

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015; opening at 7:31 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Cassar, Dzenko, Meskin

Absent: Lorenz, Zubrzycki

Also Present: City Manager Martin, Deputy Clerk Klassen and Attorney Schultz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin, to approve the City Council Agenda for March 11, 2015, as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

February 24, 2015 Study Session

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin, to approve the voucher report for March totaling \$135,884.85.

Jan Payroll	\$ 47,558.91	Check #'s	11696-11704 DD2199-DD2221 EFT928-EFT936
Accts Pay-Feb-March	<u>\$ 88,325.94</u>	Check #'s	48170-48199
		EFT	920 (E) – 937 (E)
		ACH	922 (A) – 926 (A)
Totaling	\$ 135,884.85		

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko received the DPW, Police and Attorney's reports for February and asked that it they be placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Endres thanked Megan Zumbach and Nick Murray for sitting on the Board of Review. There were eight appeals at the March Board of Review. This shows what a great job Bloomfield Township is doing for the city. Also last night was the Planning Commission meeting. He thanked Mayor Dzenko for attending. He thanked Martin for writing up the 12 page by-law document and accredited him for his knowledge.

Helen Jane Peters announced the Michigan Week is May 15th which includes the Community awards banquet. Volunteers in communities from West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake will receive these awards. If anyone knows of anyone they would like to see awarded for volunteering please contact Helen Jane. On March 19th at 7:00 p.m. the Garden Club is having a guest speaker, Bill Pioch, at their meeting. He will be speaking on organic solutions for your garden problems. Everyone is invited.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Roy Chestnut asked why his sewer bill is higher than the average household who has water and sewer. Martin explained there are only a couple of households in Sylvan Lake who have sewer only because they are still on a well. There is no way to register how much sewer they are using so they are charged one and half times the rate of the average. Chestnut feels this is very unreasonable. Martin explained there was a house on Garland that is billed sewer only and they paid to have a meter installed on their water line from their well pump. He advised Chestnut to call City Hall to discuss having this done. Cassar added this is what is normal procedures for all communities.

Neil Friedman shared on the website there is a synopsis of last month meeting, but stated there are six other items or topics attached with it. Also he stated he couldn't find the agenda for this meeting on the website. Dzenko stated it is there on the calendar. Friedman stated it is very difficult to find. He also suggested having the synopsis of minutes to include how many people attended the meeting. Mayor Dzenko asked Martin if the synopsis is always going to be posted. Martin replied, that is the goal when there are big issues at a meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin introduced Kris Klassen. Kris is sitting in for Dennise while she is on vacation.

Items Due

Martin named a few things due recently, taxes, water/sewer bills, boat dock applications and business licenses. All these things had to be sent out and processed by City Hall and kept everyone busy over the last couple of months. City Hall is also getting things ready for spring and summer. There are still business licenses outstanding and boat dock applications pending. Martin will provide a count at the next meeting.

Events

The Polar Plunge and Chili Cookoff were this past month and great fun. He thanked everyone who participated and supported them. The Parks & Rec are planning some good coming events. One is a boat safety course in early spring and summer.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission met last night and held their organizational meeting to elect their Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary and approved their by-laws.

Memorial Day Parade

Jim Smith has volunteered to Chair this again. Smith came up with "The Best Little Parade in the State of Michigan". A newsbyte will go out tomorrow regarding how to participate and volunteer to help out. Martin asked everyone to get involved and help to spread the word. They are still looking for music.

Election

There is a Special Statewide Election May 5th. Voting will take place here at the Community Center. The State Proposal is to raise the sale tax from 6% to 7% and a couple of other things attached to it. Also if you live in the Pontiac School District there is a sinking fund millage proposal on this ballot for 2.87 mills for five years.

DTE

Nothing new to report. They did install a device in a couple spots in the city, to track power outages. He knows they are working and a few surges have happened but he doesn't know what the results are or how to correct them.

ZBA

An appeal was scheduled for tonight, but was postponed again to next month. He believes the petitioner is going to withdraw that request and submit a new plan that is more than what they were previously asking for.

When a variance request comes in it is reviewed to find out what all the variances are that are

required. Then it is published in the newspaper. Anytime it changes and they ask for more than what was previously submitted, the process has to start all over again. This is the law.

Garland Property

There is nothing new to report on the property itself. City Council is discussing an ordinance to regulate construction job sites and time frame for completion. Bill Brundage asked if current projects would be grandfathered. MaryAnn Smith would like to see it take effect immediately and no grandfathering. Attorney Schultz stated they will have to follow the ordinance. Martin is working with the building inspector on the Garland property.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cassar welcomed everyone. He shared the polar plunge was a great success and good turnout.

Meskin agreed with Neil Friedman he couldn't find the agenda on the website either. He did see the polar plunge on the news and the pictures on the website. Meskin was sorry to see Larco's closed. He thanked everyone for coming.

Dzenko also thanked everyone for coming. He stated it was a joy to be at the Planning Commission meeting yesterday. Each of the Commissioners shared who they were and how long they have lived here and their interests. It was phenomenal how deep the roots go here. There is one Commissioner whose children are the sixth generation here. Dzenko also attended the polar plunge and was surprised by the amount of participants and viewers. He congratulated those who organized the event. Helen Jane Peters asked how much was raised. Martin believes it was around \$27,000 that went to Special Olympics.

Dzenko also reminded everyone about the Election May 5th. The ballot language is posted on the website and a copy of ballot is at City Hall.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Community Center Rental Fees **CC-005-15**

Dzenko along with Martin explained the changes and the differences between resident fees and non-resident fees.

Meskin would like to table this until full council is here.

Moved by Cassar, seconded Dzenko, to approve the Community Center Rental fees as proposed, adding a \$50 fee for each tent/accessory, 20% of rental fee will be forfeited for a cancellation more than 90 days before the event, and residents may reserve the building 13 months

ahead of the reservation date.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

b. Sunshine Week Resolution **R2-001-15**

Martin explained Sunshine law requires transparent and open meetings. Sylvan Lake does this already. The Cable Commission sent this to the city and Martin felt it was good to publically support it.

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin, to adopt the resolution supporting Sunshine Week.

Yes: Dzenko, Meskin, Cassar
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

R2-002-15

c. Resolution Supporting Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Martin explained this came from Care House of Oakland County. They are asking all municipalities to support ending child abuse proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and support the numerous victims who are among us.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to approve the resolution proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Sylvan Lake.

Yes: Cassar, Meskin, Dzenko
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

NON-ACTION ITEMS

- a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- b. Community Center Storage and Furniture
- c. Fire Dept
- d. Ordinance to Regulate Construction Sites

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 8:02 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk