

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 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: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure
Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey
Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of March 7, 2024, were provided for review.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Audience Participation:

Presentations:

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation was presented to Deborah Liles, Volunteer Recruiter with First Judicial District CASA Association, by Mayor McNeill and Councilmember Majure.

Presentation from Lisa Haack, Executive Director, LCDC discussing the structure, funding of the program, their approach to economic development, and how that affects Lansing. Ms. Haack also discussed with council how the cost sharing has worked in the past and current expectations by businesses for industrial based locations.

Waste Management Discussion – John Blessing with Waste Management discussed the smart truck implementation, a recycling presentation for citizens at the library, and the proposed rate increase for trash services. Discussion continued with the council and Finance Director Beth Sanford regarding response times, customer service issues, and educating the public about proper waste disposal.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Appointment of Trade Boards of Appeals Member

Thomas Lauhon has agreed to fill vacant seats on both the Plumbing Board of Appeals and the Building Board of Appeals. Mr. Lauhon's term will be from March 21, 2024, to November 30, 2025.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to appoint Thomas Lauhon to fill a vacant seat on the Plumbing Board of Appeals and the Building Board of Appeals with both terms ending November 30, 2025. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Resolution B-5-2024

A Resolution extending the termination date of the Inter-local Agreement from June 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

Councilmember Majure made a motion to approve Resolution B-5-2024 as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. Councilmember Gardner thanked City Administrator Tim Vandall, Mayor McNeill, and Councilmember Majure for their efforts.

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

Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to go into Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 10 minutes, beginning at 7:50 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:00 PM and to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Attorney and Public Works Director. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:00 PM. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion. No binding action was taken.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator: The first council meeting in July falls on July 4. After discussion with the council, July 11 will be the date of the first meeting in July.

A draft of what Shockey Consulting calls their placemat was on the screen. It shows the city's draft vision statement, guiding principles, some of the projects, and the top priorities that came up during

the strategic planning session. A copy will be emailed to the council, and feedback would be appreciated.

After meeting with representatives from Leavenworth County, the City of Leavenworth, and Kansas City Area Transit Authority, normally they would do a study or formal survey that could cost \$30,000. Since it would be extending an existing service, KCATA thought it would be reasonable to skip the survey and study. If the city decides to do a study or survey, there is a grant program that would pay about 80% of the cost. The setup fee to extend the boundaries would be about \$4,000. There appears to be a long wait for the vans and buses to provide the service. While starting in January may not be possible, it can still be discussed during the budget season. A possible timeline was estimated at 12-18 months. Discussion with council continued regarding pursuing a survey versus a study to gauge interest in the program.

The Centre Drive lights are on.

MidAmerica Regional Council is currently having their call for projects. Lansing has four different roadway projects that are on the metropolitan transportation plan. Those are the four roads where we could apply for grants. If the city applies, it could extend Gilman to 147th close to the high school, extend 147th from 4-H to McIntyre, Desoto Rd from Ida to 4-H, or redo 4-H and the roundabout. The least expensive estimate was still \$8 million. Even with grant funding, the city would still be responsible for 20% of that cost. Federal grant money takes a few years to filter down. The city would have time to plan for whatever project was preferred. A letter of intent regarding any application must be submitted by the first week of April. It can be discussed at the work session next week. The application would not be due until June or July.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Garvey: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Robinson: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Clemons: Nothing to add.

Councilmember Brungardt: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Studnicka: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Gardner: Thank you, Mr. Lauhon, for volunteering and LCDC for coming in. It's outstanding what's going on over at the library.

Councilmember Kirby: Nothing to add.

Councilmember Majure: Great meeting tonight.

Proclamation: Military Saves Month Proclamation

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC