CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2026

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 that all were in attendance except Councilmembers Kerry Brungardt and Rebecca Hatcher.

Councilmembers Present:
Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Kevin Gardner
Ward 2: Jake Kowalewski
Ward 3: Jesse Garvey
Ward 4: Pete Robinson and Chris Pierce

Councilmembers Absent: Kerry Brungardt, Rebecca Hatcher

OLD BUSINESS:

The Special Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2026, were provided for review.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve both the Special Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2026. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mayor McNeill invited comments from the public. None were given.

PRESENTATIONS:

Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation was presented to Norman Greczyn.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive award was presented by Betty Klinedinst to Lansing Police Department, the winner from last week's event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bittersweet Housing Development Selection

The city has decided to open city-owned land for development of housing. The city issued a Request for Qualifications for a housing development public-private partnership and received three full proposals from:

- Omni365/Veritas Architecture & Design
- Alcove Development
- Circle H Development

The selection committee consisted of mixture of staff and Council members. Based off the review of the proposals and interviews with the firms and their subconsultants, the committee agreed that

Alcove Development offered the best mix of prior experience, vision for type of housing to bring to the community, and ability to work with the city. Discussion occurred between Councilmembers and staff.

Councilmember Kowalewski made a motion to approve the Mayor's and City Administrator to enter into negotiations leading to a Development Agreement with Alcove Development for the purposes of a housing development located on the Northwest corner of Bittersweet Street and Mary Street. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 1153 – Uniform Public Offense Code Adoption

Ordinance No. 1153 adopts the 2026 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 42nd Edition, published by the League of Kansas Municipalities, with changes as outlined in the ordinance. This is an annual procedure for updating the Lansing code of public offenses.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1153 adopting the "2026 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 42nd Edition". Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 1154 – Standard Traffic Ordinance Adoption

Ordinance No. 1154 adopts the 2026 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas, 53rd Edition, published by the League of Kansas Municipalities with changes as outlined in the ordinance. This is an annual procedure for updating the Lansing traffic code.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1154 adopting the "2026 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 53rd Edition". Councilmember Pierce seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 1155 – Fine, Bond, Court Fees & Costs Established by the Municipal Court Judge

Ordinance No. 1155 updates the fine, bond, court fees & costs schedules set by the Municipal Court Judge. K.S.A. 12-4305 requires adoption of these schedules by ordinance to implement any changes. The proposed changes to increase the Bench Warrant Fee and Failure to Appear Fee from $50 to $100 are highlighted in red.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1155 setting the Fines, Bonds, Court Fees & Costs Established by the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. B-12-2026 – A Resolution of Support – DeSoto Bridge (LB-1) for KDOT Cost Share Application

The City is again applying for KDOT Cost Share funding for the replacement of the DeSoto Bridge over 7-Mile Creek (LB-1). The City of Lansing and the Board of Leavenworth County Commission entered into a funding proportion agreement for this bridge in June of 2004. The grant application is requesting $1.5M which is 80% of the anticipated cost of the bridge construction. Discussion occurred between Councilmembers and staff.

Councilmember Kowalewski made a motion to approve Resolution B-12-2026 – A Resolution of Support for application for KDOT Cost Share Funding for the DeSoto Bridge and authorize Mayor McNeill to sign documentation. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session – Personnel Matters of Non-Elected Personnel

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to enter into Executive Session for period of thirty (30) minutes to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), beginning at 7:30 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:00 PM and to include the Governing Body, City Attorney, City Administrator, Police Chief and City Clerk. Councilmember Pierce seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:00 PM. No binding action was taken. Councilmember Pierce seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads:

Fire Department Chief Joe Gates mentioned we now have automatic aid with the cities of Leavenworth and Basehor approved. ISO reclassification is in progress. There will be an open house at the Lansing Fire Department (111 E Kansas) on October 10th from 1-4pm.

City Attorney: none.

City Administrator:

Mr. Vandall mentioned there is no current work session agenda and asked Councilmembers if they had any suggestions.

Mr. Vandall also wanted to ask Councilmembers about having another strategic planning retreat for them in Spring 2027, as had been done in the past.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Gardner: none.

Councilmember Kirby: none.

Councilmember Kowalewski: Appreciated Tim Vandall and Mike Spickelmier for the focus on recent road repairs.

Councilmember Garvey: Aware of the recent online public comments about the pool being closed and wishes the pool could stay open longer next year.

Councilmember Robinson: Mentioned everyone should attend the comprehensive plan bootcamp at Lansing Community Center on Sept 22nd and 23rd.

Councilmember Pierce: Comments were made regarding recent social media posts. Discussed that perception is everything. Spoke of political signage and allowable time frames.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Pierce made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, MMC