

A study session of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016; opening at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presiding. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Zubrzycki (7:00 p.m.), Cassar, Dzenko, Meskin

Absent: Lorenz

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

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Public Comment

There were no comments. Mayor Dzenko closed the public comment.

Ramp at City Hall

A-008-16

Martin updated he received two prices for using aluminum. One Company's aid you don't want to use this material for a permanent ramp. It will be set like dock poles on top of the ground. It would need a concrete sidewalk poured to set the poles into. It will be noisy. The prices were \$17,000 & \$18,000 with the sidewalk. Tanner is still supposed to get cost for fiberglass. There is still the option of concrete and brick. Martin stated Cassar provided information for an aluminum rail and looked into this. It is really nice. The two quotes he received for concrete brick were \$25,000 without a railing and \$28,000 complete. Martin stated it comes down to "what do you want it to look like."

Cassar urged Martin to look into the engineering design with the concrete capping and how it done to make sure it will not settle and tilt. Martin said the plan shows the cap pinned to the brick.

Martin will get more information for City Council. Dzenko stated he feels they are looking towards wanting it to look nice.

Rizzo Contract Extension

CA-005-16

Dzenko asked if Martin got an answer on getting a 5 year contract. Martin updated, Rizzo said they can use the price quoted with the 8 year contract and stop at 5 years, but then they would have to start a new contract because there would be no option to extend years on. It is either 5 or

8 years. Cassar and Dzenko would like 5 years with a 3 year extension option. If they won't do that then go with 5 year option Meskin would be ok with this also. Martin will ask Rizzo about this option. This will be on the agenda for approval on June 1st.

Garbage and Rubbish Funding

F-010-16

Attorney Schultz reviewed his resent letter. He explained in order to be defensible as a fee (as opposed to being viewed as a tax); the amounts must not exceed the costs for implementing the City's entire solid waste disposal plan. You need to ensure that the total customer cost for your collection services—both contracted and in-house—does not exceed the actual cost to the City.

Cassar would like to see it all spread evenly. It was brought up at prior meetings that seniors on restricted income can't afford this. They can apply for the homestead tax credit and get \$1200 back. Everyone he spoke to didn't even know they paid for this base on the taxable value. They were surprised at the differential and agreed it should be changed. He understands they can't spread the whole thing evenly but he would like to see the contract spread evenly.

City Council looked at spreading the contract evenly at \$185.40 per household and balance as a millage of .8587. Also they looked at leaving the millage were is at 1.9575 and spreading \$76.51 evenly. Dzenko and Cassar agreed with the \$185.40 and .8587 mills. Meskin thought he could be ok with it.

Meskin asked how long they have been doing by a millage. Dzenko stated forever. Personally Meskin would like the general fund to pay the shortfall and leave everything alone. Cassar argued this isn't the point and now is the time to fix it.

MaryAnn Smith is good with divide the contract evenly and doing the balance as a millage.

Jim Endres would like to do away with the leaf program. He is not in favor of changing how it is paid for. He feels it would be more of a burden to seniors and low income households.

Jeff Misuraca feels it should be done fairly and equally paid.

Zubrzycki came into the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He shared what his parents, as seniors on fixed incomes, are paying and his in-laws. He agreed with spreading the contract evenly and doing the balance as a millage.

Adjournment

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin to adjourn the study session.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk