

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2023

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: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure
Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey
Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Special Meeting minutes of October 19, 2023, were provided for review.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. No discussion took place. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmember Gardner; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

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Audience Participation:

Presentations:

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Lansing Town Centre North Final Plat

Approval is being sought for a replat of Lot 1 of Lansing Town Centre. If approved, the final plat will subdivide approximately 14.5 acres into two lots and one tract of 3.866, 9.863, and 0.860 acres respectively to allow potential future construction of a multifamily development on Lot 1 and commercial development on Lot 2. The Planning Commission approved the Final Plat and recommended approval.

Mayor McNeill and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler discussed the UDO requirements for greenspace.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the dedication of land as described by the Lansing Town Centre North Final Plat. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler,**

Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Equipment Replacement Requests

An equipment replacement request for an upgrade to the finance department software has been made.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to authorize the finance software upgrade in the amount of \$80,000 from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. Councilmember Studnicka discussed the company providing the software upgrade with Finance Director Beth Sanford. Councilmember Clemons clarified with Director Sanford that the current software is from 1993 and has limitations for customer access, ease of use, and security features. Discussion continued regarding what will be included in the package. City Administrator Tim Vandall clarified for Councilmember Gardner that the software company would be separate from our IT firm. Councilmember Clemons and Director Sanford discussed how all departments' finances will be handled through this software. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.**

Resolution B-5-2023

Bond Council, Gilmore & Bell has prepared Resolution B-5-2023, declaring the intent of the city to reimburse expenditures relating to the McIntyre Sewer Project with proceeds of general obligation bonds.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. B-5-2023 authorizing improvements to the sewer system of the city and providing for the payment and cost thereof. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to go into Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:09 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:24 PM. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:24 PM. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No binding action was taken. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to continue negotiations on the acquisition of real estate. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmember Studnicka; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Executive Session – Attorney/Client Privilege

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to go into Executive Session for consultation with the Attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an Attorney-Client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for a period of 10 minutes, beginning at 7:26 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:36 PM and to include the City Administrator and City Attorney. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:36 PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No binding action was taken. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

City Attorney: State of Kansas court system is down and has been since October 11, 2023, because of a security incident.

Department Heads: Economic Development Director Gentzler stated that there will be changes coming in terms of cyber security. He will brief the council more on that at a later date, but SorWil will be here to help with that process.

City Administrator: The city always gets positive feedback on the Lansing Connection. The company that the city had been working with for a while got bought out by a company in Pennsylvania or something like that. So, it sounds like the current issue of the Connection is going to be a little later than was originally anticipated. But the company that bought out the other company has assured the staff that most everything else will stay the same.

Public Information Officer Ken Miller stated that the digital version will be available November 3, 2023, on the website. He will send out the link on the Friday e-blast.

Mayor McNeill clarified that the printed version would be delayed.

City Administrator Vandall: About a week and a half ago the mayor attended the ribbon cutting for On Demand Mechanical. He indicated that the council may have noticed that on K-7 at the former site of Marco Motors. He continued by stating that those guys had done a fantastic job with that building. It's a new business in town that he thinks employees 15 people.

Councilmember Kirby: 15 and he tries to use local subcontractors.

City Administrator Vandall: They're a real welcome addition to Lansing. The city is so thankful for On Demand Mechanical, and the improvements they've made to that building. Kudos to them and be sure to check them out for your heating, cooling, plumbing needs. Spooky Center was last week. Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum stated they had over 270 kids attend. That was a really great event for the city and the children in our community. Some of you guys that have been on council for a while might remember this. Several years ago, when the city was doing equipment replacement requests, there would be 10,11,12 different requests from departments. So, he is really thankful for department heads doing a good job maintaining their equipment and being reasonable

in their requests. The city went from eight years ago having ten or eleven requests to having one this year. Kudos to the department heads and also kudos to the council for working hard to make sure the equipment is up to date. Along those lines, some of the equipment that is being replaced is going up for public auction. A few of the vehicles that are up will be in the parking lot. So, they will see the Ford Ranger, the Ford van, and a Ford Explorer. There is some equipment at the Street shop going up for auction. That will be on the Purple Wave website.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Majure: Thanked everyone including Director Sanford for the budget piece and helping us get with the computer program since 1993. Next weekend is Veteran’s Day. Make sure to pat your veterans on the back and be aware of the amount of travel and traffic. It’s a long weekend. Thanks to On Demand and 5 Minute Oil. The 5 Minute Oil is pretty busy too. Business is coming to Lansing. That’s a good news story. The Mayor’s Christmas Tree...

City Administrator Vandall stated that the tree will be out in the lobby with tags this next week. The big celebration is on the first Sunday of December at the auditorium at the middle school. The deadline for applications was extended. There are currently 6 applications. If you know of any families that are in hard times right now, let us know. The city always reaches out to the school district to ask them. There is a validation of income requirement. Please let the staff know if anyone knows of someone that would benefit from the program.

Councilmember Garvey: Veteran’s Day next weekend. That’s going to be a big parade downtown in Leavenworth on Saturday. Tuesday, the election is coming up. Be sure and get out and vote.

Councilmember Buehler: Get out and vote. Tim, thanks to the staff. It’s been a great year. On this day in 2016, the Chicago Cubs defeated the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. Ending the longest major league championship drought after 108 years.

Councilmember Clemons: Shared information regarding the Leavenworth County Port Authority.

Councilmember Brungardt: God Bless the veterans.

Councilmember Studnicka: Get up early to watch the Chiefs.

Councilmember Gardner: Thanked everyone for their kind words. Apologized for interrupting a citizen at a previous meeting.

Councilmember Kirby: The help given by the Mayor’s Christmas Tree program makes a huge difference in the lives of not only the children but also in the lives the parents and grandparents.

Mayor McNeill reminded everyone that the food drive for the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Program would be on Sunday, November 5, at Dillon’s.

Proclamation: Veteran’s Day Proclamation

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC