

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: Donald Studnicka and Jake Kowalewski

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent: none

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of October 17, 2024, were provided for review.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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

Audience Participation:

Presentations:

United Way Months Proclamation

There were no representatives from the United Way of Leavenworth County for the presentation. City Clerk Sims will present on Friday.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Insurance Broker RFP

There was discussion at two previous City Council meetings that with the addition of two new departments in 2025 and the rejection of a major insurance claim, staff felt it was an appropriate time to review our insurance broker services.

The City received proposals from two firms: Bukaty Companies out of Leawood, and The Reilly Company out of Leavenworth. Both proposals were included in the agenda packet. City Administrator Tim Vandall, Finance Director Beth Sanford and City Clerk/HR Director Tish Sims reviewed the proposals and felt confident in recommending Bukaty Companies to handle the insurance needs of the City.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to enter into an agreement with Bukaty Companies for insurance brokerage services. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

- Mark Pulliam, Natalie Sunderman and Mike Muldoon with Bukaty Company were present to answer questions and inform the Council on the services that they offer. Discussion of costs, services, companies and coverage occurred.

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

Bid Approval for Town Center Sewer Extension Project (City Project 2021-03)

This project will extend the sewer from Town Center north to the new 7 Mile Interceptor and remove approximately 800 feet of aging pipe that is 60 years old. All necessary easements have been acquired.

Two bids were received and opened on October 16th:

- o Abay Construction \$1,226,683.00
- o Linaweaver Construction, Inc. \$1,030,365.00

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept the bid from Linaweaver Construction for the construction of City Project 2021-03, in the amount of 1,081,884.00 (Base bid plus 5% construction contingency). Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.

Wastewater Director Tony Zell and Council discussed the project.

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

Purchase of Radar Detection Equipment for K7 (Main Street) & Fairlane

Section 4-10 Sole Source Purchasing in the Lansing Purchasing Manual allows for the purchasing of specific equipment for various technical requirements. The Wavetronic radar detectors are the systems that are installed three of the 5 signals in Lansing. Purchasing of this specific system will keep the radar detectors consistent in terms of compatibility, operation, and maintenance. This is a new more cost-effective system. Our current radar detector system requires 4 units per intersections

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase of the radar detection equipment for the Fairlane & Main Street traffic signal from Mid-American Signal in the amount of \$16,467. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier and Council discussed the ownership of the lights, maintenance, locations and operations.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator:

- Replacement of totaled Police Vehicle with a Durango that is at Main Street. Discussion occurred between Administrator Vandall, Council and Police Chief Steve Wayman. Approval was made for the purchase utilizing insurance proceeds for the purchase.

- Developers are reaching out to the City about ways to keep housing prices reasonable. Some include density, tight lot sizes and the RHID Program. Discussion occurred about tight lot sizes.
- Asset allocation with Fire District 1 has progressed. An MOU should hopefully be presented on November 21 meeting. Discussion occurred.
- The Leavenworth County Historical Society received a grant to fund “Spirit of the Buffalo” statues throughout Leavenworth County. A Lansing family has agreed to sponsor a buffalo, and it will be placed on City Hall property, near the digital sign. Discussion occurred.
- Fire truck purchased and being built.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Thanked City Administrator Vandall and CED Director Joshua Gentzler for working towards creative and innovation solutions to affordable housing.

Councilmember Garvey:

- Agreed with Councilmember Kowalewski and thanked all of the volunteers.
- Mr. Garvey spoke on the election that just occurred.

Councilmember Robinson:

- Callen Thomas with Boy Scout Troup #165 is in attendance earning his Communication Badge.
- Agreed with Councilmember Kowalewski and spoke of the talented and great staff that the City has.

Councilmember Clemons:

- Agreed with Councilmember Kowalewski
- Shout out to City Administrator Vandall, CED Director Gentzler and PW Director Spickelmier on the great job hosting an HOA meeting which had questions about water and drainage.

Councilmember Brungardt:

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Questions about the old golf course. Discussion occurred.
- Questions about the accident that happened last night. Police Chief Wayman gave the Council an update on the accident.

Councilmember Gardner:

- Thanked CED Director Gentzler for meeting and answering questions.
- Thanked City Administrator Vandall, Councilmembers Kirby and Clemons and Mayor McNeill for working with FD1.

Councilmember Kirby:

- Agreed with Councilmember Kowalewski
- Spoke of the affordable housing issue and that we are moving forward with it.

Proclamations: Veteran’s Day Proclamation

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC