

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2024

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: Marcus Majure and Don Studnicka
Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey
Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of January 18, 2024, were provided for review.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Audience Participation:

TerriLois Mashburn, Leavenworth County Register of Deeds, presented on property fraud alert system. The Register of Deeds office will send a letter to residents on March 1st with information on how to sign up. Residents can also contact the office at 913-684-0424 to be added to the list or add a text option for notifications regarding actions on their property. The more people that sign up, the more it could deter attempted title fraud in Leavenworth County. The county is #1 in property fraud alert signups in Kansas and one of the top ten counties in all the United States. The property fraud alert system is free and confidential.

Presentations:

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Boy Scouts after hours use of the Activity Center for their Anti-Campout

Randy Brown with Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 has requested to use the Lansing Activity Center after hours from 5:00 p.m. on February 24th until 8:00 a.m. on February 25th for the Boy Scout Anti Campout.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the request for Randy Brown and Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 to use the Lansing Activity Center for the Anti-Campout event as requested. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. Councilmember Majure noted that it is a great event that they do this every year.

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

Final Plat – The Dunes

The applicant is requesting the approval of a Final Plat for The Dunes Subdivision. The proposed Final Plat subdivides approximately 32.6 acres into eight (8) lots allowing for the potential future construction of a single-family subdivision development. No modification of zoning is being requested in association with this Final Plat. On January 17th, 2024, the Planning Commission approved the Final Plat by a vote of 6-0.

Councilmember Clemons made a motion to approve the dedication of land as described by The Dunes Final Plat. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

Councilmembers Studnicka asked whether zoning should be changed from agricultural to residential. Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler stated that agriculture zoning can be utilized for single family residential. Councilmember Gardner noted that the Planning Commission stated items needed to be rectified with the county surveyor. Director Gentzler confirmed those items were resolved and that the items were more topographical than substantive. Councilmember Gardner requested clarification whether the homes accessing Eisenhower Road would have any issues. Director Gentzler stated that Lots 4, 3, and 2 would have access off of Eisenhower, but no traffic related issues have been raised by adjacent properties, the City of Leavenworth, or Leavenworth County. Councilmember Gardner continued by asking if any homes will have access off New Lawrence Road. Director Gentzler stated that only lot 8 would have access off of New Lawrence, and the access point would be within the City limits. It is in the area that was repaved a few years ago. Discussion continued between Councilmember Gardner and Director Gentzler regarding the ponds on the property. Director Gentzler explained that the two ponds would be converted to one large pond and each home within the subdivision would have access to the pond. Councilmember Gardner then asked about pedestrians crossing 4 lanes of traffic to utilize the sidewalk on the Leavenworth side of Eisenhower. Director Gentzler responded that it should not create issues as long as residents use proper pedestrian etiquette. Councilmember Garvey asked Director Gentzler to clarify if the homes will be on septic and not some form of lagoon system. Director Gentzler confirmed the homes will be serviced by septic tanks. The City of Lansing abides by Leavenworth County rules to allow septic on lots as small as one acre. However, all eight of the lots range from 3.1 up to 5.6 acres.

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

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney

Councilmember Kirby a motion to go into Executive Session for consultation with the Attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an Attorney-Client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for a period of 20 minutes, beginning at 7:14 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:34 PM. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Garvey made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:34 PM. No binding action was taken. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. No further discussion took place.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator: Nothing to report.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Gardner: Thank you, Director Gentzler.

Councilmember Kirby: Thank you to our staff for the work on the potholes. Street crew has been working incredibly hard keeping our roads in great shape. Lansing's roads are much better than other areas. Credit deserves to go to Public Works Director Michael Spickelmier for ensuring CIP is up to date, and Kenny Payne and crew for working to ensure top notch maintenance.

Councilmember Majure: Thank you to Tim and his staff for staying on top of the garbage schedule and keeping the public informed. Go Chiefs!

Councilmember Garvey: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Robinson: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Clemons: Ditto the thanks about the garbage. Also, it's been brought to his attention about the intersection at East Mary and Second Street as it may be too tight for the longer school buses to adequately turn. Staff will look into that intersection to gauge its turning radius.

Councilmember Brungardt: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Studnicka:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC