield of Waterford, stated he might have to start legal action.

MaryAnn Smith stated she was at the meeting last month when this was discussed and it was discussed for 25 minutes before Council decided to go forward with it, not to get more information, but to do it.

Lorna Rauker believes the City used to be friendlier, back 10-20 years ago. Now residents are afraid to share their space because of the liability.

Mary Reeds, 1674 Beverly, stated the canal is already dirty and she is against this.

Brian O Connor, 1781 Stratford, stated there are a lot of boaters who have to put their boats in the water and take it out each time they want to use it.

Carol Vanker feels there will be a parking problem when the Community Center is rented and they add 50 spaces.

Charlie Meade, Rustic Lane, Keego Harbor, asked what had changed since the City signed the petitioned against Keego's marina.

Betty Delaney reminded there are residents who are on a fixed income and have had a dock for thirty years. She hopes they would be taken into consideration when considering increasing the fee.

Jerry Powers doesn't want the 50 spaces. He suggested making all the current spaces smaller to get more people off the wait list.

Roy Chestnut feels this is a marina going in, not just a dock system.

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Walter Coleman, 1551 Kessler, asked how many Sylvan Lake dock holders donate to the Sylvan-Otter weed control. He was informed, all of them do.

There were no more comments. Mayor Lorenz called for a recess for five minutes.

At 9:32 the meeting resumed.

Hunger's understanding is that the decision lies with the DEQ at this point. He feels City Council had to take this step before going forward.

Conkey clarified there are residents concerned with how many more boats this is going to add to the lake when in fact 95% already have boats that signed up. They have to put them in and take them out of the water each time they use them.

Eriksen feels there is not a whole lot to talk about until they hear from the DEQ. They have a lot of issues to deal with regarding this before a real decision is made.

Lorenz agreed. This is only step one. He took exception to saying this is a done deal already. They are trying to do what is best for the city. They have had many requests for this and thought it was important to discuss.

There was no further discussion.

Mayor Lorenz asked Council if they had anything new to discuss under old business. Council did not.

NEW BUSINESS

CA-004-06

A. Consideration to Approve Garbage and Rubbish Contract

Martin spoke with the representative from Allied Waste and they agreed to a one-month extension. Martin would like to do their due diligence on Richfield and Allied.

Moved by Eriksen, seconded Hunger, to table this item until next month for more discovery.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

PR-009-06

B. Consideration to Amend Park Policy to Require Minimum Age

Moved by Hungerman, seconded Eriksen, to remove this item from the agenda.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

B-007-06

d. Approval of Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2006/07

Moved by Hunger, seconded Eriksen, to approve the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

M-004-06 P1-004-06

e. Approval of Fireworks Dates and Temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO)

Lorenz asked if there is anyway to ok parking for those who want parking in front of their property. Martin replied, it would be too hard to enforce. Hunger reminded them they haven't paid off the contractor yet.

Moved by Hunger, seconded Conkey, to approve the Temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO) prohibiting parking on the pavement or shoulder of any street from 6:00 p.m. to midnight the day of the fireworks display, with the streets adequately posted and indicating the fines and possible towing of vehicles in violation of the TCO.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Hunger, seconded Conkey, to approve the Oakland County Boat Club fireworks dates of July 3rd with a rain date of July 8th.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

O-011-06

f. Approval of Ordinance 275, amending the 2003 International Fire Code

Moved by Hunger, seconded Hungerman, to approve Ordinance 275 amending the 2003 International Fire Code.

Yes: Hungerman, Lorenz, Conkey, Eriksen, Hunger
No: None

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

B2-002-06

g. Consideration to Approve Cost to Reconstruct Bridge Balusters and Rail

Martin reported this was last done in 1985 with concrete and they deteriorate very quickly. He is proposing limestone balusters, cap and rails. This would virtually last forever. Martin is looking how far apart the balusters can be. He was told 4" per building code. He believes this is residential. If they can install them at a similar distance as they are, they could save \$7,500.

Conkey asked if he got any bids for concrete. Martin stated he has not.

Moved by Conkey, seconded Hungerman, to amend the approval for the City Manager to accept D&S Masonry's quote to spend no more than \$31,650 to completely remove the existing concrete baluster, stanchions and cap and replace them with limestone equivalents, with the condition Martin get a quote for concrete prior to allowing the \$31,650. The concrete bid will be emailed to City Council for final approval.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

A2-004-06

h. Consideration to Approve Mayoral Appointment to Tri-City Fire Board

Mayor Lorenz recommended re-appointing William Wright.

Moved by Hunger, seconded Eriksen, to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of William Wright to the Tri-City Fire Board with the term to expire June 30, 2009.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEWSLETTER AND CABLE INPUT

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Conkey, seconded Hunger, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Dennise Clippert, City Clerk