

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015; opening at 7:34 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Meskin, Zubrzycki, Cassar, Dzenko  
Absent: Lorenz  
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 July 8, 2015, as submitted.

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Zubrzycki, seconded Cassar, to approve the following minutes as submitted:

June 10, 2015 Regular Meeting  
June 23, 2015 Study Session

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to approve the voucher report for July totaling \$313,024.36, as submitted.

June Payroll	\$ 52,005.78	Check #'s	11729-11736 DD2301-DD2332 EFT965-EFT974
Accts Pay-June-July	<u>\$ 261,018.58</u>	Check #'s	48342-48399 EFT 987 (E) -99(E)
Totaling	\$ 313,024.36	ACH	

Yes: All  
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

### ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dzenko asked Martin if he heard from anyone on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Martin spoke to Patty Harrop.

Jim Endres reported the Board of Review will meet July 21<sup>st</sup> at Bloomfield Township Assessors office to act on clerical and poverty claims. The Cable Commission meeting is tomorrow night.

### BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jim Endres expressed the fireworks were really great this year. He reminded everyone to vote August 4<sup>th</sup>.

MaryAnn Smith agreed the fireworks were wonderful. She asked if absentee ballots were available. Clerk Dryden stated they are. Smith asked if a newsbyte could go to information residents of this. Smith commented on the flags put out before the fireworks. She feels they are now looking bad, falling over and advertising. She feels they should be taken down three days after an event. She noted some work being done at the construction house at 2358 Garland. She heard they are not being paid and they are pulling out their stuff. She stated the site needs cleaning up. Last time the city got after them they only piled it all behind the dirt hill.

Jim Smith notice vote "yes" and "no" signs on Pontiac Dr. and now the vote "no" signs are gone. Jim Endres stated he moved them because they weren't allowed there. Martin added any signs in the road right-of-way will be taken down.

### CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

#### Garland Construction House

Martin acknowledged he had heard the person putting in the steel retaining walls was not paid for the steel. He added that the steel has to come out before they back fill. Then hopefully they clean up all the stuff in the front.

#### City Work

Martin stated the permits are increasing and he is glad to see residents making improvements to their

homes.

#### City Hall Construction

We're still working very hard on improvements at City Hall with our rough electrical, plumbing and mechanical being approved.

#### Family Fun Day

The annual Sylvan Lake Family Fun Day hosted by the Police Department, went very well. Unfortunately the numbers were very low because of the weather. Those that came had a lot of fun. We're already planning the 2016 Day. It will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary so it will be very special. He again thanked Sgt. Mondeau and the rest of the department that helped work on this event.

#### Fireworks

The annual Fireworks went very well. We had great reviews about the fireworks and the police presence. There were only a couple minor issues that were handled quickly. There were about a dozen cars towed for improper parking. Every year we assess at the end of the event to tweak it for the following year.

#### August Election

A reminder that the millage proposal that will be on the ballot again for Pontiac Schools on August 4th.

#### Water Resource Commission **U-005-15**

Martin met with the WRC about a new Agreement for sewage disposal. He will have draft documents for the Attorney to review soon. Hopefully we will be able to discuss it at the next Study Session. The goal with the new rates will be to lower our sewer rates a little bit.

#### Saw Grant **SW-002-15**

Saw Grant Work is still going very well and very busy. We are currently surveying the City to obtain elevations for all of the culverts for the storm system as well as inspecting all of the sanitary and storm manholes.

#### Police Patrol Cars **P1-002-15**

Computers have been replaced in the patrol cars and we have received most of the new video equipment for the patrol cars. There was more hardware to be ordered and that order has been placed. This is to get our in-car video working correctly again.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cassar stated the fireworks were spectacular. He thanked everyone for coming.

Zubrzycki wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and agreed the fireworks were great.

Meskin saw the steel pulled out of the Garland construction. He is hoping they will clean it up soon. He asked if the August proposal on the ballot is the same of it was in May. Dryden confirmed it is, for 2.87 mills. Meskin questioned the amount for the in car computers. Martin replied about \$10,000 for the computers and about \$25,000 total when they are done with the cameras. Meskin asked if he got any money from the insurance company. Martin did ask, but they got money last time so they couldn't this time.

Dzenko expressed he appreciates everyone's comments. He also felt the fireworks were fantastic. He informed Martin he quizzed some of the officers since Martin wasn't in attendance, and they were all on top of what was going on.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Mayoral Appointment to the Tri-City Fire Board      **A2-005-15**

Mayor Dzenko stated Rick Eriksen has been on the board and expressed an interest to remain on it. Mayor Dzenko appointed Rick Eriksen, to the Tri-City Fire Board Committee for a two year term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Cassar, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rick Eriksen to the Tri-City Fire Board Committee for a two year term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Yes: All  
No: None

- b. Expenditures for Street Pavement Repairs with Midwest Paving      **CA-001-15**

Martin stated he has been working with Attorney Schultz and Midwest Paving on a contract to include the inspection of the sub-base when the asphalt is removed. He just received the proposal this afternoon. Attorney Schultz hasn't seen it. There are about 35 areas that he would like to do, totaling about 21,000 square feet. This proposal is the same as before, but also include the sub-base replacement cost at \$35.00 per yard. What he doesn't have is a written contract. Martin is asking to enter into an agreement with Midwest Paving for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and allow Attorney Schultz and Martin to work on the contract and have it executed. Attorney Schultz added the contract will be similar to what they used for the seawall contract.

Cassar asked if there was any conversation to use crushed asphalt instead of 21A. Martin agreed that makes sense and he will talk to them about this.

Mayor Dzenko explained to the audience they are planning on doing a refurbishment program so we won't need to repave the whole city at the same time.

Jim Smith asked who does the inspection of the road if the asphalt is removed and are they qualified. Martin stated he will inspect it too, but Midwest is qualified. If it was paving the whole city they would have an engineer inspecting it, but that is costly.

MaryAnn Smith stated the city has a bond now which expires soon. Martin confirmed 7-8 years. Smith reviewed the last two times the city took out bonds for 20 years and repaved the whole city and now they are going to do section by section. Martin agreed that is correct because last time even though most of the streets needed to be repaved not all of them did.

Meskin asked if this money will come from the general fund. Martin found the road funds do have money in them to do this. He would like to use the funds that are there.

Moved by Cassar, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve entering into an agreement with Midwest Paving to mill and repave several areas in the city with a cost not to exceed \$75,000 with the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize and execute the agreement.

Yes: Zubrzycki, Cassar, Dzenko, Meskin

No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

c. Policy Regarding Donations and Sponsorships

Martin stated he and Attorney Schultz have been discussing this and are still working on the changes, which will include comments about legacy costs for capital projects and donations. Martin explained to the audience what was discussed at the study session. He will get something for City Council for the next meeting.

Jim Endres asked about his "little library" and what should happen if he is unable to take care of it. Martin explained if he was just proposing this, then City Council would discuss with Martin if this is something they want to take over when the resident isn't able to maintain it anymore. It will give the city the option if the donated item was in such disrepair then they have the ability to say whether they want to continue it or not.

d. Resolution to Assign Water Contract

**CA-002-15 R2-007-15**

Martin stated City Council received a letter from Johnson, Rosati explaining this and the resolution.

The Great Lakes Water Authority was formed and took over for the Detroit Water/Sewer Dept. This agreement assigns the GLWA to take over the duties of the Detroit Water/Sewer Dept. and for the GLWA to take over our contract. Nothing changes with the contract, it is exactly the same.

Zubrzycki questioned what their role will be, management? Attorney Schultz explained this is a four year lease with all the suburban entities; the new authority will be running the water/sewer system. This is only the legal relationship that has changed. Zubrzycki asked if the water rates are the same for Detroit residents as they are for the suburbs. Martin explained there are many, many variables in setting rates. The biggest ones that affect us are the peak demands, max days and hours. Also they look at distance from the plant and elevation how much it has the pump it. With the peak demands once they are set it, it is a maximum; it doesn't go back down unless we can prove to them that we have made some change in our infrastructure that would reduce those numbers.

Meskin asked if the fire hydrants are on the same system or a different one. Martin stated they are a part of our water system. He asked if Keego Harbor and Orchard Lake have the same rates as Sylvan Lake because they are about the same distance and elevation as we are. Martin explained they are taken care of by the Water Resources Commission and it is a bigger group so they probably get a little bit less.

Martin noted some other communities are working with the City of Pontiac to use some of their excess capacity in their water tanks to help cut their peak demands. Martin is working with OHM right now to see if we can do the same thing. It may not work.

Moved by Meskin, seconded Zubrzycki, to approve the resolution regarding the assignment agreement with the City of Detroit and the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Yes: Cassar, Dzenko, Meskin, Zubrzycki

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Ordinance to Regulate Construction Sites
- b. Policy Regarding Donations and Sponsorships
- c. Security for Ferndale Park, Restroom and Boat Launch
- d. Community Center Furniture
- e. 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 8:23 p.m.

---

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk