

**CITY OF LANSING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 20, 2022**

**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:** Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

**Ward 2:** Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

**Ward 3:** Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

**Ward 4:** Dan Clemons and Gregg Buehler

**Councilmembers Absent:**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2022, as presented.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2022, as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Trinkle, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Clemons, Brungardt, and Studnicka; Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmember Buehler; Absent: none. The motion was approved.**

**Audience Participation:** None.

**Presentations:**

Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation – A proclamation recognizing October 29, 2022, as Military Retiree Appreciation Day was read by Councilmember Studnicka and presented to Norm Greczyen by Mayor McNeill.

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Proclamation – A proclamation recognizing the month of November 2022, as Kansas Reads to Preschoolers was read by Councilmember Buehler and presented to Terri Wojtalewicz by Mayor McNeill.

Director Zell provided a brief update to the City Council regarding the Town Center Sewer Replacement, the East McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project, easements that will be needed, and flexibility of timeline and costs. Council, Mayor, City Administrator, and Director Zell discussed value of whether to move forward with work regarding the East McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project or wait until a developer has purchased the properties. Discussion continued regarding a gas line issue related to the East McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project. Director Zell also discussed the location and cost estimate for the Town Center Sewer replacement.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Gas Monitoring System Replacement Request**

When the new facility was constructed in 2005, a hazardous gas monitoring system was installed in the Headworks Building on both the upper and lower levels. The purpose of the system is to monitor for hazardous environments inside the building, and alert staff of the conditions prior to entry. The sensors and controls are obsolete and no longer available. Staff solicited quotes from two vendors to update the system to current technology.

**Councilmember Trinkle made a motion to approve the replacement quote from RE Pedrotti Company to replace the gas monitoring system at a total cost of \$17,110.00. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.** Discussion between Director Zell and the council regarding the cost of the original obsolete system and reason for choosing this vendor. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Trinkle, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, and Studnicka; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.**

### **Aeration Basin Gearbox and Motor Repair Estimate**

In the fall of 2021, one of the three aeration basins was taken offline due to a gearbox malfunction. Staff and a contractor pumped the contents of aeration basin D1 into basin D2. Material remained at the bottom of the tank and associated chambers. Staff hired Environmental Works to remove materials and prep the tank for removal of the damaged gearbox and motor. The motor and gearbox were taken to a local shop for diagnosis, cleaning, and repair estimates. The mechanical contractor recommends that after 17 years of continuous use, the motor be replaced with a current model, while the gearbox can be repaired and put back into service. Staff recommends replacing the motor at a total cost of \$25,722.22. Due to the large capital cost of a new gearbox, staff recommends that damaged and normal wear components be replaced, for a total cost of \$78,847.73.

**Councilmember Trinkle made a motion to approve the cost estimate from Fluid Equipment Company to perform the quoted work on the aeration basin motor and gearbox. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.** Councilmember Clemons asked for clarification regarding the total amount requested. Discussion continued regarding life expectancy of rebuilt equipment and whether the equipment was meeting expectations. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Trinkle, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, and Studnicka; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.**

### **Lan Del Water Easement at Bernard Park**

Lan Del extended a water line into Bernard Park to service the new baseball and softball fields. A permanent easement for the water line needs to be granted to Lan Del for this water line.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the right-of-way water line easement and authorize the mayor's signature. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.** Councilmember Trinkle and Director Crum discussed the length of easement. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Trinkle, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, and Studnicka; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.**

### **Equipment Replacement Requests**

The equipment replacement requests were submitted by the Administration and Parks/Public Works Departments. Administration is asking for a ½ Ton or 1500 4x4 Pick-up Truck – not to exceed \$45,000 and the Parks/Public Works Department is asking for a medium sized tractor – not to exceed \$65,000 and surplus the old Kubota 3710 Tractor for a total of \$110,000.

**Councilmember Buehler made a motion authorize the purchase of up to \$110,000 of replacement equipment from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.** Councilmember Trinkle and the City Administrator discussed whether the vehicle currently assigned to administration would be sold. Discussion continued between the Council, City Administrator, and the Finance Director regarding acquiring estimates for used vehicles versus new vehicles and intended use of the new vehicle. The City Administrator clarified that the actual bids



would be brought before the council in January before purchase. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Trinkle, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, Clemons, Brungardt, and Studnicka; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.**

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** Nothing to discuss.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to discuss.

**City Administrator:** Open house in the Community Center Wednesday, November 9, will allow people to come by and see the projects and the county wide transportation study that was previously discussed. The Bernard Park project has had change orders to include the batting cage. A consensus is needed so the contractor can move forward on the batting cage. Discussion ensued between the Director of Parks and Recreation, Council, and City Administrator regarding cost, lighting, and security for the batting cage. The Director of Parks and Recreation also discussed a change order relating to curb stops for the parking lot adjacent to the trail.

**Proclamations**

**Governing Body:**

Councilmember Trinkle: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Kirby: Met with the Director of Public Works at the K7 and Eisenhower intersection to check on the construction. Will be great once completed.

Councilmember Majure: Thanked the staff and the awardees that came tonight. Regarding the Aquatics Center, he asked if there was a way to work out something with the school to have indoor options in the winter. The City Administrator stated that he had discussed similar options with the school before and was told no. Discussion continued between the City Administrator and the Council regarding who to follow up with at the school district to review options for citizens to access the facilities on campus in the winter.

Councilmember Garvey: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Buehler: On this day in history in 1873, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Rutgers Universities drafted the first code of American football rules.

Councilmember Clemons: Councilmember Clemons discussed with the swim coach, school board, and Superintendent Wessel regarding public usage of the lap pool. Mr. Wessel stated he would coordinate with the City Administrator regarding publicizing information for dates and times that lap swim would be available at the high school pool. Councilmember Clemons also enjoyed the Fall Festival and seeing all the kids with their decorated pumpkins. He also spoke with Clearwave regarding what Mr. Nick had brought to the councils' attention at the last meeting. The representative from Clearwave stated that they were planning to extend to that neighborhood. Councilmember Clemons asked if the CED Director could follow up with Clearwave. He also asked that the Director of Public Works review the curbs and potholes on Hillcrest in Woodland Hills.

Councilmember Brungardt: Clarified his statement regarding the swim coach at the high school. Appreciated the presentations and thanked Director Zell, Terri Wojtalewicz, and Director Crum.

Councilmember Studnicka: Asked the City Administrator for clarification on whether the highway patrol was contacted regarding the detour on Highway 5. Discussion continued between the City Administrator and the council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC