

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 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:

Mayor McNeill 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 and Gregg Buehler

Absent: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2023, as presented.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka and Gardner. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

Audience Participation: Rob Gaslin, Cottonwood Dr, City Appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Fire District #1. Discussed the difficulty in filling the jobs to accomplish the mission, and the research the board has done regarding retention rates for volunteers and paid fire fighters. Councilmember Majure asked for clarification on whether volunteers were leaving because of equipment issues. Mr. Gaslin stated that volunteers were looking for experience with a larger variety of equipment.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Fairway Estates Expansion Rezone

The Applicant proposes to rezone a 16.9-acre tract of land from A-1 to R-2. The applicant is proposing to develop the property as a continuation of the Fairway Estates subdivision.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1096 to amend the City of Lansing Zoning Map for property known as 00000 De Soto Drive. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Councilmember Clemons asked Public Works Director Michael Spickelmier if the city could make the developer use De Soto as the primary exit and entrance. Director Spickelmier stated the council could make recommendations to the developers. City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that the city had done something similar in 2015-2016 regarding The Ridge. Councilmember Clemons stated that several citizens had approached him about any construction traffic possibly tearing up the streets in the existing neighborhoods. Councilmember Buehler stated that citizens he talked with are worried the developer will have houses butt up against the walking trail. Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler stated that the rezoning stage is separate from the planning phase, but the trail belongs to the city. There are easements and setbacks that are required per code. The new section of Fairway Estates will be remarkably similar to the existing section. Councilmember Garvey and Director Gentzler discussed the trees that line the trail. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka and Gardner. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.**

Approval of Temporary Special Event Permit – Lansing Independence Day

This year's Lansing Independence Days event will include an adult beverage truck, offering beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages for sale. Embrace the Grape of Kansas City LLC will be the entity handling this.

Councilmember Kirby a motion to approve the Temporary Special Event Permit and authorize Embrace the Grape of Kansas City LLC to sell beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages at the Lansing Independence Days Event. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka and Gardner. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

Approval of Amended Fee Schedule

Ordinance No. 1095 adopts the updated fee schedule for service charges and fees for various departments. To implement the changes, a new fee schedule must be adopted by ordinance. Waste Management has increased their fees, which will increase residential refuse collection from \$17.13 to \$18/month, and the senior rate from \$15.13 to \$16/month.

Councilmember Buehler a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1095, an ordinance amending the service charges and fees for Finance and for administration thereof. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Councilmember Studnicka and City Administrator Vandall discussed the inflationary increase in the contract. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka and Gardner. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

Replacing Sidewalk Ramps during Mill & Overlay Change Order

The 2023 Mill & Overlay is operating near these sidewalk ramp locations. The replacement of these ramps, while already mobilized, is being presented as an option for consideration.

Councilmember Buehler a motion to accept the \$22,950 in additional concrete sidewalk ramp work to be included in the 2023 Mill & Overlay project. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Councilmember Majure and Public Works Director Spickelmier discussed the number of ramps to be replaced. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka and Gardner. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to discuss.

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator: Nothing to discuss.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Kirby: Thanked Mr. Gaslin.

Councilmember Majure: Thanked Mr. Gaslin and thanked City Administrator Vandall for his report regarding increased enrollment of Parks & Recreation activities.

Councilmember Garvey: Thanked Mr. Gaslin. Recognized the ribbon cutting at the ball fields last week.

Councilmember Buehler: Thanked Mr. Gaslin. Stated that despite his comment last week about not filing for re-election, he had multiple citizens from Ward 4 approach him and ask him to re-consider. He did file for re-election. On this day in 1938, the very first issue of action comics featuring Superman was published. And in 2014, an original copy of that sold for \$3,207,852 on E-Bay.

Councilmember Clemons: Stated some of the debt ceiling proposals is pulling back all of the ARPA money. And thought that we needed to be leveraged and have plans to use it to benefit our citizens. Whether it's extending mill and overlay, sidewalks, getting the fiber past phase 1, putting in new utilities, and things of that nature. The last thing he wanted it to do is go back to the federal government and count half of a cent in our taxes. The city got it, and he thought we needed to use it for our citizens. City Administrator Vandall stated that he would look into the specifics of the debt ceiling bill for clarification.

Councilmember Brungardt: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Studnicka: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Gardner: Thanked Mr. Gaslin. Had an issue with a citizen and thanked Mayor McNeill, Councilmember Kirby, and City Administrator Vandall on their quick response, and he had a great time at the ballpark.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tish Sims
City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC