

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 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: Kevin Gardner and 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of January 2, 2025, were provided for review.

Councilmember Clemons made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

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

Audience Participation:

Presentations: Pinning of Fire Chief & Fire Captains

City Administrator Tim Vandall introduced Joseph Gates, who is being promoted from Interim Chief of the previous organization, Leavenworth County Fire District #1, to permanent Fire Chief for the City Of Lansing Fire Department. Mr. Gates family presented his Chief pins and badge.

Chief Gates introduced both Kirk Mackey and Mark Alligood as newly appointed Captains for the Lansing Fire Department. The Captains' families presented them with their pins and badges.

Chief Gates introduced and presented badges to the department included Firefighters Travis Nirk, Jason Mindrup, Dalton Lopez, Jordan Deruse, and Brock Pierce. Also receiving their badges are the part-time employees Jonathan Meyer and Derek Bisson. Chief Gates explained that there are also volunteers Dave Babcock, Jim Dyson, Dustin Murphy and William Christopher on the department.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Election of Council President.

Per Ordinance No. 1038, the Governing Body shall elect one of its own as President of the Council at the second meeting in January. The President of the Council shall preside at all meetings of the Council in the absence of the Mayor. Councilmember Don Studnicka is the current President of the Council

Councilmember Brungardt nominated Councilmember Kirby for President of Council. Councilmember Gardner seconded the nomination. No further nominations were presented, and no discussion took place.

Councilmember Studnicka made a motion to appoint Gene Kirby as President of the Council. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

After hours use of the Activity Center

Shane Thomas with Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 has requested to use the Lansing Activity Center after hours from 4:00 p.m. on February 22 until 9:00 a.m. on February 23 for the Boy Scout Anti-Campout.

Councilmember Studnicka made a motion to approve the request for Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 to use the Lansing Activity Center for the Anti-Campout event as requested. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Request to purchase a one-ton dump truck

The Parks and Rec Department requested bids for a one-ton dump truck with a snowplow from the local Dodge, Ford and Chevrolet dealers. This truck will replace the 2014 Ford F350 dump truck that the department currently operates.

The following bid was received:

- Mainstreet of Lansing \$87,017.00

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion approve the purchase of a Dodge one-ton dump truck with a snowplow from Mainstreet of Lansing for \$87,017.00 from account number 80-010-43301 Equipment Reserve. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Ordinance No. 1125 – Unified Development Ordinance Amendment – Article 3.04 Subdivision Standards and Article 4.02 General Development Standards

The proposed amendment to the UDO aims to enhance the viability of residential development in Lansing by addressing lot layout and utility easements. This amendment reduces the minimum interior side setbacks for R-1 and R-2 zoning districts from 10 feet to 5 feet. Additionally, it decreases the width of side lot utility easements from 7.5 feet to 5 feet. This amendment represents a collaborative effort with the development community to optimize land use while maintaining essential public utility access. This initiative aligns with Lansing’s strategic goals for residential growth and housing diversity.

Councilmember Kowalewski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1125 to amend the City of Lansing Unified Development Ordinance. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred between Community and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler and Council regarding International Building Code requirements for fire safety and correlation to the amendments from the UDO update in April 2024.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator:

- LCDC Annual Luncheon January 17, 2025, at the Riverfront Community Center
- Survey in e-blast and social media regarding recycling options. Reminder that to keep all services the same, Waste Management is proposing an increase of \$3.38 per month. Bi-weekly recycling option would be \$1.18 per month or something along those lines. Those that have reached out to staff want to keep everything the same. As a note, Waste Management would not let us keep our bins if we switched carriers. We would be buying 3,000 and some odd trash and recycling receptacles.
- The fiscal year will be closed out in the next couple of weeks. Sales tax has not performed the way we were hoping it would. It has been down a little bit, especially the sales tax we received from Leavenworth County due to lack of growth in population.
- A bit of good news regarding the switch to Country Club Bank last year, the amount of revenue the city received on interest last year was \$40,000 in the general fund for re-investing our leftover cash. This year, that number went up to \$239,000 in interest. That is a pretty significant increase in idle funds.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Congratulations to Councilmember Kirby and the Firefighters.

Councilmember Gardener:

- Congratulations to Councilmember Kirby and the Firefighters.

Councilmember Kirby:

- Thank everyone for their confidence in him.
- Thankful to have all the Fire Department on board.

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Appreciate the service the Fire Department provides to our community.

Councilmember Garvey:

- We appreciate the Fire Department and the service they are providing to our community.
- Congratulations on the promotions.

Councilmember Robinson:

- Thank you to the Fire Department. We are glad to have you as part of the team.
- Thanked the Public Works Department on the snow removal and keeping the roads safe.
- Thanks to the residents for helping each other.

Councilmember Clemons:

- Expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for trusting the city to do what's right.
- On the Waste Management App, Mr. Clemons called the customer service desk because the numbers for the city are different than the individual houses. Mr. Clemons further discussed the application.

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Thank you to the Fire Department for trusting the city and congratulations to everybody.
- Congratulations to Councilmember Kirby.

Proclamations

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC