

**CITY OF LANSING**  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 5, 2024

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**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

**Ward 2:** Donald Studnicka and Jake Kowalewski

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

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

**Councilmembers Absent:** Kevin Gardner

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of August 15, 2024, were provided for review.

**Councilmember Clemons made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

The Special Meeting minutes of August 29, 2024, were provided for review.

**Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Audience Participation:**

**Presentations:**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and Consideration of Resolution No. B-11-2024**

A public hearing is required for taxing entities who are planning on exceeding the revenue neutral rate (RNR). As presented at the June 27, 2024, work session, the City of Lansing intends to exceed the RNR of 31.482 mills.

**Councilmember Clemons made a motion to open the public hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.**

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

Discussion occurred with Tom Lauhon (526 S Hickory Trail), Kirsten Workman (Sage Street), the Mayor, and Finance Director Beth Sanford.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to close the public hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve Resolution No. B-11-2024. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.** Discussion occurred between City Council, Director Sanford, and City Administrator Vandall.

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

**Public Hearing on and Consideration of Proposed 2025 Budget**

The proposed 2025 Budget will reflect a mill levy increase of 9 mills from the previous year's mill levy to create a Fire Department Fund. Leavenworth County Fire District One will no longer have taxing authority over Lansing residents, meaning their approximate nine mills drops off meaning the mill levy change will be net zero.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2025 Budget. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Councilmember Clemons made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2025 Budget. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Planning Commission Appointment**

Planning Commission Chairman Jake Kowalewski was appointed to serve on the City Council in July of 2024, and subsequently resigned from the Planning Commission. Ginger Riddle applied for the Planning Commission. If appointed, Ginger Riddle's term would end on April 29, 2025.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to appoint Ginger Riddle to the Planning Commission for a term ending on April 29, 2025. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Lansing Prison Museum Request - Senator Pittman and Tom Young**

Request for funding for the Lansing Prison Museum from Senator Jeff Pittman and Lansing Historical Society member Tom Young.

A discussion occurred with Senator Pittman, Tom Young, the City Council, and City Administrator Vandall. The Lansing Prison Museum request will be added to the September 19, 2024, agenda.

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:**

**Finance Director Beth Sanford:**

- Council signatures required on the 2025 Budget.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to report.

**City Administrator:** Nothing to report.

**Governing Body:**

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Support the Prison Museum initiative.
- Thanked Ginger Riddle for volunteering.

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Welcome Ginger Riddle to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Kirby:

- Thanked Ginger Riddle for volunteering.

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Thanked Ginger Riddle for volunteering.

Councilmember Garvey:

- Thank you to all the volunteers

Councilmember Robinson:

- Thank you to our citizens for their support.

Councilmember Clemons: Nothing to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC