

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 opening at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki, Cassar, Dzenko

Absent: None

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Dzenko added item 11E Re-appointment to the ZBA-Alternate and Dryden requested to add item 11F Invest with TCF Bank.

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Cassar, to approve the City Council Agenda for September 21, 2016, as amended.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Meskin, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2016, as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

#### APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Meskin, to approve the voucher report for September totaling \$352,708.49, as submitted.

Aug Payroll	\$ 59,072.24	Check #'s	11821-11826 DD2728-DD2755 EFT1078-EFT1084
Accts Pay-Aug-Sept	<u>\$293,636.25</u>	Check #'s	49024-49092
		EFT	1262-1274, 1279-1287 (E)
Totaling	\$352,708.49	ACH	1261, 1275-1278 (A)

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

### ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko noted the Parks & Recreation Committee submitted a report and accepted that.

Jim Endres reported there is nothing for Board of Review until December. For Cable Communications the City's website has a direct plug to Civic Center 15.

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

#### **PR-004-16**

Jim Endres introduced the two Little Librarians, Daryn Krause and Emeline Walsh. They were sworn in a couple weeks ago by the City Clerk. The video is on Civic Center TV. Daryn and Emeline introduced themselves and told the Council a little about themselves.

Helen Jane Peters shared the four corners marker is coming together. She showed the possible sign with the four township logos on it. Also, she noted Bob Graffin who dives in Sylvan Lake, found a token which looks like it is from the Sylvan Lake camp. He also found an old rusty ice saw which can go in the historical museum. Peters handed out postcards for upcoming events, which the West Bloomfield Historical Society is putting on. One of them is the "Kit Home is Michigan". This will be Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 7 p.m., at the WB Library Main Meeting Room. Lastly, "Mary's Little Lamb" painting has been moved to City Hall and a frame is being made. Everyone can see it when City Hall holds their Grand Opening.

### CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin stated it's great to see everybody. What a beautiful Day today and a nice weekend too.

#### Events

There were two events worth noting in August - the Annual Ice Cream Social was very successful as usual. The other event was the swearing in of the Little Librarians by our Clerk Dennise Dryden. Thank you Jim Endre's for getting the little library project running and electing the first two little

librarians. These are the kind of things we need more of in the City and are what make it so special.

#### Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Officer has been out making friends and things are slowly being cleaned up. There really aren't many major issues but what is there we are trying to correct. We still have those that insist something is a violation of our ordinance just because they don't like it, but that's really not unusual. If conveyed to us for the right reason, meaning they want the City to look it's best, that's great. Sadly, more often it is because they received a violation notice themselves and want to point out everybody else's or they just don't like their neighbor.

#### Donation

#### **FR-002-16**

We are going to be installing a new bench and tree near the Lakeview beach this fall. It will be a memorial bench and the City will install it along with a tree. We are hoping to plant a few trees this fall. Unfortunately, we had to remove another large maple on Woodland today.

#### Trail

#### **RT-001-16**

ITC will begin replanting the area along the trail tomorrow so that is very exciting.

#### Election

The Clerk/Treasurer and staff are gearing up for what is expected to be a very large turnout for the General Election. Meet the Candidates night hosted by the League of Women Voters will be next Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at the Community Center.

#### HHW

The annual Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be this Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> at West Bloomfield Township from 9:00 to 2:00. Residents will be required to show proof of residency. They City does have to pay for this collection. Martin doesn't want to discourage people from going and improperly disposing of hazardous waste, but on the other hand, don't go and just drop off a handful of batteries or something.

#### Clinton River Trail

The Friends of the Clinton River Trail held their September meeting here yesterday. Things that were discussed - the installation of mile markers, signs, and for Sylvan Lake the crossing at Pontiac Drive.

#### Police Dept.

#### **P1-007-16**

We are going to purchase a solar powered speed sign to install in the City. The price has come down and the data collected has increased a great deal over the past few years. It has been proven to reduce speeding significantly. If we like how it works, we can think about getting more. They cost about \$2,500.

Study Session

**C1-001-16**

The next study session is scheduled for next Tuesday. Since the October regular meeting is moved back a week to the 19<sup>th</sup>, Martin asked if Council would be able to meet October 6 at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission will be meeting Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> and we currently have a ZBA hearing scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Zubrzycki stated he would not be available. The balance of Council can make that date.

Audit

The Auditors are finishing the annual audit. We don't know how long it will be, we still have a few questions and items to review. The SAW grant payments and reimbursements added to our work, along with not receiving water and sewer bills for June.

Conference

**WA-005-16**

Martin attended the annual American Water Works Association conference last week. It is a great conference and his attendance is necessary for continuing education credits for his Water Distribution Certification. One topic was our failing water infrastructure and underfunded water systems. That was a major topic and one he will be revisiting on a regular basis. Some of the statements made by experts were that to correct our water infrastructure nationwide would cost between 600 Billion and 1 Trillion dollars. Most water rates are too low and are not keeping up with the maintenance and capital improvement demands. They discussed depreciation, putting adequate funding back into the system, increased cost for maintenance, replacement, testing and inspecting. The out of sight out of mind mentality is very strong. He noted Sylvan Lake was way ahead of the curve when we instituted the flat fee, or meter fee, and then a per unit, or per gallon fee. We were one of the first communities to do that and took some flack for it. Now it is the standard. The statement was made if your community is charging less than \$35/meter base fee, it needs to be increased. The second thing is the method of budgeting. Everybody that has a small municipality and has a water system budgets it similar to how we do.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cassar welcomed everyone and is glad they could make it.

Lorenz thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Parks & Recreation Committee for their report. They have done a lot of great activities in the past and have some great coming events.

Zubrzycki also thanked the Parks & Recreation Committee and noted their next event is October 14<sup>th</sup>, Halloween movie night. Zubrzycki acknowledged Martin getting an award at his water conference he attended last week. He congratulated him. Also Zubrzycki stated the new ramp at City Hall looks great.

Meskin thanked everyone for coming. He asked if the Charter Amendment proposal is going to be on the ballot. Dryden stated it is and the wording is on the website under Elections. Meskin is glad

to see the over grown bushes on the trail cleaned up.

Dzenko thanked everyone for coming. He stated the ice cream social is a wonderful tradition and it was great to go to. Dzenko loves the little library; now he has someplace to take his books.

Helen Jane Peters thanked Ann Nichols for planning the ice cream social for the last 36 years.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Pilot Program Participation Agreement – Local Road Improvements **CA-010-16**

Martin explained Oakland County has begun a pilot program to help municipalities with road funding. The distribution of funds is by the Act 51 formula. Sylvan Lake's amount is not huge at \$3,287, but every bit helps. This is a matching program so the city has to spend \$3,287 on local street repairs. He noted City Council budgeted \$60,000 for street repairs and the application for the funds was for between \$50,000-\$60,000.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Cassar, to approve the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Pilot Program Cost Participation agreement with Oakland County in the amount of \$3,287.

Yes: Meskin, Zubrzycki, Cassar, Dzenko, Lorenz

No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Agreement with Midwest Paving for various areas of pavement replacement **CA-011-016**

Martin stated he was hoping to have the bid/estimate from Midwest Paving by the meeting, but still has not received it. He felt he shouldn't ask council for approval when he didn't have anything to give to them. He would like to get on the schedule for this year to get these repairs done before winter. The next Council meeting isn't until October 19<sup>th</sup>. He did note since they did budget \$60,000 for road improvements, they could approve a maximum dollar amount with Martin and Attorney Schultz executing the agreement. Martin felt the cost would be closer to \$75,000 for all the areas he has identified as wanting to replace.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve a maximum of \$75,000 for road repairs and to have the City Manager and City Attorney execute the agreement similar to last year's.

Yes: Zubrzycki, Cassar, Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin

No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

c. 2016-2017 Winter Maintenance Agreement

**CA-012-16**

Martin reminded council this is done annually. There is a 2% increase over last year's agreement which the city will receive.

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin, to approve the Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for the 2016/17 winter season.

Yes: Cassar, Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki

No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

d. Weed Control

**L1-006-16**

Martin reviewed this has been discussed at the last couple of meetings. City Council is looking at coming up with a set amount to pay Sylvan Otter Lake Association for weed control based on the recommended donation schedule of a lakefront/boat owner of \$75 and lake privileges of \$25.

Martin discussed the annual goose nest destruction/roundup and sharing the cost with Sylvan-Otter. He suggested having Sylvan-Otter pay the full cost for this if City Council is going to increase the amount going to Sylvan-Otter.

Phil Thomas, President of the Sylvan-Otter Lake Association, thanked City Council for inviting him here to discuss this. He provided a brief overview of what they do. They sent out 817 mailers in Sylvan Lake this past year and received 62 other donations, \$2650, on top of what the city gave. They are trying to get everybody to donate their fair share. A couple years back they stopped treating areas where there were no donations. They found this has helped and donations are picking up, but they are still losing the battle. There is a new weed spreading. He is asking for help to keep it the best lake in area. He wants it to keep its value. They are not treating everything that needs to be treated. This year they have spent around \$36,000 so far.

Meskin addressed the Marine Patrol for Sylvan Otter Lake, which only Sylvan Lake is paying. He asked how can we get the other cities to help with this. Thomas questioned if the patrol was really needed. He gets many complaints about the Sheriff. He often goes out and talks with the officer on patrol. Meskin asked if Waterford and Keego Harbor contribute towards the weed control. Thomas stated the residents do; from Waterford they received around \$14,000 and Keego Harbor \$9,000.

Zubrzycki thanked Thomas for his work. He knows it is a lot of work. He asked if there are other marina style or homeowner associations contributing. Thomas replied, Cunningham Park has 25 slips which the fee is part of their agreement, the boat clubs gives a small amount. It is not as much as they would like.

Lorenz asked Thomas how much he wants Sylvan Lake to donate. Thomas stated a dollar amount is hard to say, \$75 per dock space and boats launching into the lake.

Jim Endres thanked Thomas also. He asked him to give his information to him so cable can make sure the word get outs. He wants to take care of the lake.

Zubrzycki agreed with Endres on getting this televised and spot lighting some of the problem areas. Also he is thinking what can the City do to try to encourage everyone to donate.

Zubrzycki asked Thomas for the next study session meeting to bring a summary of where the donations come from and the areas that are getting treated. It would be nice to have a visional.

Thomas noticed the treasurer logs all donations by address and amount so he knows exactly how much each pays. When he gets a call he looks up the address to see if they are donating and calls them out if they are not.

Lorenz asked how much more is needed. Thomas stated \$10,000 more this year would really help to hit all the areas needed. Lorenz stated he is all for getting the Association more money.

Jim Smith asked Council what they are considering. Mayor Dzenko explained what the donation currently is based on boat dock fees and sale of keys and tags and they are looking at giving a set dollar amount. They are not sure how much. Lorenz added City Council has to figure out where to come up with extra money.

Thomas stated he will bring more documentation to the study session.

e. Re-Appointment to the ZBA-Alternate **A2-003-16**

Mayor Dzenko stated he is appointing Pam Todoroff. Her term is up in October and she is still interested is being an alternate.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Zubrzycki, to confirm the Mayor Appointment of Pam Todoroff as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for three-year term, expiring September 30, 2019.

Yes: All  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

f. Invest with TCF Bank

**F-012-16**

Martin stated Dryden is requesting to invest with TCF. Dryden added the Oakland County Treasurer recommended them.

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Lorenz, to add TCF Bank to the list of approved banks to invest with.

Yes: All  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch

Lorenz requested this item be moved back on the action items to discuss, in light of what is going on around the world with security.

- b. Parking in ROW
- c. Fire Department
- d. Seawall – Pontiac Drive and Lakeview Beach
- e. ROW Policy
- f. Golf Carts
- g. Lake Weed Control

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Yes: All  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Dennise Dryden, City Clerk