

**CITY OF LANSING**  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2024

**Call To Order:**

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor McNeill at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor McNeill called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

**Councilmembers Present:**

**Ward 1:** Kevin Gardner and Gene Kirby  
**Ward 2:** Marcus Majure and Don Studnicka  
**Ward 3:** Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey  
**Ward 4:** Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

**Councilmembers Absent:**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of December 21, 2023, were provided for review.

**Councilmember Majure made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, and Clemons; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

**Audience Participation:**

**Presentations:**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Oath of Office**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office for:  
Councilmember Ward 1 Louis E. Kirby  
Councilmember Ward 2 Marcus Majure  
Councilmember Ward 3 James "Jesse" Garvey  
Councilmember Ward 4 Pete Robinson

**Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Joint Fire Board appointments**

The Inter-local cooperation agreement requires a Joint Board to name Fire District Board of Trustee members. The Joint Board consists of the Mayor and two Council members of the City of Lansing, the Delaware Township Board Trustee, and the High Prairie Township Board Trustee. The Joint Board will meet on January 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM to name the Fire District Board of Trustee members.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to appoint Mayor Anthony McNeill and Councilmembers Studnicka and Majure to the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Joint Fire Board. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Robinson, and Clemons; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

**Purchase of Police Radios**

The Lansing Police Department is replacing the 11 base radios in each of the patrol units. The current radios are approximately 15 years old and obsolete. TBS Electronics in Topeka is the distributor that the Police Department purchased the prior radios from, and they maintain the radios as well.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to authorize the Lansing Police Department to purchase 11 - 800 Digital Base radios from TBS Electronics in the amount of \$37,844.07. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion.** Councilmember Studnicka and Chief of Police Wayman discussed previous issues with frequencies when the Police Department updated radios last time. Councilmember Garvey and Chief Wayman discussed the longevity of equipment. Councilmember Clemons asked Chief Wayman to clarify the budget allocation for the radios.

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Robinson, and Clemons; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

**Purchase of Police Vehicles**

The Lansing Police Department solicited bids for police package patrol vehicles from three vendors. The only vendor to submit a bid was Main Street Chrysler. The following are the bid amounts received for the vehicle only, it does not include the additional cost of upfitting with emergency equipment.

<u>Dealer:</u>	<u>Make:</u>	<u>Cost per Vehicle:</u>
Landmark Dodge	Dodge Durango	No Bid Received
Davis Moore, Inc.	Dodge Durango	No Bid Received
Main Street Chrysler	Dodge Durango	\$43,465.00.

**Councilmember Garvey made a motion to authorize the Lansing Police Department to purchase one police vehicle from Main Street Chrysler Dodge. The purchase price for the single replacement vehicle is \$43,465, which does not include the cost of the emergency equipment to be added to the vehicle. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.** No discussion took place.

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Robinson, and Clemons; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

**Independence Day Site Selection**

The City must select a location for the 2024 Independence Day Celebration. Due to the division and selling of the northern lot of Lansing Towne Centre, the Independence Day celebration can no longer be held at Mary Street and Centre Drive. During an after-action meeting, City Staff from all departments discussed where to hold the celebration in 2024 and proposed two potential locations: Kenneth Bernard Park and Lansing High School.

Councilmember Gardner discussed with Economic Development Director Gentzler how the parking lots might be utilized. Discussion continued with City Administrator Vandall and the Council regarding the initial feedback and concerns from USD 469 Superintendent Kobza, parking limitations at Kenneth Bernard Park, and transportation issues.

**Councilmember Kirby made a motion to authorize CED to approach Lansing USD 469 to determine if LHS is a viable option for the Independence Day Celebration. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. No further discussion took place.**

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Robinson, and Clemons; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** Economic Development Director Gentzler stated he has a new code enforcement officer.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to report.

**City Administrator:** Hoping to have the approval of the pool bids at the March 7 city council meeting. March 2 worked for most people regarding the Strategic Planning meeting. The date is not finalized yet. There is a bill in the Kansas Senate right now to re-establish the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reimbursement program. They are asking for testimony from cities and counties. That would be a huge benefit for Lansing and our taxpayers. There's an estimate calculator on what that would do, and I think for Leavenworth County that was 3.5 mils. I'm not sure if that's dispersed to the city from the County.

**Mayor McNeill:** Can we draft a letter in favor and have the whole governing body sign it?

**City Administrator:** We'll draft a letter in favor of LAVTR and have it ready for signatures Friday or Monday.

**Governing Body:**

Councilmember Brungardt: Congratulations to Councilmembers Kirby, Majure and Garvey. Welcome to Councilmember Robinson. Happy New Year!

Councilmember Studnicka: Congratulations to our four members on the other end of the dais. Look forward to working with you again.

Councilmember Gardner: Congratulations and welcome to the group. Thank you to City Administrator Vandall for handling that email in a prompt, accurate and comprehensive manner.

Councilmember Kirby: It's going to be a busy year with the pool and Tractor Supply coming up. Hopefully the apartments coming up. A lot is going on and moving in the right direction. Glad to be here.

Councilmember Majure: Happy New Year and congratulations to my peers. A busy year. The Town Centre road has been repaired.

Councilmember Garvey: Thank you to everyone that voted who are trusting us to serve your city. We appreciate your faithfulness in us. Congratulations to all the victors. The discussion regarding the location of the Independence Day Celebration was good.

Councilmember Robinson: Thank you also to the voters. It’s a great honor to be on this board. I look forward to working with each one. As Mr. Brungardt said, I want to work well with each one of you. I had a great opportunity to meet with all the division supervisors. Two days I spent with them, and I was able to really look at things I didn’t know about. What shone through for me was the competency and the level of professionalism from everybody in the city. This is a very well-run organization. I think it’s led well by City Administrator Vandall. Thank you for letting me be a part of this and thank you to the voters for voting me. I will do my best to do a great job.

Councilmember Clemons: Echo congratulations to the people coming into office. Like Councilmember Kirby said, I’m looking forward to this year. We’ve got a lot of great things that are going to be happening for our citizens and our town.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilmember Clemons made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.** No discussion took place.

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Robinson, and Clemons; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC