

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 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
Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Gregg Buehler

Absent: Jesse Garvey

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2023, as presented.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Gardner, Kirby, Majure, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, and Buehler; Absent: Councilmember Garvey. The motion was approved.

Audience Participation: Steve Lillard at 15495 Roger Road, nominated the baseball fields to be named David Trinkle Memorial Fields. The mayor stated that there will be a three-council member committee to review options. Councilmembers Kirby, Gardner, and one other will make up the committee.

Presentations: The National Library Week Proclamation was presented to Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz by Councilmember Clemons.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of Audit Ending December 31, 2022

Staff from the firm of Adams Brown LLC performed an audit of the financial statements for the City of Lansing for the year ending December 31, 2022. A member of the firm will present a brief overview of the audit and answer any questions.

Alexis Crispin and Danielle Hollingshead from Adams Brown LLC presented the audit to the council.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the final audit for the City of Lansing for the year ending December 31, 2022. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Buehler, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Garvey. The motion was approved.

Library Board Re-Appointments

Timothy Moran and Ellen Hannon have applied for re-appointment to the Lansing Community Library Board to serve another four (4) year term ending on April 30, 2027.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Lansing Community Library Advisory Board Re-appointments of Timothy Moran and Ellen Hannon to fill terms ending on April 30, 2027. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Buehler, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Garvey. The motion was approved.

Planning Commission Board Re-Appointments

Richard Hannon, Nancy McDougal, and Michael Suozzo have applied for re-appointments to the Lansing Planning Commission to serve three (3) year terms ending April 30, 2026.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Lansing Planning Commission re-appointments of Richard Hannon, Nancy McDougal, and Michael Suozzo for terms ending on April 30, 2026. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Buehler, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none. The motion was approved.

Executive Session – Attorney-Client Privilege

Councilmember Kirby made 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 7:16 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:36 PM and to include City Council, City Administrator, CED Director, and City Attorney. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Buehler, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Garvey. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:36 PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No binding action was taken. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Buehler, and Clemons. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Garvey. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to discuss.

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator: You guys might recall in November, when Dr. Mosier was here talking about Kansas City Kansas Community College. He referenced putting up a semi with a wrap around it to advertise the college coming. They've spoken to us recently. We've double checked on that. Something like that wouldn't be permitted in our sign rules. So, they were looking at a large sign to get people excited, to get people to know that KCKCC is coming to Lansing. They think that would help with fundraising also. The sign that they're proposing is a little bit bigger than our rules would allow, and normal signs like that would only be permitted for ninety days. So, I think they wanted to just ensure that we are okay with the sign being up there advertising their college longer than ninety days. I wanted to verify you guys were okay with that. One thing, if you guys might recall, at the beginning of COVID, when that was going on. I know one of the things the governing body here mentioned was anything we can do to help, we need to be doing. One of the organizations we partnered with was the Community Blood Bank. So, we've been letting them rent the Community Center at no charge for the last couple of years. Out of all the times they've rented the basement, they've generated 548 units of

blood. Each unit of blood can help up to three people. So, I know the Community Blood Bank and that group of folks is really thankful to the City Council for doing that. And I think they're planning on continuing to do that. Especially now that there is a pretty serious blood shortage. One thing that somebody had mentioned to me a while back that I hadn't really thought about, I want to say maybe four or five years ago we did a Strategic Planning Session on a Saturday. I think it was right before Mr. Majure came on the City Council. I wasn't sure if you guys wanted to do some type of Strategic Planning Session at a future council meeting, or if we want to do it on a Saturday. Or if we want to wait until January if there's any turnover or anything. I don't really need an answer tonight, but maybe be thinking about that. If we want to do a three- or four-hour Strategic Planning Session on some night. Maybe wait until January. Just a really tough couple of weeks for the Lansing community. Mr. Young, one of the founders of Lansing, just a pillar of our community, losing him. And then losing Mr. Trinkle. Losing Jeff Focht. It's been tough. Think about interesting conversations we would have. What I wouldn't give to hear Dave ask Jeff if there was enough salt in the salt shed or anything like that again. All of those guys will definitely be missed.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Brungardt: Beth, congratulations. Outstanding job.

Councilmember Studnicka: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Gardner: Beth, another amazing job. I appreciate it, and I'd like to acknowledge Terri, her staff, and all her supporters over at the library this week. And also, Tish for Municipal Clerk week. Thank you for getting me started and for what you do. Also, I got to see Sara who was previously the City Clerk and also Amber who was here in 2014. We took a tour of the ball fields. We got to go inside. Obviously, everything looks great out there, but I'd like the spectators to know that they can experience a massive increase in parking, a concession stand very visible right as you walk into the ball parks. You can grab your stuff before you even go sit down. There's also a covered area for those that want to sit and eat. The seating is equal on both sides, first and third base sides is equal. The seating is easily accessible for everybody, and it is also shaded. There's room for chairs up and down the fields, and there's restrooms on both sides. Massive improvements from what we've grown up with. Yes, we lost three significant people in a short amount of time. They were crucial to Lansing's growth. So, we'll miss all of them.

Councilmember Kirby: Agreed with everything you said. Beth, Terri, everybody that works for the city, I appreciate all your hard work.

Councilmember Majure: I just want to highlight all the work that went in for Clearwave. I've got a lot of neighbors that stop and talk to me as I'm walking my dogs throughout my neighborhood and driving by and looking in other areas. But that Clearwave has really made a big impact. There's been a lot of goodness. That's a great thing we as a council did to our community is bring that 5G in. I can't thank the staff for all the hard work they're doing. Terri, Beth, Tish, great job. Really happy for you. Congratulations. Thank you for our volunteers for the Library Board and the Planning Commission Board. Thank you. For those of you out there that can hear and see us, thank you for your volunteers and your service.

Councilmember Buehler: Kind of on the opposite of what Marcus just said, I'm getting a lot of complaints in my neighborhood because AT&T and Clearwave have not lived up to their part of the bargain with re-seeding. I've had multiple people stop me this week. I don't know if we have contact with them, or what the policy is. But if you didn't get your yard re-seeded like you were supposed to, please let us know so we can contact them.

Mayor McNeill: Just for my own information, when was that re-seeding supposed to start?

City Administrator: One of the crews is in town right now.

Mayor McNeill: So, they're just starting. Because they said they weren't going to do it during the winter. They did an initial one in the winter and said they were going to wait until it starts thawing out.

City Administrator: But I've got Fix It Forms from your neighborhoods as well, and we've passed that on. One thing that I've mentioned to folks also is we did have that performance bond with both of those companies. We're retaining, I think it's a \$10,000 bond from each one until soil restoration takes place. They certainly have a financial incentive to get it right, a financial incentive to come back. So, we're holding on to that.

Councilmember Buehler: My mud spot washed up and now it's three inches deep after last night's rain. Again, Beth, great job to you and your staff. Everybody on the staff. And because it's National Library Week next week, on this day in 1841, the very first detective story "Murders in the Rue Morgue" was published by Edgar Allen Poe.

Councilmember Clemons: I'd like to echo with Beth, Terri, and Trish. Thank you for everything you've done and with all of our volunteers. Just for the board's information, 14 April we kicked off the Leavenworth Port Authority land search. The purpose of which is to recommend site or sites for business areas within Leavenworth County. We are combining it with the Traffic Study and the other things the states doing. And it's our intent to do exactly what we said. Come together with a county proposal, and we're going to be bringing in some experts and stuff of that nature. No agenda or anything on the first one. It was get to know you and establish the goals and everything. We also had LCPA meeting Tuesday this week. I handed a clean packet to Trish and asked to include it with the work session agenda. Not that I'm going to be discussing it, but just so you can look it over. If you have any questions, just let me know. I was elected Treasurer of the LCPA as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC