

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

NEW BUSINESS

- [1.](#) Ward 2 Applications

ADJOURNMENT

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. For information on how to view prior meetings, please visit our website at <https://www.lansingks.org>. Any person wishing to address the City Council, simply proceed to the microphone in front of the dais after the agenda item has been introduced and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. When called upon, please begin by stating your name and address. A time designated "Audience Participation" is listed on the agenda for any matter that does not appear on this agenda. The Mayor will call for audience participation. Please be aware that the City Council and staff may not have had advance notice of your topic and that the City Council may not be able to provide a decision at the meeting. If you require any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk prior to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Tish Sims, City Clerk
DATE: June 28, 2024
SUBJECT: Interviewing candidates for Ward 2 Council Member position

Ward 2 Council Member Marcus Majure stepped down from his position on July 11, 2024. His unexpired term ends January 2028

Staff advertised the open position as directed by Council. As of June 28, there have been three applications submitted. The applicants are Jake Kowalewski, Timothy Moran and Jeff Martin.

Policy Consideration: None.

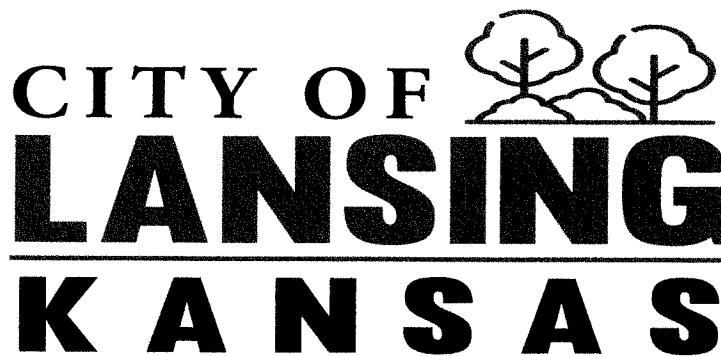
Financial Consideration: None.

Action: None

AGENDA ITEM # 2

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APPLICATION FOR LANSING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – WARD 2

Name: Timothy Moran

Lansing Address: 103 Willow Point

Home Phone: 913-547-2844

Business Phone: _____

E-mail: TMMoran@Fastmail.us

This appointment is to fulfill a City Council Ward 2 term remaining through January 2028. Applicants must be a resident of Ward 2, 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen, and registered to vote.

Please attach a one to two page written statement expressing your interest in being appointed to the Lansing City Council. Your written statement should address the following four topics:

1. Qualifications for the position.
2. Personal philosophy of city government.
3. Desired accomplishments as a City Councilmember.
4. Willingness to attend governmental training.

Also, attach the name, address, and telephone number of three (3) personal references.

*All applicants will be interviewed by the Governing Body at a Special Meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

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APPLICATION FOR LANSING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – WARD 2

ATTENTION OF THE CITY CLERK

TIMOTHY MORAN

JUNE 26TH, 2024

Timothy Moran

I believe that the role of city government is to provide a safe, healthy, affordable place to live that offers facilities and events that make the city an enjoyable place to live and work. This is done by providing a professional police force, an effective fire department, and a water and waste collection system that ensures the safety of the citizens of the city. Also, the city should strive to provide parks and other recreational activities that improve the quality of life for the residents. This is accomplished by an independent city council enacting codes and regulations that remain fiscally balanced while providing incentives for the city's steady growth.

As a council member, I will work to further the quality of life in Lansing. I promise to be highly responsive to the needs and requests of the people in my council ward and the city. I understand the importance of being a responsible steward of the city budget and will work towards achieving a balanced and fair budget that does not burden our citizens. I acknowledge the need for controlled and sustainable growth of the town. City-wide improvement should always be the top priority of a city council member. If chosen, I will ensure that I am not influenced by any organization or external interests that do not benefit the city.

I have worked with large budgets where a governing body provides the money, and the expenditures are accountable to those who pay their taxes and provide the funding. I am a retired certified project manager with experience overseeing large procurement projects in the government sector and smaller projects in the private sector.

I graduated from the Lansing Citizen Academy in 2020. After completion, I started looking for ways to improve the city I chose to be a citizen of. I have been an active member of the city library board for two years and have attended some town hall and city council meetings. I am not from this area; however, I chose to live here because I believe the city of Lansing is a beautiful place to live, and I feel there is a lot of sound growth potential, which I would like to be part of.

My lack of vested interest in any specific company or business may distinguish me from other candidates. Moreover, I do not come from a historically Lansing founding family, which allows me to approach problems without any presumed bias, ensuring my sole focus is on the welfare of the residents.

My commitment to the Lansing community is evident in my long-standing roles as a homeowner, a member of the Rotary Club, and an election poll worker. Since 2016, I have been serving at the polling place for Wards 3 and 4 in Lansing, demonstrating my dedication to the democratic process and the welfare of our community.

I am very willing to attend governmental training. I am fully retired and thus have no conflicts of interest or demands upon my time.

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APPLICATION FOR LANSING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – WARD 2

Name: Jacob (Jake) Kowalewski

Lansing Address: 600 Cottonwood Drive

Home Phone: 913-704-9846

Business Phone: 913-704-9846

E-mail: Jakeski17@yahoo.com

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Lansing City Council,

I am a lifelong Leavenworth County resident. I graduated high school from Leavenworth High in 2005 and have called Lansing home since 2008. My wife is set to begin her 13th year of teaching, all of which have been with USD 469, the same district she graduated from in 2005.

I am a graduate of the 2018-2019 Lansing Citizens Academy. During that cohort, I was an active participant and did not miss a session. In January of 2019 I was elected to the Lan Del Water District board of directors where I am currently serving my second term and am the sitting Chairman. Beginning April 2019 I was appointed to serve on the City of Lansing Planning Commission. I've been fortunate enough to have received a second appointment in May of 2022 and have been the Chairman since 2021. In addition to these activities, I also completed the 2021-2022 Leadership of Southern Leavenworth County program.

During my Citizens Academy graduation, the Council emphasized the need for volunteers and active citizen participation with the city. The items outlined above show my dedication to civic engagement, personal development, and commitment to service. City Council is the next logical step in my journey of servant leadership. I am willing and eager to continue learning and training in governmental activities.

Professionally, I am a utility and project manager for water, wastewater, and stormwater. I feel this experience has given me a perspective on what roles infrastructure contributes to a municipality. I've served in roles as General Manager, Director of Operations and Maintenance, and Business Development Manager. My professional experiences have helped me build a strong foundation of stakeholder engagement, contract management, and organizational planning. My knowledge, skills, and abilities are directly transferable to the work the Council performs.

My philosophy of city government is rooted in community. Decisions made by the council should always be in the best interest of the city and its citizens. Removing personal beliefs and bias for the betterment of all are necessary actions needed to achieve selfless decision making. Community centered governing should include participatory governance, transparency, and collaboration. These three traits are things I feel the current Council and City Leadership do a remarkable job of embodying.

Accomplishments I'd like to achieve as a Council Member include helping economic growth both commercially and residentially. The need for affordable housing is high and I think the work Lansing has done with UDO amendments and RHID considerations have set us up nicely for much needed residential development. Forward thinking infrastructure development to include the McIntyre interceptor extension and the pursuit of grant funding for 4H Road are efforts that I believe will help with commercial growth.

The vision and strategy around a safe and healthy community are something else I believe strongly in. I am a big advocate of the aquatic center and am looking forward to purchasing season passes once available. Lansing's trail and sidewalk interconnectivity are a unique feature that I feel allow for safe leisure activities for all. Development at Bernard Park has created a fantastic atmosphere for outdoor activities.

I am looking forward to an opportunity to discuss this vacancy with you. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jake Kowalewski".

Jake Kowalewski

References:

1. Ron Patterson

Lan Del Water District – Field Manager

████ Holiday Plaza

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2. Richard Hannon

Lan Del Water District Board Member, Lansing BZA & Planning Commission

████ Pine Ridge Court

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3. Michael Spickelmier

Director Public Works – Lansing KS

████ Cottonwood Drive

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APPLICATION FOR LANSING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – WARD 2

Name: JEFF MARTIN

Lansing Address: 195 Canyon View Dr.

Home Phone: 913-727-5527

Business Phone: 913-638-3882

E-mail: lansingmartin@live.com

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Jeff Martin
195 Canyon View Dr.
Lansing, KS 66043
Telephone: 913-727-5527
Email: lansingmartin@live.com

1. Qualifications for the position:

I have been a resident of Lansing Ward2 for 26 years. I have been involved in a variety of volunteer positions throughout this time within our community. Most recently, I was on the USD469 School Board for nine years, the last five being the President of the School Board. I am familiar with the process and procedures of a meeting in public to include the requirements of keeping information confidential with executive sessions. I asked relevant questions throughout my tenure to have the most accurate information before making decisions. I work hard to communicate the “why” to questions about votes I have cast. I have been a conduit for the public into the USD469 system and made a positive impact for the school district and the taxpayers.

Other volunteer activities in the community include coaching youth sports within the Lansing recreation leagues for many years to include soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. I am an active member of St. Francis De Sales Church and the Knights of Columbus of Lansing.

Currently, I am employed at Armed Forces Insurance as a Senior Programmer/Analyst and have been employed with this company for 16 years. Being within the information technology field, I am able to look at data and provide evaluations or recommendations by using logic when making decisions.

I have a Masters of Business Administration and a Bachelors of Business Administration with a focus on Marketing from Washburn University.

2. Personal philosophy of city government:

I believe that city government should be as efficient as necessary to provide services to the community. The policies and services provided are the key elements of communities and are essential.

I believe the separation of functions between the city council and the city administration is vital. City council members do not act individually, but as a collective group, providing guidance to the administration.

3. Desired accomplishments as a City Councilmember:

I would like to participate in helping to see Lansing grow and provide services that make Lansing one of the best communities in the metro area. I would like to expand the trails system and implement sidewalks to the high school.

4. Willingness to attend governmental training:

I am absolutely willing to attend any/all training. Continuing education is paramount to providing informed guidance.

3 Personal References:

I have provided their work information so as not to disclose their personal information.

Tom Young – Co-owner Young Sign Company (retired)

██████ Choctaw St
Leavenworth, KS 66048

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Darrel Stuffelbeam - Assistant Professor of Education – St. Mary's University

Former USD469 Superintendent

██████ S. 4th St.
Leavenworth, KS 66048

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Rich Hauver – Midwest Territory Manager - Biolase

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Lansing KS, 66043

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