

A study session of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015; opening at 6:20 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presiding. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Cassar, Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Martin, Clerk Dryden and Attorney Schultz

Approval of Agenda

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

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

Meskin announced the Home & Garden Tour is cancelled for this year due to lack of participants. Martin didn't think they were announcing this. Meskin doesn't know about that. He stated there was a meeting Monday night but he didn't know about it.

Community Center Fees

CC-004-15

Meskin would like to see the cancellation fee for 90 days or more go away, but if they are going to keep it he suggested doing 90-180 days and then six months and out no fee. Cassar stated he is ok with how it reads. He understands Meskin is trying to be lenient with residents. Lorenz agreed it is a good policy and added there are always restocking fees at stores. The city is trying to ensure the center is rented. Zubrzycki understands Meskin's thought but he is ok with the fee.

Meskin would like to see the non-residents application changed also.

Lorenz suggested getting rid of the \$50 minimum and leave it at 20%. Council was ok with this.

Lorenz suggested giving the residents the tent at no charge. Dzenko is ok with that. Cassar explained a tent is usually being used because they are over the capacity of occupants for using the facility. Also the grounds are being used and there have been past problems with sprinkler damage and driving on the front lawn. He suggested making the fee \$50. Meskin agreed with this.

This item will be on the agenda March 11th.

Ordinance for Construction Sites **O-003-15**

Martin explained he just received these and they are for council to look over and tell him what they think. He discussed the time limits for construction. Attorney Schultz explained the only ordinances he found that addressed this were from California and one from Florida. The reason for this is because the Construction Code is what governs when you can build and how long; it is a National Code. It is open ended, as long as you don't have a six month period where you stop. You only have to show a little progress. This draft would add to the zoning with time limits for construction to be completed with a healthy deposit up front and if an extension is needed there are fees involved. This is only for discussion to see if Council is interested. The other drafts are for construction debris, site restoration bond, and a land improvement permit. Martin added these would be helpful to get on the books because the city tries to enforce things like this but we know we don't have any teeth in the ordinance and some have fought it.

Mayor Dzenko asked everyone to look it over and they can discuss it again next month.

Goals & Objectives **B-001-15**

Martin stated this is to think about only, think about what they want to add. He covered the things that he added. Street Repair using General Fund money-If the State Proposal were to pass in 2016 they would get about \$90,000 more for street maintenance than what we are getting right now, which would be very helpful, but there will be a point where it won't be enough. The dollar amount is for discussion only. If council is interested he will talk with the Engineers about conducting a street assessment. Dzenko asked how many miles of roads does the city have. Martin replied eight miles. Dzenko suggested doing a mile a year or ten year plan. Martin feels a replacement project or repair and maintenance plan would be very helpful.

Attorney Schultz left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Dzenko asked Martin to get an estimate what it would cost to do a mile a year. Martin will do that, but noted it depends on what has to be done and it will be expensive to do at a mile. Lorenz reviewed discussions with the paving company from last project saying it was the foundation that needed to be fixed and we only milled and repaved. He doesn't know how to find out how good the foundation is. Martin stated sometimes you don't know until they dig it up. Dzenko stated with an ongoing project it motivates a contractor to do a good job know because they might not be asked to come back if the city is unhappy with their work.

Patrol vehicle, Martin wants to keep on track with rotating purchases. They probably wouldn't purchase until spring of 2016. They are putting more miles on one vehicle since they were purchased around the same time. Video cameras are needed for the patrol vehicles. The ones they have now have all been problematic and L3 Communications is terrible with support. Zubrzycki asked if the audio works. Martin replied they do not. Zubrzycki would like to prioritize this and look into grants. In car computer system will also need to be budgeted for.

The computers running are from 5-8 years old.

Engineering/Planning to Investigate closing Woodland and Lakeland at Orchard Lake Road-
Martin reviewed back when they Orchard Lake Corridor Study group met they discussed
eliminating some of the Ingres/egress accesses to Orchard Lake Road. He gave an example of
leaving access on Beverly and Warwick and closing all the other streets. They would have to
have some kind of cul-du-sac, curb it off at Orchard Lake Road to allow for turning round.

Lorenz addressed the Citizen Research Council. He has re-thought this and stated the goal is to
know their long term options. He wants the City to maintain its own identity but you never
know. He suggested putting the money towards the City Attorney and City Manager to research
what happens if the City unincorporated and what the millage rate would go to and what happens
with bond issues. His understanding is if the city unincorporated then West Bloomfield Fire
would automatically have to honor the city as part of West Bloomfield Twp, so there would be
no need to spend \$200,000+ for fire services. Of course they would then have West Bloomfield
Fire millage. He would also like to know if there is a way to maintain Home Rule. Dzenko
shared with the new proposed development this is a great discussion point because if they don't
get this revenue then they will probably have to think about what Lorenz just said.

Lorenz stated last month it was brought up using funds in the water and sewer funds for
employees. If the city goes to the Water Resources Commission they would have that cost for
contracting those funds and then employees could now have time to do what they haven't time
for in the past. So it could end up costing the city more.

Cameras in City-Martin suggested installing cameras in different areas of the city, which would
help out with incidents such as the pedestrian hit and run over the weekend. If they had cameras
they could have seen who was leaving the city. The Smart cameras the Road Commission
installed are only live cameras. Martin has calls into a number of different number of people
regarding this, to have those cameras recorded on a 24-48 hour loop.

Generator at City Hall-Martin stated this is needed with all the outages the city has been
experiencing. It is pretty hard on the equipment. One generator could run the DPW garage and
City Hall.

GIS for street, water, signs, etc.-Martin explained they are getting the base with the Saw Grant
and since they have the data they could incorporate it to use with street, etc.

Mailbox Racks-Martin shared the DPW is working on racks now. He stated they need to
reorganize, some racks only have 2 mailboxes while other have 20 which makes it too long.
Meskin asked if Martin was opposed to one standard size mailbox. Martin is good with that but
stated we can't make residents replace their boxes. Cassar asked if the gang boxes on the
pedestal with no locks have been looked into. They would save time and materials. He would
like to see how they compare. He will pull some catalogs again.

Adjournment

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

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk