

**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:** Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure  
**Ward 3:** Jesse Garvey  
**Ward 4:** Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

**Councilmembers Absent:** Kerry Brungardt

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve the special meeting minutes of January 13, 2020 and the regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2020, as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Garvey abstaining.

**Audience Participation:** Mayor Smith called for audience participation and no one came forward.

**Presentations:**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Request to Use Activity Center After Hours – Boy Scouts:** Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve the request from the Boy Scouts for after-hours use of the Lansing Activity Center for their Anti-Campout event. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Bid – 2020 Fireworks Display:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the bid from Victory Pyrotechnics & FFX, LLC to perform both fireworks displays in 2020 in a total amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember McNeill stated I have a question on the contract it says 10PM. Is there any reason we're not doing it at 9:30 when the sun actually sets on that day, on both days honestly?
  - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey replied well a lot of the time its not super dark until a little closer to 10:00 and it also allows a full period for rides and vendors to make their sales and for people to ride the rides because we shut that down at 10.
    - Councilmember Kirby stated my concern is that is awful late for people with little kids.
    - Councilmember McNeill stated last year people left, its too late for kids. I mean I got complaints. If you look at the, I think it's called Civil Twilight which is the end of, which means it's dark out at 9:30, 9:31 I think. You can actually look up the dates on the calendar and it'll tell you when sunrise and sunset is.
      - Mayor Smith responded Tim let me ask you this, can we set it for 9:30 and then if it stays light, we can delay it a bit, 10-15 minutes in case.
        - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey replied ok.
          - Mayor Smith stated I mean if that is what the Council wants to do, I think that would be a good compromise if everyone is in favor of that.
            - Councilmember Kirby responded that was the only issue with the last one, the little kids.
              - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey replied well I know with the last one they were



- Councilmember McNeill responded I mean the contract says to be determined which means if it does rain, we can reschedule it for another day.
- Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey stated I believe the company would be very flexible, but it probably would not be a true Independence Day show because the following weekend is Independence Day and they will already be contracted to do another show somewhere else. That's one reason why we get this.
- Councilmember McNeill replied we could do it the week before or the week after if we had to.
  - Councilmember Majure responded I don't see him being too much flexible based on that.
  - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey replied they want to do the shows though because they're very hungry. They're trying to get the shows under their belt so they can advertise themselves, promote themselves.
- Mayor Smith stated and a lot of them like to repeat and come back the following year. Marcus, you're the newbie so you're in charge of the weather ok.
  - Councilmember Majure asked so you want me to get with the chaplain, make sure he is praying for weather.
    - Mayor Smith replied yes, I do. Yes, sir.
    - Police Chief Steve Wayman stated you don't want to start loading those mortars in the rain and stuff, when those shells come out of the tubes. That could be your other problem with trying to schedule this thing off a week or so, those rounds, if they get wet they won't fire, there will be nothing to play with.
      - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey responded right, right.
        - Councilmember McNeill stated well they will call before they set up, I'm sure if it's raining.
          - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey responded yeah, if there was a true freak rain shower, it could possibly damage the stuff when it's out.
            - Police Chief Steve Wayman stated they come the day before or the morning of and then just try to park them the best they can.
              - Event and Marketing Coordinator Tim Dossey stated and that might be an example where insurance might come in to play, an act of God like that for both parties.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney:** Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:07PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:22PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 7:22PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to consult with legal counsel regarding on-going litigation as directed by the Governing Body. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Majure voting against the motion.

**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 stated sidewalks, particularly by schools, had been discussed in previous months. The one near the high school on 147<sup>th</sup> has been put on hold after the school board meeting. Another area that had been discussed was closer to the Intermediate School. Adams Acres is an older neighborhood without sidewalks. A survey could be conducted for the 150-200 homes in that neighborhood to gauge their interest/thoughts on having sidewalks installed.

- Councilmember Buehler stated there are a lot of children that walk in that neighborhood and this was previously discussed with homeowners not really interested. So, this would be a good idea.
  - Mayor Smith asked if the Safe Routes to School grant can be pushed further out.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded where we are looking at would qualify under the grant and it maxes out at \$200,000. A previous estimate we received was \$1.1 million. We would have to break it up into different phases.
      - Councilmember Garvey stated it's a great idea. It shows transparency.
- Councilmember Kirby stated he isn't opposed to getting opinions but things keeping coming up. Does this push 4H and DeSoto Rd further down?
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied there isn't a date for when the sidewalks would be installed. It could be 2023, 2024 or even beyond that.
    - Councilmember Kirby responded he's not opposed to seeing what people think but he hates to see other worthwhile projects get pushed off.
- Councilmember McNeill stated it would be something like a 5-year plan.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied this is listed in the CIP as an unfunded project for 2025 and beyond.
    - Councilmember McNeill stated we could do it in phases and if we have excess funding, we could knock out a phase.
- Councilmember Majure asked so do we have a list, a priority list.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded we have a Capital Improvement Plan. During the budget season, if the Council wants to focus on one project over another, they can say we want to tackle this in this particular year and this other project will be delayed to another year.
    - Councilmember Garvey asked the CIP focuses on things that are already there and need repaired. Not new stuff like this, correct.
      - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that's correct.
        - Councilmember Studnicka the CIP includes the curbs and gutters because its concrete vs the roadway. There were problems with that in the past where the CIP was only taking care of the roadway, but curbs were chipping out and showing rebar.

City Administrator Tim Vandall reminded everyone of the Business Appreciation Lunch the following day, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1935, the board game Monopoly went on sale for the first time.

Councilmember McNeill asked about the petromat peeling and where else did we use it. It came up on 4H Road and now it's coming up on McIntyre.

- Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied there are some other roads with smaller sections of it used but it is something we won't consider using in the future.

He also asked about Sales Tax and the projected for 2020 for special use and is wondering if we can figure out the portion that goes to Parks. Can we bond a particular amount for the Parks Plan or is there a larger amount needed.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we do have a rough number based off the \$5 million so we would need the money from sales tax. Sales tax started about a year/year and a half before Desoto Rd got started so there was a bit of a buffer in there. Also, the general fund does transfer money to the Special Parks & Rec fund. That would have to be increased a little bit.

Councilmember Studnicka asked about the land on West Mary to the South where a wooded area has been cleared about the size of a road.

- City Administrator stated Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz is out sick, but he will ask as soon as he is back in the office.

Councilmember Trinkle let Public Works know the culvert is collapsing at the Northeast corner of Carol and North 7<sup>th</sup>. It's narrowing the turn.

Councilmember Kirby asked about Kinder Kare being sold.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated it has been sold to another childcare facility. They haven't filed for anything with the City, but the building is sold.

Councilmember Majure referenced a letter the City received in regard to a pool. He asked if the \$7-10 million is the cost estimate we got.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that is the amount we received from the consultant. If we got a good deal on land or if a sewer line is close by, it could be less than that.
  - Councilmember Garvey this includes slides and its commercial vs residential.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall there is a lot of variables. Jason has been calling pools in terms of how they operate, trends in membership, if they are making money, etc.

Councilmember Garvey stated it's great the daycare is coming in but sad the bank will probably close once their new location is built. He congratulated the Chiefs on their Super Bowl win and said he went to the parade which was a madhouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Garvey moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Michael W. Smith, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk