

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 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: Gene Kirby

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent: Kevin Gardner

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of March 21, 2024, were provided for review.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Audience Participation:

Presentations:

Sexual Violence Awareness Month Proclamation was presented to Katie Irvin, Executive Director, Alliance Against Family Violence, by Mayor McNeill and Councilmember Robinson.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Citizen's Academy Graduation

This year marks the 14th annual Lansing Citizen's Academy. The Citizens' Academy provides an interactive experience for participants to learn about the functions and responsibilities of each City department. Participants meet with the Mayor and City staff members and learn about ways to volunteer on City boards and commissions.

This year's graduates are:

Andrew Crawford
Darcell Crawford
Andrew See
Chase Spears
Gabrielle Fletcher
Jonathan Howell
Ryan Norman
Sandra Lang
Will Coyne

Mayor McNeill presented the graduates with their plaques and congratulated and thanked each one for their dedication and hard work.

MARC Funding Application for 4H Road

Mid America Regional Council (MARC) has issued their call for projects for the upcoming round of federal suballocated funding. The City is looking at submitting the entire road corridor, including the roundabout and 10' multi use trail as a "complete street" to MARC for suballocated STP funding. The construction cost for this project was estimated at \$5.6M in 2019. The LRTP has a projected cost of \$8.74M. Using a 30% local match, construction expenditures will be approx. \$2.6M. Additionally engineering design and property acquisition is the burden of the applying jurisdiction, and with a recommended budget of \$800k. Local costs would begin in 2025, with the construction costs anticipated in 2027.

Councilmember Clemons made a motion to direct staff to submit LRTP Project #1034 for funding considerations to include the roundabout at DeSoto and a 10' multi use trail for MARC suballocated federal funding. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

2024 Pavement Preservation Program (Mill & Overlay) Bids

The bids for the 2024 Mill & Overlay project were solicited, opened, and read aloud at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 27, 2024. The Capital Improvement Fund has \$800,000 allocated for this project. PW recommends accepting the Base Bid from J.M. Fahey Construction of \$733,907.80 with the Alternate #4 at \$10,000.

Councilmember Garvey made a motion to accept the bids and unit prices as presented and award the 2024 Mill & Overlay project base bid, and Alternate #4 (Mary Street Crosswalk) bid, to J.M. Fahey Construction. Total project cost with 5% contingency not to exceed \$781,104. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The council discussed with Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier whether the city had previous experience with J.M. Fahey Construction, the fact that the company does not subcontract, and previous work provided by Little Joe's.

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

2024 Archdiocese Addition Lot 2 Purchase

Saint Francis De Sales has offered to sell Lot 2 of Archdiocese Addition, a 37.37-acre lot, to the City. This lot is located at the corner of De Soto and Mary Street and offers an opportunity for the City to be the controlling interest of the development of the north side of Mary Street from De Soto to Bittersweet. The agreement between the City and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City In Kansas is for \$67,000.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the purchase of Lot 2 of Archdiocese Addition for a total of \$67,000 from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Leavenworth County Humane Society

At the March 28th work session, there was discussion about updating the contract with the Leavenworth County Humane Society. While there was agreement that further negotiations to the contract need to take place, there was consensus that the City could begin waiving the sewer fee to reduce some of their fixed costs. LCHS paid a total of \$1,701 in sewer fees in 2023.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to waive sewer fees for Leavenworth County Humane Society. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator: Bids for the CIP were less than anticipated. One of the options discussed was replacing the curb along Center Drive. The City is still under contract with Linaweaver from the renovation when they replaced the lights and removed the islands. We'd like to see if we can talk with them about getting a unit cost on replacing some of the concrete along Center Drive. That is one of the things we would use the saving from the CIP for. Once Linaweaver provides a number, we will discuss it with the council. The areas where a driveway or curb cut might be necessary have been considered. It was exciting to see the layout of the pool coming along last week. Tuesday, April 9 at 4PM will be a groundbreaking ceremony. Just to clarify, none of the pool is in the floodplain. There will be a parking lot. The whole area is around 30+ acres. The pool site is around 7 acres. There will be a lot of space left for wildlife and green space. Councilmember Majure and Clemons joined us with representatives from the townships last night. Overall, it was a very positive meeting. Everyone is continuing to work towards finalizing a contract. One of the ideas proposed is ensuring the contract is 10 years. The thought process is that it will be beneficial for the staff and the residents knowing there will be consistency. Everyone also discussed that once the appraisals are done on the assets, the city may acquire the townships assets. So, all the equipment would be the property of the city. The one exception would be the High Prairie Station. Ownership would remain the same for that station, but the city would continue to use that for the rural areas. Anticipated completion of the asset appraisal should be next week. The next meeting with the parties is April 29.

Councilmember Clemons recommended reinforcing our intent to retain the existing employees after the transition.

Councilmember Majure expressed his extreme gratitude for City Administrator Vandall's professionalism and dedication during this process.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Robinson: Solar eclipse is on Monday. Just asking that all the citizens be careful out there. Be cognizant of your surroundings. Be careful with your eyes.

Councilmember Clemons: Appreciate all the participants in the Citizen's Academy. Spread the word because you will be called on. The city has a number of volunteer positions that are vacant from time to time.

Councilmember Brungardt: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Studnicka: Congratulations to our academy graduates.

Councilmember Kirby: Thank you to the participants in the class.

Councilmember Majure: Thank you to the Lansing City Academy. Thank you to the volunteers that continue to take this class. If they are free, we would love to have some volunteers for our boards.

Councilmember Garvey: Congratulations to all the graduates. Groundbreaking on the pool is Tuesday, April 9 at 4PM.

Proclamation: National Library Week Proclamation


ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Garvey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC