

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: Dave Trinkle and Gene Kirby
Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka
Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt
Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember McNeill moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2017, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentations: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation: City Council President Gene Kirby read and presented the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate, Elizabeth Clinger and Jessica Forbes, Executive Director of the Alliance Against Family Violence.

- Elizabeth Clinger thanked the Council for the proclamation and for supporting her platform.
- Jessica Forbes thanked the Council for their continued support of the Alliance Against Family Violence.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation: Councilmember Gregg Buehler read and presented the Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation to Norm Greczyn.

- Norm Greczyn thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited everyone out to the festivities on October 28, 2017.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and one resident came forward. Russ Connell who owns several properties in Lansing came forward to request that the City Council consider opening up or vacating an alley on 7th Street in order to straighten out the property lines. City Staff has spoken with Leavenworth County GIS and Register of Deeds Staff regarding Mr. Connell's request and has been advised that if other cities in the county were in this situation, they would not vacate the alley. There is also concern of boundary disputes should the alley be vacated by the City, and it is unclear if there is any benefit to the City if the alley is vacated. The alley has not been surveyed at this point, but Mr. Connell did advise that he was willing to pay a portion for having a survey completed. Council advised that before they will consider anything further, a survey needs to be completed. Council requested that estimates be obtained to determine how much a survey of the alley would cost.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2017: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2017, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 990 – Condemnation for DeSoto Road Project: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adopt Ordinance No. 990 as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

McIntyre Road Add Alternates: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the add alternate of the sewer sleeve in the amount of \$45,450.00, but not the additional two inches of asphalt. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember McNeill stated let's make sure to send a thank you letter to the County Commissioners.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied we would like to send them something else.
- Councilmember Garvey stated we'll pave it with that 1.8million they gave us the other day.
 - Mayor Smith replied we're going to hold them to it.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Economic Development: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session to review economic development activities pursuant to the discussion of confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) for 10 minutes, beginning at 7:24 p.m. and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to return to open session at 7:34 p.m. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall mentioned that there was discussion at the County about setting up a pool of money for cities to access for road and infrastructure projects. There should be an upcoming work session about that and City staff is keeping tabs on that and will advise of any updates. Due to recent turnovers in the Museum site supervisor position, the January work session will include discussion of a long term plan for the Museum and what the City wants to do with it.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked about obtaining the land the museum is on like the Fire District did.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that when he spoke with the prison they informed him that they are not interested in selling it.

Tim continued to advise the Council about upcoming events including the LCDC VIP Event on November 3rd, the Military and Business Social held at the Riverfront Community Center on November 1st, and a proposed work session with the Planning Commission on November 30th to discuss the Unified Development Ordinance. Tim then invited Public Information Officer Ken Miller up to discuss the Lansing Connection Survey.

- Public Information Officer Ken Miller discussed the survey results and advised that based on the results, he feels that the Connection should continue be printed and mailed to residents on a quarterly basis.

Council provided consensus that the Connection should continue and Councilmember Pawlowski asked if we should consider only sending it out 3 times a year versus 4, as it is difficult to find topics for articles. Several Council members stated that they prefer it to go out quarterly and to get as much information out there as possible.

Governing Body: Councilmember Garvey stated Go Chiefs!

Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1781, British Commander Lord Cornwallis formally surrendered to George Washington in Yorktown, Virginia.

Councilmember Kirby thanked Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif and her staff for a job well done at the Fall Festival. The rain was unfortunate, but it was a great event that staff put a lot of hard work into.

Councilmember Pawlowski asked if the ordinance they passed this evening for the DeSoto Road Condemnation was the only property we had left.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we passed an ordinance a few meetings ago that had about 4 properties on them, and we have received 2 of those 4, and that we have received word from the property owner that was on the ordinance tonight that they are agreeable to the terms, we just haven't received the signed paperwork yet. We are anticipating only having to go through the formal process for 1 property.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked if that would delay the project.
- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that the bid process may be delayed, and that is dependent on when a judge would schedule the condemnation hearing, which we cannot control. He also mentioned that the project is a 2 season construction project, so while a delay is not ideal, it doesn't jeopardize the project.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Kirby voting against the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk