

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015; opening at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dzenko, Meskin, Zubrzycki, Cassar

Absent: Lorenz

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Meskin, to approve the City Council Agenda for September 9, 2015, as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Cassar, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 12, 2015 and the study session of August 25, 2015, as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Meskin, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the voucher report for September totaling \$349,005.83, as submitted.

Aug Payroll	\$ 54,027.04	Check #'s	11751-11755 DD2383-DD2412 EFT984-EFT990
Accts Pay-Aug-Sept	<u>\$ 294,978.79</u>	Check #'s	48464-48517
		EFT	998 (E)-1033-1035(E), 1044(E)-1051(E)
Totaling	\$ 349,005.83	ACH	1036(A)-1043(A)

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Martin presented a new style report for the Police Department. It is taken right from the Clemis system so it is a little different than what they had before. It saves them time from putting this information into a spreadsheet. There is an activity log/call for service and a summary of citations written. Zubrzycki likes all the detail and thanked Martin for the report. Meskin asked if it could be put in excel and if the last three columns headers could be changed. Martin stated it can't be exported to excel and removing or changing things would require them to manually do the report again.

Mayor Dzenko received the DPW and City Attorney's reports for August and the Police reports for July and August and asked that they be placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko provided a report from the Parks & Recreation Committee. This report will be placed on file.

Russell Meskin reported for the Home & Garden Tour. He updated Council on the table and chairs they are looking at donating for the Community Center. Mayor Dzenko asked Meskin how much money they have to spend. Meskin stated around \$17,000.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jim Smith shared there is pdf software that allows you to export to WordPerfect and Excel. Smith also shared he examined the Police Department's new entrance. He expressed it is a knock out and something to be proud of!

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Work

The DPW is already gearing up for leaves and then snow removal. The construction at City Hall continues and the basement is close to being done. He reminded everyone how the City Hall employees will move from upstairs to downstairs while the upstairs is being remodeled.

Events

Martin was unable to attend the Ice Cream social as he was away at a conference. From what he heard it was a great success once again.

Audit

The Auditors have completed their work in City Hall. There will probably be some changes to the figures that were given to council last month and that is standard practice.

Pontiac Schools

As of now, we're still not sure if the Pontiac School District has removed their millage question from the ballot slated for the November election. They were supposedly told by the County Elections office that they could not hold another election this year but nothing has been confirmed.

DPW

S-004-15

The DPW has been replacing many mailbox covers and racks this summer. He would still like to make them all the same size.

Saw Grant

SAW - Still plugging away finishing up manhole inventory. They are now working on quotes for sewer cleaning and video.

Police Video

P1-004-15

This is very exciting for the Police Department. Their in-car video has not been working for some time now. City Council approved the purchase of a new video system and it is in the final stages of installation. The equipment has been installed in the vehicles and the server is being setup to download, store and categorize the video for our use. The system is much better than the prior one and they are looking forward to putting it to use. They are high-definition, the camera has two lenses-one is for normal use and the other is a wide angle.

Trail/Trees

RT-001-15

As mentioned in a newsbyte about three weeks ago, ITC, owner of the large electricity transmission lines and towers along the trail, came and topped the trees along the south side of the trail between Orchard Lake Road and Inverness the beginning of August. ITC cut the trees following the laws that allow them to do so. What was left was less than desirable for our trail and City. Actually, they were just sticks with vines on them.

After meeting with the Martin, ITC agreed to clean out all the remaining vegetation and junk in that area which was mostly weed trees, trees with very little vegetation, fallen trees and vines. ITC is now working with the City to beautify the area using plantings that meet ITC's requirements. This will make a lasting improvement to that section of the trail. For those of us with sight looking into the future, we realize this will be a fantastic improvement to the beauty of the trail in that area. Those complaining about losing the "canopy" don't realize it was already lost when the trees were trimmed. They didn't see the sticks that used to be trees. Martin is meeting with a representative from ITC Friday to discuss planting. We will also be painting the wall behind the gas station.

Tree Planting

S-005-15

ReLeaf Michigan, who has been working with the City on the tree inventory and planting program has obtained a grant for the City to plant 20 trees. Locations on Woodland and Lakeland have been

chosen to plant them. That will take place this Saturday, September 12. We will meet at City Hall at 8:30, given some instruction and a snack and then head over to help plant trees. Volunteers are still needed! Please come and help. The more people there are the quicker it will go. This is just the beginning of what we are planning as an annual event to replace trees that have been lost. Having the inventory and program will help us assess the trees, their health, replacement and give us an idea of value to the City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cassar thanked everyone for coming. He can't believe summer is almost over. He is already looking forward to next season.

Zubrzycki welcomed everyone. He questioned where the McAllister Tree was planted. Martin stated on Lakeview and Cheltingham. Zubrzycki agreed City Hall looks great and feels it adds character to the city.

P1-005-15

Meskin asked if cameras were installed in the backseat of the police vehicles. Martin stated yes just like last time. Meskin asked how long they stay on and are kept. Martin explained there are three ways the cameras come on; they record manually if the officer starts it, if the vehicle emergency lights are turned on and also if the vehicle exceeds a set speed then it is activated. The recording being saved depends on the event, usually 30-180 days. They can also make a copy to archive it. The video is automatically sent to the server when the vehicle returns to City Hall.

Meskin asked if Pontiac Schools comes up with new language would this be on the ballot in November. Martin stated it is too late to change the language this year.

Jim Smith asked if the video cameras have audio too. Martin confirmed they do.

PR-005-15

Dzenko shared the Ice Cream Social was jammed, the weather was cool and it was a great event. He stated there is a photographer at the small beach and they use it all the time; sometimes they take it all over and intimidate others. Martin stated it is a resident who has a beach tag, but he will email her about it.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Pontiac Schools Update

SC-004-15

Mayor Dzenko stated the letter was sent to Pontiac Schools regarding releasing Sylvan Lake from the district. The City hasn't heard anything back. Meskin recalls the letter saying individuals can file a

petition. He questioned if it is just for the individual or the whole city. Martin reviewed it would be for the portion of the City in the Pontiac School District. Attorney Schultz added it is property based; 2/3 of the property owners would have to sign the petition.

b. Ordinance to Regulate Construction Sites

Martin has been thinking about this for the future and feels for residents to have to follow this it may be a nightmare. Dzenko asked Council to look at it and they will discuss it at the study session.

Meskin asked if this ordinance proposal should be taken to Bloomfield Twp. since they are our building inspectors. Martin clarified it is a zoning ordinance and would be for Sylvan Lake to enforce; the Code Enforcement officer would handle.

c. Sewage Disposal Agreement with Oakland County Water Resources

SW-005-15

Martin reported they are still revising this. They are working on clarifying Rate of Return(ROR) and annual ROR and what it is based on-how much sewer debt the district owes, treatment based on a percentage of it. They wanted to add capacity. For Sylvan Lake this wouldn't affect us. It is for large developments, even if Whitfield is developed.

Zubrzycki asked if 8% is reasonable for the ROR and who get it. Martin confirmed it is and it would go to the Water Resource Commission for operation of the system.

Meskin asked if the city would get new meters. Martin explained, no the meter we already have will be used. Martin feels as long as it is maintained it will be ok. It measures velocity and depth, which determines gallons per minute. If there is something in the bottom of the pipe then it raises the level and looks higher than it is. Meskin asked who will clean it. Martin confirmed the Water Resource Commission will.

d. Update – Community Center Furniture

Martin stated Meskin updated Council on this already. Martin received an email today regarding the furniture. He will look at it and discuss it with Chairman, Cindy Hannah. Martin let Council know carpet for the storage room will be installed tomorrow.

e. Update – Seawall

L1-005-15

Martin doesn't have anything yet. He is getting information for three areas, Pontiac Drive pointe and the two areas around the small beach on Lakeview. Cassar suggested using boulders instead of pilings for the road at the pointe.

Martin shared he received a call from a resident asking if a seawall is installed at the pointe that an area be left for dogs to swim. Martin would suggest using the Kayak area. Cassar feels the area at the pointe where they were discussing putting a bench would be ok. Dzenko asked if that area was ok for dogs to swim. Cassar stated it is too shallow for boats to come in.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

- a. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- b. Community Center Furniture
- c. Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

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

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk