

City of Sylvan Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
January 14, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015; opening at 7:31 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

Moved by Cassar, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the City Council Agenda for January 14, 2015, as submitted.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Meskin, to approve the minutes of the following meetings, as submitted:

December 10, 2014 CDBG Public Hearing
December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Cassar, to approve the voucher report for January totaling \$381,336.65.

Dec Payroll	\$ 85,353.39	Check #'s	11672-11686 DD2132-DD2174 EFT905-EFT918
Accts Pay-Dec-Jan	<u>\$295,983.26</u>	Check #'s	48058-48117 EFT 882 (E) – 884 (E), 891-900 ACH 885 (A) – 890 (A)
Totaling	\$ 381,336.65		

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko received the DPW's report for November, December; and the Annual report for the DPW and Police; Attorney's report for December; and the Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 and asked that it be placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Endres reported the Cable Commission held their Organization Meeting and Sylvan Lake's Representative, Preston Wertheimer was elected Vice Chairman. Comcast representatives were at the meeting but didn't provide much.

Russ Meskin reported for the Tri-City Fire Board. He stated Chief Jay Wiseman is retiring April 1st and the new Chief was introduced. He added miscellaneous Tri-City items were turned over to West Bloomfield Twp. There was a suggestion to have the Tri-City Fire Board Meetings televised since there are only 4 meetings a year.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Helen Jane Peters brought a new historical book written by Ron Kay about the Tri-Cities. It is \$23 and she has some to sell. There are a lot of Sylvan Lake pictures in it. There is a book signing Sunday 2pm-5pm at Winterset Galleries in Keego Harbor and on January 31st at the West Bloomfield Historical Society meeting at St. Mary's.

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MaryAnn Smith commented on the Community Center already being booked every weekend during the summer. She feels residents should be able to rent it before non-residents and feels the fee should be much higher for non-residents. She would like to know how many non-residents are renting during the summer. Doris Jacobs agreed with her. Mayor Dzenko let them know council does have this information and have discussed increasing the non-resident fee. They will review this again at a study session.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin wished everyone a Happy New Year! He hopes everybody had a very enjoyable Christmas, Hanukah and New Year. He is looking forward to 2015 and sees great things being accomplished in

the City this coming year.

Light Judging

Martin congratulated the Holiday Light contest winners and thanked those that volunteered to be judges. He knows from experience that the decisions are not always easy.

Events

The annual Holiday Cookie Exchange event was a lot of fun this year and he thanked Parks and Rec and those that participated for making it a success. The annual Shop with a Cop event was a great success again this year. The Police Department raised about \$3,500 which was enough money to purchase gifts for about 15 kids and their families. Thank you to the Police Department and all those that contributed. There were quite a few people that donated and some were quite large donations. Thank you very much.

SAW Grant

Not a whole lot new to report right now. Work is being done on the information gathered. We are also in the process of purchasing a computer and software that will be used to view the data processed.

DTE

Martin stays in contact with Palchesko asking for updates on the power outages. He hasn't received anything new so far. He understands they have installed some kind of metering device on some houses for tracking outages. He is not sure what it is exactly and will find out more.

Seawall

The Seawall installation is moving along very well even in the bitter cold weather. Before the lake level comes back up, we-he isare going to assess the remaining steel seawall for wear and movement.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be hearing a case in February for a property on Lakeview. The petitioner is seeking several variances to allow them to install a deck on the front of the house and an attached garage on the rear of the house. Plans and the list of variances required are available for review at City Hall.

Training

Sgt Zuehlk and Martin attended a three-day training course on "Instructor Development." It was an excellent course essentially in how to teach or train. They will now be able to utilize what they learned in many aspects of the job and life in general. It will also allow them to become certified as trainers for required training for the Police Department. That way they will be able to train and certify our own employees instead of having to send each of them to be certified individually.

City Council Meeting Date

Martin stated a couple of council members shared they can't attend the April meeting and asked if it could be changed. Council agreed to change the meeting to April 15th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lorenz thanked everyone for coming and hoped everyone had a safe holiday. He looks forward to 2015. The city has a number of capital projects going on in the city. The City maintains a 5-year to 10-year rolling budget forecast budget and this helps them to plan for the future and the best way to operate the city in the most efficient manner.

Cassar also hoped everyone had a Happy Holiday and agreed with Martin's and Lorenz comments on the plans for the city. He wished everyone a safe and successful 2015.

Zubrzycki shared for those who missed the informational meeting on the proposed development at the Whitfield property. Zubrzycki he is very optimistic that they will work well with the city.

He Zubraycki reviewed there were two proposals on the ballot for the Community Center; one was to build it and the other to fund the on-going maintenance of the building. Only the building proposal passed so Council has to come up with ways to offset the expenditures and ways to run a nice building like this. Recently they agreed to expand the storage because it is beneficial and will help with rentals. They are paying attention to the differential of what the resident vs non-residents are paying.

Zubrzycki asked Attorney Schultz if there is an update he can provide on the lawsuit against DTE because of the storage racks they installed. Attorney Schultz reviewed a joint lawsuit with Sylvan Lake and Bloomfield Twp. was filed for a declaration by the court that the Settlement Agreement had been breached, and an injunction against further breach and a requirement that the storage racks be removed. There is also a claim in the complaint that the City's zoning ordinance has been violated by DTE's action. They had gotten an answer from DTE which says they deny the "material change." Both the attorney for the Twp. and Schultz are working on a motion for summary disposition that will hopefully get the matter before the court within the next couple of months. Zubrzycki reviewed the history with DTE and them not being a good neighbor at the detriment of the neighbors living along there.

Meskin questioned if Martin has heard anything new with the Whitfield Property Development. Martin reported he speaks with Mark Kassab often and he was pleased with the outcome of the meeting. He was They are going to move forward with purchasing the property. Nothing will come to City Hall for a while still. Meskin asked if the Prendushi property has permits. Martin stated they still have permits. Meskin reviewed the Community Center was opened to non-residents to generate some extra revenue for the center. He agreed it should be revisited. He shared a new

storage area is in the process of being built here and the Home and Garden Tour Committee will be donating new tables and chairs for the Community Center once this expansion is done.

Dzenko thanked everyone for coming and wished them Happy New Year. He stated at the study session they will discuss the Community Center fees. He is pleased with the break wall and how it looks.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Appointment of Parks & Recreation Committee Members

A2-001-15

Mayor Dzenko appointed Doris Jacobs and Gregg Peterson to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Cassar, to approve the Mayoral appointments to the Parks and Recreation Committee as stated by Mayor Dzenko.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals **A2-002-15**

Mayor Dzenko appointed Mary Ann Abramson-Kirsbaum as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending September 30, 2017.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Cassar, to approve the Mayoral appointment of Mary Ann Abramson-Kirsbaum as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals as stated by Mayor Dzenko.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Ordinance to Regulate Construction Sites **O-001-15**

Martin stated he started discussing this with Attorney Schultz. They just want to make sure of they understand what Council is thinking. They discussed timely construction, site not being taken care of, nuisance, trash, and length of the project. They will see what other cities are doing.

Dzenko would like to see the Garland project speed along.

Jim Smith feels the Garland house is depreciating the surrounding homes values and this is a real issue when this happens anywhere in the city for someone who would like to sell their home during this time.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

- a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- b. Community Center Storage and Furniture
- c. Community Center fees
- d. RV Fees
- e. Fire Dept

There was nothing new to report on these items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk