

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Mike Smith called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the special meeting minutes of December 19, 2019, and the regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2019, as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and 1 resident came forward. Jeanette Labbee-Holdeman thanked Councilmember Andi Pawlowski for serving on the Council all these years and stated that she wished more women would run for government as a women's perspective is important to have. She then told the Governing Body to listen to their wives.

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Request to Purchase – Police Department Vehicle: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the purchase of one police package patrol vehicle from Landmark Dodge in an amount not to exceed \$31,544.00. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked are you going to transfer the police package over from the other car, the lightbar.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman responded it's a flat top, it doesn't have a light bar on it. We may make this one have interior lights. We'll just have to check and see what we got. Whatever equipment we can salvage, we'll salvage what we can on that.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked does it come with electric windows.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied yes.
- Mayor Smith asked any other questions.
 - Councilmember McNeill responded I was, go ahead.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I was just going to say do we not get these off the state contract.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman responded this is actually on a MARC bid with Landmark. The MARC bid comes in cheaper than the state. Davis Moore is the dealership that has state contract, and they didn't even submit a bid to us.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied alright, thanks.
- Mayor Smith asked Tony, did you have something.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked yeah Tim, it says it was approved in the budget. Is this out of the reserve?
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded it was in the police department within the general fund. If you have your budget book, I can tell you what line item it would come out of, but I think it's the very bottom line item from the police department.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated it's from the reserve.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated it's from the reserve fund.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied no, it's not out of equipment reserve. It's out of the acquisition line in the police department fund. I think three years ago, based on

Council feedback we started taking it out of the general fund and I think the thought process at that time was we wanted to replace police vehicles every year. So, we started doing it out of the general fund in the police department. It's in the acquisition line item in the police department fund.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Contract Services – Eisenhower Road Improvement Project: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the contract, scope, and fee proposal with Alfred Benesch & Company, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked did we pick Benesch.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded actually, Benesch was selected as a continuation. They initially did the warrants analysis for the City of Leavenworth about a year and a half ago. In the interest of time we chose to solicit a fee and scope proposal from them and they could begin next week.
- Councilmember Buehler asked so this is the whole intersection they're looking at.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied this is the total, this is part of the \$3 million total cost for the intersection. This is a portion of that. This is the engineering and it will include a new signalization as well as improvements and additions for geometry and lanes.
 - Mayor Smith stated excellent Mike.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:06PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:21PM. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 7:21PM. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall let everyone know there are two seats left for the Chamber Dinner on January 17th if anyone is interested. He also thanked Councilmember Pawlowski for being so welcoming when he first moved to Lansing.

Governing Body: Councilmember Garvey let Jeanette know he listens to his wife all the time. He let Councilmember Pawlowski know it has been an honor to serve with her.

Councilmember Buehler stated once he was on the Council, he realized everything Councilmember Pawlowski does is because she truly cares about what happens in this City and it has been a pleasure to work with her.

Councilmember McNeill remembers the first time he met Councilmember Pawlowski when he wanted to build a fence and she voted in favor of it. He stated we are going to miss you.

Councilmember Brungardt stated he has dreaded this night and what he values and respects Councilmember Pawlowski for is being able to disagree about something and still be friends and colleagues. He thanked her for everything she has done.

Councilmember Studnicka stated he thought the Council needed a woman's perspective as well as Councilmember Pawlowski's real estate knowledge all these years. He wished her the best and looks forward to working with her again in the future.

Councilmember Trinkle stated Councilmember Pawlowski has made an impression on the City and always had the City at heart.

Mayor Smith stated Councilmember Pawlowski always comes prepared to these meetings. She has asked the tough questions that needed to be asked and thanked her for being on the Council.

Councilmember Kirby told a story about when he was sworn in and immediately afterward Councilmember Pawlowski proceeded to tell him what she thought about everything and what we needed to do. He told her back then they would disagree about things, but he hoped they could do so respectfully and they have. He said the only way to do this for so many years is because you care and she does. He told her to not be a stranger.

Councilmember Pawlowski read a letter she prepared. She stated her first 10 years on the Council, it operated at a crisis management state and it wasn't good for the City. She continued that over time with the current governing body along with City Administrator Tim Vandall the city has progressed and had many triumphs. She asked the Council to trust the Lansing residents, don't make decisions in a hurry and negotiate from a position of strength as they continue to pave the way for the City of Lansing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk