

**CITY OF LANSING**  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 16, 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

**Councilmembers Absent:** None.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of November 2, 2023, were provided for review.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place.**

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

**Audience Participation:** Becky Gordon, 102 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ct, congratulated the winners of the council race. She also thanked those that have and continue to serve and hopes the community interest and involvement in local government continues.

**Presentations:**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Award of Bid – McIntyre Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project 2021-04**

Three bids were opened on Monday November 6th. This project will extend the sewer from Gilman Road south to McIntyre Road. All necessary easements have been acquired.

**Bid Results:**

Infrastructure Solutions \$3,428,750.00  
Legacy Underground \$3,836,901.00  
Linaweaver Construction, Inc. \$2,995,003.00

George Butler Associates, the design engineer, has reviewed the bids and found that Linaweaver Construction met all the requirements of the bid.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to accept the bid from Linaweaver Construction for the construction of City Project 2021-04, in the amount of \$3,084,853 (Base bid plus 5% construction contingency). Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Councilmember Gardner, Wastewater Director Tony Zell, and City Administrator Tim Vandall discussed the financing and the fund used to pay for the project. Discussion continued regarding the amount of the contingency and an error in the calculated final amount. Councilmember Buehler withdrew his second. Councilmember Brungardt withdrew his motion.**

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to accept the bid from Linaweaver Construction for the construction of City Project 2021-04, in the amount of \$3,144,753 (Base bid plus 5% construction contingency). Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.** Director Zell and Councilmember Gardner continued discussing the engineering estimate versus the bid.

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

**Valley Storm Sewer Project 2023-03 – Scope Modification**

The bid from Lineaweaver to include the base bid and alternate #3 was approved August 10, 2023. Installation of the proposed liner into Alternate #3 provides an increase in lifespan and avoids disruption to the neighbors fencing and landscaping. Two options have been presented for consideration to modify the scope of the project. We have a quote from Linaweaver Construction for \$162,500, this is for the new pipe and additional utility relocation.

**Councilmember Buehler made a motion to accept the staff recommendation for scope modifications on the South Valley Storm Sewer projects and authorize a contract change order in the amount of \$162,500 (Base Bid plus Alternate #3 plus Option #A.) Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.** Councilmember Gardner and Public Works Director Michael Spickelmier discussed the options offered regarding the liner for the pipe. Councilmember Brungardt asked for clarification regarding the failed liner expectations. Discussion continued between the Mayor, Director Spickelmier, and Councilmember Brungardt regarding the failed liner and the history behind the installation. Director Spickelmier also mentioned the next phase and the possible timing for the closure of 4-H Road. Councilmember Clemons asked for clarification about where the detour would be located. Director Spickelmier confirmed it would be at Mary Street from Desoto.

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

**2024 Bridge Inspections**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) require bridge inspections every two years. Leavenworth County and the City of Basehor have elected to contract with Finney & Turnipseed Transportation and Civil Engineering LLC out of Topeka Kansas for their required bridge inspections.

**Councilmember Clemons a motion to accept the Professional Services Agreement from Finney & Turnipseed Transportation & Civil Engineering LLC. and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.** Councilmember Gardner asked Director Spickelmier for clarification about what is covered under an inspection. Director Spickelmier stated that it is a set of guidelines set by the Federal Highway Administration. He continued by stating that it is best practice to bring before the council as this is a new contract.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:**

Councilmember Kirby asked Director Zell and Director Spickelmier regarding the odor issue on Ida and Main. Director Zell explained that there was an on-going issue at Main and Ida at the 7 Mile

Creek. He gave a brief timeline of events as well as a detailed explanation for the cause of the sulfur smell that relates to the continued drought conditions. After more complaints were received, the city in conjunction with Lan-Del flushed fresh water through the area in question. KDHE contacted Director Zell on October 24, because of the complaints received. KDHE sent people out to walk the site with Director Zell. KDHE recommended another health advisory be posted for the creek. Director Zell complied the next day. Councilmember Kirby clarified that the city has done all they can do given the current environmental factors. Councilmember Kirby expressed his gratitude for all the work done that has been above and beyond to address the concerns raised.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to report.

**City Administrator:** The city is hoping to receive a preliminary plat for a 7-8 lot plat in northwest Lansing soon. People are touring the LCF property trying to kick around ideas, possibly a museum.

**Governing Body:**

Councilmember Garvey: Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Buehler: Happy Thanksgiving. Congratulated everyone that was elected or re-elected into the school board and city council positions.

Councilmember Clemons: Happy Thanksgiving. Congratulated those that won the school board and election.

Councilmember Brungardt: Nothing to add.

Councilmember Studnicka: Happy Thanksgiving. Safe travel.

Councilmember Gardner: He and Councilmember Kirby were at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board last week. He recognized the good work being done at the recreation department. Basketball signups and coaches have increased. They also have a seasonal scavenger hunt going on. The recreation department is also working with the Library on a Christmas craft. He recognized Director Terri Wojtalewicz and her staff regarding the increase in programs available. Thanked the school board voters for recognizing Councilmember Brungardt's dedication to the children of Lansing.

Councilmember Kirby: Nothing to add.

Councilmember Majure: Congratulated everyone that ran and was elected. Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. Requested information about the 5G fiber installation and if the goal was met to start the next phase.

City Administrator Vandall: He stated Clearwave is closed out and done.

Mayor McNeill: He stated the original plan was for Clearwave to start in a couple of sections, and once they had their operating costs going and everything they would then expand. That was prior to AT&T coming in right behind them. He requested a map that showed where the fiber is located in Lansing to best determine where the need still exists.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilmember Majure made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.** No discussion took place.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC