

**CITY OF LANSING  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 6, 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 and Kevin Gardner

**Ward 2:** Marcus Majure

**Ward 3:** Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

**Ward 4:** Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

**Councilmembers Absent:** Donald Studnicka

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of May 16, 2024, were provided for review.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

**Audience Participation:**

**Presentations:**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Temporary Special Event Application**

Ten & Two Coffee has applied for a temporary special event license for their summer concert series events. The outdoor concert series will take place on June 20 and July 18, 2024.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the temporary special event license for 10 & 2 Coffee Lansing as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Discussion included the success of the events, and that the Council would enjoy more of the events.

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

**Community Survey**

Community surveys can be helpful to gauge priorities and help give staff and elected officials the pulse of the community. This can be helpful in establishing future projects and to help identify any blind spots and ways we can improve services for our residents.

Representatives from True North Market Insights, Rachel Snider and Dave Santee presented to the Council and answered questions. The Governing Body provided feedback and approval to continue with the survey process.

**Resolution No. B-7-2024 - A Resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds of the city of Lansing, Kansas**  
Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, has prepared Resolution B-7-2024, authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds. These bonds will permanently finance a portion of the 2020-1 temporary note funds that were used to purchase land in Town Centre.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to adopt Resolution No. B-7-2024, a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Lansing, KS and authorizing the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

**Design Criteria and Technical Specification Updates**  
The following modifications and updates to the City of Lansing Technical Specifications are listed below:

o **DESIGN CRITERIA for Sanitary Sewers and Appurtenances – Section B**  
“All sewers are to be designed for anticipated flows from a 10-year interval storm.”  
This is a reduction from a 50-year storm to better reflect the current modeling and I&I projections. The intent is to provide more economical sanitary sewer infrastructure that both addresses the anticipated flows, without the need to overbuild for storm water infiltration.

o **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION Section 1700 – Construction Recording.**  
This is a proposed addition to the Technical Specifications to direct construction work to provide video/photographic documentation of the conditions both pre-and-post construction. This mechanism will provide information in an effort to protect both parties in situations where there are discrepancies as to the site conditions

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to revise the Sanitary Sewer Design Criteria from a 50-year to a 10-year interval storm and add section 1700 Construction Recording to the City of Lansing - Technical Specifications. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.  
Public Works Director Michael Spickelmier explained to Councilmember Gardner that it will allow the city to build what it needs versus overbuilding.

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

**Firewall Purchase**  
The City's firewalls have reached the end of life and need to be replaced. The City's IT department is requesting the approval of our current Sonicwall firewalls with the industry standard Cisco Meraki firewall devices.  
\$30,000 was programmed in the 2024 budget for Computer Hardware. The estimated cost of the hardware and licenses is \$17,832.42.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to authorize the Community & Economic Development Department to spend up to \$18,000 to purchase firewall hardware and licenses for the City's network from Rhino Networks. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

Community and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler explained to the council that the purchase covers the hardware and software and includes a 3 year license for each firewall installed.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** none.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to report.

**City Administrator:** The results of the Survey Monkey survey and the 53 participants at Twin Oaks regarding the micro transit survey were received. Discussed at length each answer to the survey and how the percentages broke out across each response.

Discussion between City Administrator Vandal and council continued regarding the pros and cons of micro transit based on responses, overall cost, and possible funding options.

Starting June 17, the city will be working on the INI Study that Wastewater Director Tony Zell mentioned. Citizen's east of K-7, close to LCF, near the Activities Center, will see workers from GBA doing some smoke testing. The city is getting the word out. Public Information Officer Ken Miller and Director Zell created a website regarding this project [www.lansingks.org/smoke](http://www.lansingks.org/smoke). So, our citizens an utilize this website to keep informed about the project. Director Zell has been in touch with the school district and Chief Stackhouse to get the word out as well as the electronic street signs. Lastly, to answer some of the citizens' questions that the council had passed on regarding the apartments under construction, they are not section 8. They are privately owned. Any rent paid will go to Willhoit Properties. They are not paying rent to HUD. They are not paying with vouchers. This apartment complex is owned by a private company that sets their rent. They have guidelines on what they can charge, and income guidelines as far as the type of people that can live there. Discussion continued with the council regarding current rent rates at the existing units.

**Governing Body:**

Councilmember Gardner: I went to the Board of Education presentation over at the library. It was very informative. City Administrator Vandal, when you talk to the True North representatives, if you could ask them to look at the data from the transit survey.

Councilmember Kirby: Nothing else to discuss.

Councilmember Majure: Director Spickelmeier, the curbs look really good in Ward 2. I don't know about 4-H, but I'm sure it is looking pretty amazing right now. I'd like to echo Councilmember Brungardt's excitement on the Micro Transit Survey. It's a great thing. Director Gentzler, I appreciate you digging into the firewall protection. The stuff that Mayor McNeill and I work on every day, we have those built into our systems. It's kind of nice. Parks and Rec ball fields are pretty amazing, and any concerns I had about traffic have not happened. With that comes a departure. I must inform everyone that I have to leave. I do not want to do this. I love being on this board. July 11 will be the last official day that I can serve. Building a home does not take 15-18 months anymore. It takes about 9 months at the most. I'm really surprised at how far we've come since Covid. I planned on November or December, and everything got moved up.

Councilmember Garvey: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Robinson: About the Summer Concert series, I've heard nothing but great things about that. I encourage Lansing residents to enjoy it and go out there and have some fun. Moving from a 50 year to a 10-year interval on the sewer system, thank you very much for taking the initiative. I like that our city doesn't wait for bad things to happen. They're being proactive in making sure they don't happen. On the firewall, in cybersecurity, you've got to protect your information. Our residents deserve that. Thank you for getting that work done. Thank you to the board for approving that as it is essential to protect our information. Councilmember Majure, it's going to be different not having you on the board. We'll miss you.

Councilmember Clemons: I'd like to echo what Councilmember Majure said about the curb repairs. They look good. It's a hassle with parking and jockeying around on trash day. We'll get there. Mill and overlay is yet to come. Thank you to Director Gentzler for keeping us straight on the IT.

Councilmember Brungardt: Ditto to what everyone has said.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC