

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2025

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: Don Studnicka and Jake Kowalewski

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of May 15, 2025, were provided for review.

Councilmember Clemons made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Audience Participation:

Paul Cromer – 23916 131st St Leavenworth, KS

- Thanked staff for making the Planning Commission and Zoning meeting available on the City's YouTube page.
- Other requests made included:
 - the City work sessions are posted to the City's YouTube page.
 - City emails established for the BZA and Planning Commission members

Presentations:

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Library Board Appointment

Jeanne Im applied for an appointment to the Lansing Community Library Board to serve a four (4) year term ending on April 30, 2029.

Staff recommended a motion for approval of the appointment.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Lansing Community Library Advisory Board appointment of Jeanne Im to a term ending on April 30, 2029. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.

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

Streambank Stabilization SevenMile Creek tributary (Center Drive Sewer)

While the contractor is currently mobilized for the Centre Drive Sanitary Sewer Project, the City has the opportunity to affect some improvements by adding soil stabilization to the streambank of the tributary to SevenMile Creek. This condition continues to deteriorate over time, and placing Rip-Rap armor at the outfall of the box culvert as well as on the streambank will help to slow the degradation of the channel.

Staff recommends approving the price quote from Linaweaver construction to provide rip-rap armor to stabilize the streambank of the tributary to SevenMile Creek.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to accept the price quote of \$125 per ton for 235 tons installed Rip-Rap as streambank stabilization along the tributary of SevenMile Creek for a total price of \$29,375.00. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.

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

Riverbend Heights RHID Public Hearing Resolution

The City Council will conduct a public hearing in accordance with K.S.A. 12-5245 to consider the establishment of a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) and the adoption of the associated Development Plan for Riverbend Heights. The District encompasses approximately 146 acres southwest of McIntyre Road and 131st Street, with the intent to support public infrastructure improvements associated with approximately 417 single-family homes.

In accordance with state law, the resolution:

- (1) declares the City's intent to establish the District;
- (2) adopts a development plan for housing and public facilities within the District;
- (3) sets July 17, 2025, as the date for a public hearing on the matter; and
- (4) directs notice of that public hearing to be published and delivered to Leavenworth County, Lansing USD 469, and the City's Planning Commission.

Staff recommends to adopt Resolution B-5-2025.

Discussion occurred.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution B-5-2025, calling for a public hearing on July 17, 2025. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: None

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator:

- Update on light at K-7 and Mary St. Discussion continued between Public Works Director Michael Spickelmier and Councilmember Garvey.

- Pool ribbon cutting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025. Discussion continued regarding pool passes.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Gardner:

- Thanked City Administrator Vandall and Finance Director Beth Sanford for their quick responses to emails.

Councilmember Kirby:

- Acknowledged Director Spickelmier for taking the time to answer questions.

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Thanked City Administrator Vandall for his quick responses and to the Library Board Volunteer.

Councilmember Garvey:

- Thanked the Library Board volunteer Jeanne Im.

Councilmember Robinson:

- Promoted the idea of school and town spirit as is being done in neighboring cities.

Councilmember Clemons:

- Withdrew candidacy as he will be moving, but will, at the City's request, still be serving on the Port Authority.

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Recognized Councilmember Clemons and that he will be missed.
- Likes the idea of promoting the school and city spirit.
- Thanked the Library volunteer.

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Congratulated Library volunteer Jeanne Im.
- Question on Valley Dr underwater during the last rain event. Discussion continued with City Administrator Vandall.


ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Studnicka made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC