

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 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:

Councilmember Brungardt 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

Absent: Gregg Buehler and Mayor McNeill

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2023, as presented.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmembers Majure and Garvey; Absent: Councilmember Buehler. The motion was approved.**

Audience Participation: Rob Gaslin, Cottonwood Dr, City Appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Fire District #1. Mr. Gaslin wished to fill in the gaps after the work session last week regarding how Fire District #1 currently operates with the city as it currently operates. He discussed how the Trustees act in the best interest of the whole district. He gave examples of how requested issues were addressed by the trustees, including lowering the temperature between the members and addressing more efficient protocols for emergency service calls. He stated that if he was not meeting the needs of the city and was asked by the mayor, he would step down. However, some weeks he spends more than forty volunteer hours per week with the Fire District. Lastly, he addressed the question raised by a citizen about the cost as a taxpayer for the Fire District. He stated that there was discussion at the work session about the city exceeding the 9 mill cap. He felt it was incongruent with the issue raised. Furthermore, the Fire District has learned to live within the cap and has been fiscally responsible with the budget.

Presentations: The Economic Development Week Proclamation was presented to Diana Dodd with the Leavenworth County Development Corporation by Councilmember Kirby.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

JK Root Final Plat

The owners of 292 W. Gilman propose to subdivide a 1.2-acre parcel into a two-lot subdivision. The current driveway is on the city right-of-way on Gilman Road. On March 16th, 2023, the City Council approved the Preliminary Plat with several notes to add to the Final Plat. The City Council approved the continued, and expanded, usage of City property as a driveway for the two lots proposed by the Final Plat. The Planning Commission met on April 19, and voted 4-2 to recommend approval to the City Council.

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

Zimmerman Property Rezoning

The Applicant proposes to rezone a 4.726-acre portion of Lot 1, Lansing Towne Centre, from B-3 to R-4. The rezoning, if approved, would allow the applicant to construct an apartment complex which would be categorized as a "Medium Apartment" Use under the UDO Article 4.03 Permitted Uses

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1094: An Ordinance to rezone Lot 1-Lansing Towne Center, 00000 Centre Drive from a B-3 to an R-4. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. Councilmember Gardner and City Administrator Vandall discussed the sewer line adjustment. Jeff Beckler from Zimmerman Properties clarified the adjustment of the drawings based on the sewer easement and topographical challenges on the site. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Clemons and Brungardt. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Buehler. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to discuss.

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator: The city is thrilled about the \$1.3 million grant. We're thankful to the county. Originally, they had a joint application with us. The grant is a little less than had been asked for. So, the Town Center sewer project that was to be bid out in the fall is not time sensitive. That's a project that we could tackle in 2024 if we wanted to use money earmarked for that as our match for this project. We could do that. This grant is going to open up hundreds of acres for future development in southern Lansing right on K-7 and the McIntyre corridor. It'll be a great thing.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Kirby: Two weeks ago, a committee was formed to rename the fishing derby after Councilman Trinkle. I've had several meetings with the family. Last Monday, Don, Kevin, Jason (Director of Parks and Recreation) and I met at the park. Jason's involvement is because we don't want to interfere in his operation if we don't have to. So, I think we've pretty much decided on a location that we want to use. We are currently in the process of determining what kind of signage we want, where we're going to get it, how much it's going to cost, and where we're going to get the money. Those things are certainly down the road. I know there was some discussion about naming a ball field after Dave but to know the whole history, the fishing derby makes more sense. The family is 100% behind the fishing derby renaming. This is the 23rd year. Dave was active every year until Covid hit, and then he got sick. Dave used to go to the fishing derby with his tackle box full in case any little kids needed anything. He was instrumental in obtaining prizes and donations to give out to the kids. It was in fact his thing. Quick story, the first fishing derby the pond was so full of algae that the kids' hooks wouldn't fall into the water. So, Dave and Mark Brown ran home and got Dave's flat bottom boat and a big, long board and went down and started paddling. Moved the algae out of the way so the kids' hooks would fall into the water. We're moving along. We're making good progress. We're exploring several different options. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the effort we're about to undertake here.

Councilmember Majure: I want to thank Rob for coming tonight. I appreciate your kind remarks and clarification of things and put a shout out to anybody that would like to come to our meetings. We have that open time and look for audience to come. We always like to hear from our audience.

Councilmember Garvey: Thanks Rob for coming in and sharing your thoughts. We appreciate it. Thanks to Gene and the committee for finding a way to honor Councilmember Trinkle's memory. He served a lot of years. He deserves something in this town that says he served. I agree 100% with what you guys are doing.

Councilmember Clemons: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Studnicka: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Gardner: I'd like to acknowledge the Economic Department, Joshua (Community and Economic Department Director), the Chief of Police, and Mike (Public Works Director) for the Public Works department this week. I got to meet Dave's so, and he did have some good insight and good information on what we were talking about.

Councilmember Brungardt: Mr. Gaslin, thanks for attending tonight. Appreciate your comments.

Proclamations:

Lansing Police Week Proclamation
Public Works Week Proclamation

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC