

A Regular Meeting of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, opening at 7:35 p.m. Mayor Cowper presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Clarke, Cowper, Segal, Buchanan

Absent: Zubrzycki

Also Present: Interim City Manager O'Donohue, Administrative Contractor Martin, Attorney Schultz, and Clerk Dryden

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Clarke, seconded Buchanan, to approve the City Council Agenda for October 18, 2023, as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Clarke, seconded Segal, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as submitted.

A. September 13, 2023, Regular Meeting

B. Disbursement Report, Payroll check #'s 12258-12259, DD5086-5114, EFT1801-1808, STUB218-STUB222; and A/P check #'s 52476-52519, EFT & ACH 2994-3016; TOTALING: \$ 471,067.54.

C. Acceptance of Public Works for September 2023.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Cowper opened the meeting to the public.

There were 17 people in the audience.

Micheline Cheslin expressed her concern with the rising deer population. She provided deer carry and spread deer ticks, which causes Lyme disease for humans. Deer can be a threat to the public's health. She would like to see this addressed by making every household aware of this health threat. The State of Michigan has baiting and feeding banned in the lower peninsula of Michigan. She would like it posted on the city website, a newsbyte sent out and a flyer to go to each home.

Paul Mellerwicz, 2126 S Hammon Lake Road, West Bloomfield, spoke on behalf of the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society, which covers Sylvan Lake, West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, and Keego Harbor. Speaking on behalf of the Preserve Roosevelt History School, he hopes West Bloomfield Schools sells this historical building to the City of Keego Harbor.

JoAnn Sommerville, Orchard Lake, requested support for the preservation of Roosevelt Elementary School in Keego Harbor. West Bloomfield Schools plans to raise the building next summer. She asked everyone to sign the petition at www.change.org/saveRoosevelt to save the preservation of Roosevelt.

Cindy Ross provided a pocket Constitution of the United States. She highlighted the Declaration of Independence stating God. She also provided a press release which stated the "Supreme Court overrules Lemon test, rules in favor of prayer in public life." Ross asked City Council to reinstate God back into our meetings by having an invocation at each meeting as the city used to do.

Amelia Lowe offered her support to Micheline Cheslin to educate the residents regarding the deer and health issues it can cause. Lowe also shared how she felt about the road project on Oakwood. She stated she will email all her thoughts to City Council later this week. She is thankful the city is taking care of the roads. She feels a two day notice is not enough notice for the residents. When she called City Hall she stated they didn't know much and was told a flyer would be put on her door. She didn't receive anything. When she spoke with the contractor they said they never do that. There was no site supervisor. The asphalt they laid is higher than her driveway. She feels the city should hire someone to manage these jobs.

Helen Jane Peters spoke on saving Roosevelt Elementary School. She provided it was built in the 1920 era. She encouraged residents to sign the petition.

Kristen Douglass, 1703 Maddy Lane, Keego Harbor, asked for support with saving Roosevelt.

There were no other comments.

CTY MANAGER COMMENTS

Martin is hoping the leaves will start falling, or it will be a very difficult leaf collection process this year.

As usual, City Hall is still busy with zoning permits and our long list of ongoing projects to

review. We have completed what we feel is a workable layout for the RV lot and are looking into an electronic gate. We're close to having an estimate for the Ferndale drainage project, we will be reviewing the policy and application for community events and creating a policy and application for the community garden. We have surveyed and are working on options to replace the seawall on Lakeview, which is the last section that needs to be done for a little while. We recently completed our paving project, which went very well, with only a few minor issues that were addressed quickly. He addressed having an inspector on site for this project wasn't necessary. If this was total reconstruction, we would have an engineer to check a number of things.

We're working on draft language for the ROW ordinance to address our current and future stormwater system issues. We will have something for the City Council to discuss very soon. Martin made it very clear again that open ditches are the majority of the city's stormwater management system, and it is critical that we take care of it properly. Reminding everyone this is the public right of way is not private property, and there is no inherent right to alter it.

He hopes everybody has a safe Halloween. He reminded everyone to move their clocks back and rake their leaves often!

Lastly Martin addressed the spot on Channel 2 news about the very sad fraud case here in Sylvan Lake that our Police Department investigated. He asked Chief O'Donohue to talk about it.

Chief O'Donohue stated in spring they received a complaint of a handyman who was taking advantage of one of our elderly residents. He used her trust to steal from her. Our detective Officer Morgan did a great job with this case. It was complicated. The victim's niece was very helpful with helping to organize all her paperwork. They got four felony warrants and they received information that he fled to Georgia. Rob Wolchek Fox 2 Hall of Shame became interested in it. He got word that he was back in Waterford, and they let us know. Our officer and Waterford went and picked him up.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clarke stated Roosevelt School is a beautiful historical building. He is not compelled by West Bloomfield Schools reasoning to demolish it. They haven't justified it yet. He urged West Bloomfield Schools to not demolish it.

Buchanan stated outdoor activities have come to a close and indoor activities are ramping up. Yoga is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with Misty. Knitting with Lori Sheffield is the first Thursday of every month and craft night is the second Thursday of each month. In November they will make bracelets and all proceeds will go to Bow Wow. Next Wednesday is the euchre tournament. The Garden Club meets the third Friday of each month at 12:30 and she invited everyone to come. The next Veteran's meeting is November 20th, and a book club is starting November 7th. Ruth Anderson is heading this group. They will discuss what book to read and discuss it in January.

Segal shared the third annual pop-up shop at 1615 Lakeview is November 5th. She asked to put boulders at Ferndale beach on the study session agenda. City Council agreed to this. Also Segal would like to discuss Community Center rentals to non-residents at the study session.

Cowper thanked Jan Hays for the Pumpkin Patch. He is in favor of saving Roosevelt School. He stated each City Council is started with the Pledge of Allegiance, so God has never left us. He is open for discussion for the invocation.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Agreement for I.T. Services with Oakland County **CA-006-23**

Martin explained this is a renewal agreement with the County to provide I.T. services for things such as CLEMIS, GIS, Data Sharing and Pictometry Licensed Products.

Moved by Clarke, seconded by Buchanan, to approve the agreement for I.T. services with Oakland County as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

- b. 2023-2024 Winter Maintenance Agreement with Road Commission for Oakland County
CA-007-23 S-006-23

Martin stated this annual agreement is for us to provide winter maintenance on the section of Pontiac Drive from our Corporate limits to Orchard Lake Road. The payment will increase 3% over last year's agreement.

Clarke asked if the city has analyzed how it cost the city to do the work. Martin confirmed that he has, and it is provided to the auditors.

Moved by Clarke, seconded Segal, to approve the City Manager and Attorney prepare and execute an agreement with Cadillac Asphalt to resurface Oakwood, Rosedale, and Garland from Oakwood to the dead end near Telegraph as presented.

Yes: Cowper, Segal, Buchanan, Clarke
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Place Delinquent Bills to the Winter Tax Roll **T-004-23 U-004-23**

Martin explained there are three delinquent water/sewers bills, and one accounts receivable bill.

Moved by Buchanan, seconded Clarke, to approve placing the delinquent water/sewer bill totaling \$2,160.50 on the winter tax roll.

Yes: Segal, Buchanan, Clarke, Cowper

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Segal, seconded Buchanan, to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk