

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015; opening at 7:30 p.m. 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 ?

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Cassar, seconded Meskin, to approve the City Council Agenda for November 18, 2015, as submitted.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Meskin, to approve the follow meeting minutes as submitted:

October 14, 2015, Regular Meeting
October 26 & 27, 2015 Special Meeting
November 4, 2015, Study Session

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to approve the voucher report for November totaling \$315,907.55, as submitted.

Oct Payroll	\$ 51,997.61	Check #'s	11762-11766 DD2440-DD2467 EFT1001-EFT1007 STUB59-STUB61
Accts Pay-Oct-Nov	<u>\$ 263,909.94</u>	Check #'s	48584-48634
		EFT	1074 (E)-1078(E), 1084-1093(E)
Totaling	\$ 315,907.55	ACH	1073(A), 1079(A)-1083(A)

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko received the DPW and the Police reports for October and the June 30, 2015 Audit Report and asked that they be placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko asked if they received a report from the Parks & Recreation Committee. Dryden reported she didn't receive anything.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

B4-001-15

Helen Jane Peters shared some history from 1818 and the Reverend John Montieth leading an expedition to see what lay between Detroit and Pontiac. A body of water was discovered and named Timber Lake, which later became Sylvan Lake. The City of Sylvan Lake will be 70 years old in two years and she is working with Dave Albery, Civic Center Cable, to put together a history video. Greg Miller is already helping her, but she would like more help or residents to share an event to contact her.

SC-005-15

Ann Nichols shared that the West Bloomfield school bus speeds down Cheltingham everyday and one day went off the road and left tracks across her whole yard. She provided a picture. She did email Bill Hull at the district and he told her they would fix her yard. She is concern with the speed they drive and if they are school of choice why are they driving through the city.

MaryAnn Smith agreed she has observed them speeding also.

Martin stated there is a bus stop at Beverly and then at the church by City Hall. City Hall has issues with them also and he will contact them about the problems.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin thanked Helen Jane and Greg Miller for working on this history video.

Leaf collection

The leaf collection is going much better this year. Rizzo has done a good job and the weather has been a big help.

City Hall Construction

A-010-15

City Hall received final approval for the basement at City Hall. We're going to hook up phones and network and move down there to complete the renovations upstairs.

Streets

S-008-15

The paving repairs are complete. Martin was getting a little worried the excavated areas were not going to be paved before Halloween but they did a great job and the repairs look great too.

SAW Grant

Martin informed Council there is nothing new on the SAW grant.

Garbage & Rubbish

F-002-15

Martin noted to those in attendance that Council will be talking about funding the Garbage and Rubbish Fund in the next couple months. How best to pay for the services provided. The conversation has been millage based, fee based, or a combination of both. The contract with Rizzo is up in July 2016.

P&R Events

The annual wine tasting event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Committee was a great success. It was their largest crowd with 50 plus wines being tasted. Dennise Dryden happened to win the 50/50 drawing and graciously donated her winnings back the Parks and Rec.

The annual Cookie Exchange will be December 13th from 1 to 3 at the Community Center. As the title implies, bring some cookies to exchange with others, spend time with old friends and meet some new ones. Santa may make an appearance at this event if he has time.

Applications for Committees

We are still accepting applications for both the Dock Committee and Parks and Rec Committee.

Water/Sewer Rates

U-006-15

As a reminder to City Council, it was approved to review the water and sewer rates annually in June and December with a decision being made at the January Council meeting to increase, decrease or maintain the rates for the following fiscal year. So we will be reviewing where we are in the water and sewer departments next month.

Annual Organizational Meeting

C1-001-15

Martin reported with the recent change to even-year elections, it has also changed the requirements of

the annual organizational meeting of City Council. The Charter states, “The Council shall hold its organization meeting at the first regular City Council meeting following certification of the regular city election, at which time one of its members shall be selected by the Council to serve as Mayor and one to serve as Mayor Pro Tem., for the ensuing year.” It is our recommendation that the organizational meeting be held every two years after certification of the election. It is still in keeping with the charter. There was a consensus with City Council to hold the organizational meeting after the election in the even years and the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will serve for two years.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cassar welcomed everyone for coming and wished them a joyful winter and Happy Holidays.

Lorenz shared the number of terrorism attacks around the world over the last year. We are averaging around 25 a month. He feels there should be a moment of silence for all the Countries who have had an attack over the last year. He thanked the Military Personnel from all Countries, for fighting for our freedom.

Zubrzycki asked when the leaf collection ends. Martin stated December 4th. Zubrzycki asked if there was going to be a light judging again this year. He suggested asking the Parks & Rec., if they can’t do then to contact him. Martin stated we’ll get a newsbyte sent out also. Zubrzycki stated his kids are school of choice and ride the West Bloomfield bus which stops next to City Hall. He appreciates they get picked up there. He stated the DTE lawsuit with the residents, the court date was moved two times with no explanation as to why. The new date is December 2nd.

Meskin asked if there would be a study session this month. Mayor Dzenko didn’t feel one before the holiday would work. He asked Council to think about one week before normal December study session, December 15th. Meskin asked Zubrzycki if he could email updates on the lawsuit. Zubrzycki informed him it is updated on the sylvan lake nextdoor site.

Dzenko appreciates everyone being here. He felt the audit was good and timely this year and thanked Martin and everyone who worked on it.

S-009-15

Pete Peters asked to make a comment. He stated he appreciated the road work that was done and thanked Martin. He was concerned with the limited barricades. He asked why weren’t any of the spots lit with red lanterns. He hopes this won’t be repeated.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. GWBCCC 2016 Budget

C3-004-15

Dave Albery stated the proposed budget for 2016 is for \$ 589,000. The budget will be funded by the cable joint venture fund, that balance being \$425,685 at December 31, 2014.

Albery stated they are excited to be a part of this Sylvan Lake history video. This is what they do. Also he shared Dave Scott will be coming to next month's cable board meeting to show a video, "Another View" which is a drone view of each of the four communities.

Lorenz asked what the public ed/advocacy/outreach is. Albery stated that is explained on page 3 and read it is a new funding for a major initiative in the areas of Civic Center TV programming and increase public awareness of services provided to Greater West Bloomfield residents. New programming could include a daily morning program or a weekly news show. Public awareness could be increase through advertising and promotion or sponsorship of a major community event.

Zubrzycki questioned what the amount would be in the fund balance at December 2015. Albery stated around \$569,685.

Lorenz asked what Keego Harbor pays for televising their meetings. Albery didn't know for sure because they are billed directly from the contractor, maybe \$200-\$250 a month. They pay this out of their general fund. Quarterly meetings for the Fire Board will be around \$50 a quarter or \$200 year.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Meskin, to approve the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commissions budget for 2016 as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

b. MERS Resolution-Defining Hours Per Month R1-001-15

Martin explained due to the new laws in regards to providing pension payments into a pension plan, we need to update our resolution stating a part time employee must work at least 200 hours in a month to be enrolled into the MERS pension plan. He further explained 160 hour per month is what people naturally think full time employees working, but some months being more than 4 weeks they could over the 160 hours and then we would be paying into the pension for that month that the employee goes over. He gave an example of a police officer who is filling in for someone on sick leave and works 40 hours a week and that month being five weeks.

MaryAnn Smith didn't agree with this thinking. She feels they should be in the pension. She wasn't understanding why someone who works 200 hours wouldn't be classified as full time. Martin explained this doesn't have anything to do with the classification of part-time or full time.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Cassar, to approve the MERS Resolution defining hours per month for part-time employees as presented.

Yes: Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin, Zubrzycki, Cassar
No: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

c. Budget Amendments (Road Paving, Comm Promo, Water) **F-003-15**

Martin reviewed they discussed roads and water funds at the study session. The Community Promotion expenditures have been reduced to more closely reflect our proposed spending in the department.

Zubrzycki was a little confused on the water budget. Martin apologized he provided the amended budget without showing the original budget. The original water budget was \$558,900 and it is being lowered to \$421,000. He will get a copy to City Council.

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the budget amendments for Major and Local Roads, Community Promotions and the Water Fund as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

d. Summer Sewer Discount **SW-009-15**

Mayor Dzenko explained how the discount is applied to the water bill. He shared Council will continue to discuss eliminating this discount because the sewer fund is losing money. He stated the past discount was a potential loss of \$40,000. There is another option for residents to get another meter for their sprinkler system and City Council may waive the quarterly base fee and only bill for usage.

Ann Nichols asked what it would cost to install another meter. Martin estimated around \$250 plus cost of a plumber.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch

- b. Parking in ROW
- c. Fire Department
- d. Seawall – Pontiac Drive

ADJOURNMENT

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

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk