

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 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

Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2023, as presented.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. Councilmember Clemons stated that he would like to add the point that the fireworks is paid out of the Transient tax, and no other committed budget items would be affected. That's the only thing that I saw that was missing. City Administrator Vandall stated that the motion and the second would need to be withdrawn to proceed. **Councilmember Majure withdrew his second. Councilmember Buehler withdrew his motion.**

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as Amended for February 16, 2023. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Kirby. Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmember Gardner; Absent: none.** The motion was approved.

Audience Participation: None.

Presentations: None.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Appointment to Leavenworth County Port Authority Land Search Committee

Leavenworth County Port Authority (LCPA) is standing up a Land Search Committee for the purpose of identification of future industrial parks in Leavenworth County. Councilmember Dan Clemons is the representative for the City of Lansing on the LCPA.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to appoint Councilmember Dan Clemons as representative for the City of Lansing to the Land Search Committee. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none.** The motion was approved.

Executive Session – Economic Development

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to go into Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of Economic Development activities, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) for 30 minutes, beginning

at 7:03 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:33 PM and to include City Council, City Administrator, CED Director, and City Attorney. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:33 PM. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No binding action was taken Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to discuss.

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator: Welcomed Josh Gentzler to the city. Thankful to have him onboard. There is a stipulation in our Solid Waste Contract that talks about inflation. So, we are anticipating a \$0.75-\$0.85 increase from Waste Management for monthly solid waste pickup. We do have a small administrative fee. So, we may be able to off-set that a little bit. A couple of other things we are excited about, the State of the City and Mayor's Business Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for Friday, May 5. We are tentatively scheduling the Bernard Park Opening Night Monday, May 22. For that, we would like to invite the public out, have a ribbon cutting, and have a ceremonial first pitch. Another item that was pretty interesting, we went onsite where the pool is going to be. As you guys know, that is a pretty wooded, pretty thick area. It looks like the ground a little bit further west might be a little bit easier and more cost effective for a pool. We think that the area further east would require a lot more dirt work. We'd have to divert some water. Probably do some substantial retaining walls. Our engineers are working on price estimates based on the location closer to the intersection versus the location a little further west. So, it may be a little closer to Angel Falls Trail. We'll let you guys make that decision, but I know they were just anticipating the further west you go will be a little more cost feasible. Councilmember Clemons asked if going west would us in the flood plain. Mr. Vandal answered no. Councilmember Garvey stated the floodplain was north.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Majure: Welcomed Josh Gentzler and new city councilmember.

Councilmember Garvey: Congratulated Councilmember Gardner and CED Director Gentzler.

Councilmember Buehler: Welcomed Josh Gentzler to the city and welcomed Councilmember Gardner back to the council. He also thanked Ms. Gordon for applying for the council position and hopes that she can get involved in the city like she wants to. On this day in 1914, Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, was born.

Councilmember Clemons: Echoed other councilmembers on congratulations to Kevin and Josh and thank you to Rebecca. I did talk to Dave Buehler, and they said the Ad Valorem tax was supposed to start back up in 1925. I mean 2025 unless the representatives delay it again.

Councilmember Brungardt: Welcome to Josh. Kevin, it's great to have you back. Rock Chalk.

Councilmember Studnicka: Welcome Josh. Welcome back Kevin.

Councilmember Gardner: First, I'd like to thank the council for allowing me to be part of Lansing's future again. To Dave, big dog, I may be sitting in your chair, but I will never be able to fill your shoes. The care and concern and dedication that you had for the residents of Ward 1, citizens of Lansing, and the growth of this town all started before you were even on this council for twenty plus years. And it can't be matched. I will however try to achieve a level of acceptability with those residents, the citizens, the city staff, and this council that you can be proud of. I'm sure the people that know you got a chance to say thank you for your service, but from the people that didn't know you and still benefited from your years of dedicated service, I'd like to say thank you.


Councilmember Kirby: I agree with everything, and we got be sure to show this to Dave. It would mean a lot to him. Thanked Kevin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, and Kirby. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC