

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 and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 6, 2020, as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and Jeff Coder, President of the NEKA Football League came forward. There is concern with Lansing Parks & Rec no longer offering 3-4th grade flag football. The number of participants is down but he believes with the Chiefs just winning the Super Bowl that numbers will increase once again. Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated he had sent the Council the Parks & Rec Advisory Boards recommendation to move to Flag Football.

- Councilmember Majure asked why the numbers have declined and if injuries and concussion news reports have had anything to do with it.
 - Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum responded he believes when those reports came out is when the department saw a decline in the number of participants.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated a decision doesn't need to be made tonight.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied they do want to let the league know soon because it does have a bearing on them. Parents also need to know so they can seek out a tackle program elsewhere. If the department is going to continue with tackle, then they'll need time to recondition helmets and take care of things that are time sensitive. So sooner, the better
 - Councilmember Brungardt stated that what they are seeing in the City is the same as what the Middle School is seeing. There are less kids going out for football.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied it's hard not knowing from year to year what the numbers are going to be. Other communities are also seeing a reduction in numbers. It's a tough sport for a recreation department, it's tough to coach given some of the rules the department has to follow.
- Councilmember Buehler asked if the initial investment is known if we go to flag football.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded he didn't, but it wouldn't be anymore than what is being spent with the 1st-2nd grade level of flag football. It would be cheaper than tackle because of the equipment cost.
- Councilmember Majure asked if other communities were going to flag football.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied other communities with either recreational programs or municipal parks and rec have flag football or not offering football at all.
 - Jeff Coder stated NEKA is not a competitive league. He stated there are schools smaller than Lansing with teams.
- Councilmember McNeill stated he would like to know the interest within the community.

Darren Olson addressed the Council letting them know his son was on the team last year and he helped coached. He does know at least 8 kids would be interested in continuing to play tackle football so there isn't

concern of having enough for a team. He also stated he will volunteer to be the head coach. He feels the discussion on concussions with tackle football is a cop out since the risk of concussions occur in other sports, but those sports are still being played. He would really like Parks and Rec to continue with tackle football.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked if we continue with tackle football will that affect insurance at all.
 - Parks & Rec Director Jason Crum responded he doesn't believe it does.

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Resolution No. B-1-2020 – Parks Master Plan: Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Resolution B-1-2020 – Parks Master Plan. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Kirby stated I know this has come up in some other areas where there is a plan or whatever, so I want to be very clear this is a plan. Let's be clear, it can be changed, adapted, it doesn't have to stay like it is today.
 - Mayor Smith responded absolutely.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated ok, it's a plan. It's not in concrete and I hope that everybody understands that. A lot of things can change between now and then. Finances being one of the big issues. That's all I got.
 - Councilmember Majure stated I got something. We're still looking into the pool. I thought, I talked to Tim before this meeting and it outlines in here, pages 110 and 111 and I've read the reviews and I'm good, I got it. But like Kirby said it is a plan and we're not discarding a pool. When we have our work session, I'd like to be part of discussing pool options and how we can go down that route since we own the land. Which cuts the majority of the costs of the pool. I'm with what Gene is saying, it's a plan.
 - Mayor Smith replied absolutely. Thank you, Marcus.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Equipment Replacement – Public Works, Street Division – Dump Truck with Plow:

Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the bid from Henry Marten Chevrolet Buick GMC for a 1Ton 4X4 Diesel Truck with Plow in an amount not to exceed \$62,039.40. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked got electric windows.
 - Mayor Smith replied Davey, that's from 20 years ago, will you stop that.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated it's good seeing us purchasing semi-locally. It's still Leavenworth County. I'm not giving our tax dollars to Missouri.
 - Mayor Smith responded absolutely Jesse.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Equipment Replacement – Wastewater Department – SCADA Upgrades: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the purchase and installation of the SCADA upgrades from R.E. Pedrotti Co., Inc, in an amount not to exceed \$134,315.00. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion.

- Councilmember McNeill asked Tony, this is for everything like computers, data network, interface all that stuff.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied this does not include the desktop computer, the servers. We'll be buying those ourselves because we can get a lot better pricing. New fibers have already been run; we did that internally. This is basically replacing the software and major programming that controls and communicates with all the equipment spread throughout the facility. It monitors 3,916 points so all those things get fed into everything. It keeps us abreast of what is going on.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied ok.
- Councilmember Majure asked what was it you showed me, we talked about this, what was the year of the last time this was updated.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated this is original equipment from 2004

- Councilmember Majure replied 2004, that was it. I remember talking about this.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied right.
- Councilmember Garvey asked what is the training program going to be for this. Is it similar to the old stuff?
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated it should be pretty seamless. There are not major changes that are being made because we're not adding a bunch of additional equipment that would require a lot of upload of personnel, so I don't think it'll be a problem.
- Councilmember Kirby stated all this to clean dirty water to dump into a dirty river.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied they're polluting my effluent.
 - Councilmember Kirby responded play along with me Tony.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied yes, sir.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked you like to tap ours, it's cleaner than theirs.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied it is.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Majure stated Tony you just keep bringing more and more cost to us. Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied I'll try, sir.

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 30 minutes, beginning at 7:20PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:50PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 7:50PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 7:52PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:07PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to return to open session at 8:07PM. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz announced Mutual Savings is building just south of Petro Deli. It will be done as a Site Plan, there's no platting, nothing needs to be done to the property itself. Because it is a Site Plan, it will go to the Planning & Commission for approval. If they were to deny it, the Plan would then come to the Council as the appealing body. This site is unique as it will be using an off-site drainage. The pond at the bottom of Fawn Valley is sufficient to provide detention for this development.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked where this pond is.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated it is on City property at the bottom of the hill in front of the Fawn Valley subdivision. It'll drain from where Mutual Savings will be built across 1st Terrace and at the bottom of that hill there is a detention basin. It was a pond at one time but now it functions as a dry bottom detention pond.

The Site Plan will go to the Planning Commission on March 18th and Mutual Savings would like to pull a building permit on March 19th.

- Mayor Smith stated he is impressed with what Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz and City Administrator Tim Vandall have done for the city. Businesses are coming in and spaces are being filled like on Eisenhower. Lansing is on the move and staff is responsible for a lot of that.

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 pointed out the new format on the Lansing Connection.

- Councilmember Garvey stated it is a lot more modern looking.
- Councilmember Majure stated he liked City Administrator Tim Vandall's interview questions and answers.

City Administrator Tim Vandall stated he thought the meeting with Leavenworth County last week was really productive with everyone together talking and problem solving.

Governing Body: Councilmember Studnicka asked about the area that was cleared off of West Mary going south.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied one property owner has purchased approx. 32 acres there and is a building a house.

He also asked about the Mr. Murlock's shed/barn at the back of his property that needs to be cleaned up. Councilmember Kirby and himself have been in touch with Code Enforcement in regard to the mess but haven't heard anything back.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated he will get with Code Enforcement in the morning and see what is going on with the property.

Councilmember Majure asked City Administrator Tim Vandall to add him to the pool discussion at the work session.

Councilmember Buehler said staff did a great job on the luncheon for city businesses and it's great to see them come together with the City and have discussions. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1792, the US Postal Service was founded.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember McNeill moved to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk