

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 Kirby moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 20, 2017, as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and there was none.

Presentation:

Ride for the Wounded Presentation: Representatives from the organization Ride for the Wounded presented the City with a hand carved wooden clock as appreciation for the partnership during the Lansing Independence Day Celebration.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Hearing on and Consideration of the Proposed 2018 Budget: Councilmember Buehler moved to open the public hearing for the 2018 Budget. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Smith stated I can honestly say that I'm very pleased with it especially since we're going down a little bit, but if there's nobody there we can close.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to close the public hearing for the 2018 Budget. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to approve the 2018 Budget as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 981 – Standard Traffic Ordinance Adoption: Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve Ordinance No. 981 adopting the 2017 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 45th Edition. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 982 – Uniform Public Offense Code Adoption: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve Ordinance No. 982 adopting the 2017 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 33rd Edition. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 983 – Sewer & Trash Disposal Assessment: Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 983 for assessment of delinquent sewer and trash bills. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked this is the one that goes against the property taxes.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yes, you are correct.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated there are a lot of these, some of these are humongous again. Are any of these people ones we've tried to work with?
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied there are a couple who we tried to work with, but they defaulted, so they go back on to being assessed.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked do we give them more than one chance to work with us.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded most of the time we do.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked so like if next year they come back.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated we try to work with them but we do reach a limit where we just can't.
 - Councilmember Studnicka stated looking at some of the amounts I think some of those people are just lazy and they don't want to pay their bill and they just let it go to their tax statements or their escrow or whatever and just pay it from there. Because we have what, what were you telling me earlier, about sixty some or about half.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated about two-thirds of these people were on last year's ordinance as well and in previous years.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked do you have a total, do you know what the total amount is.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied it's about one-hundred and sixteen thousand and we do recoup about ninety-eight percent of that next year and then the following. We end up recouping most of it.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I ended up checking some of these when I was at some just to see if some of those houses had sold in some of the neighborhoods. The ones I checked hadn't.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied we do that one more time before we send it off to the County, we'll double check to make sure that none of those houses have sold.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated well I didn't check all of them, okay thank you.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 984 – Weed Removal Assessment: Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopted Ordinance No. 984 for assessment of delinquent fees for weed removal. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Studnicka voting against the motion.

Re-zone Request – Lot 2 Fairlane Commercial Development: Councilmember Kirby asked so this is all this is just the rezone that's it, not a guarantee of build or anything.

- Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated that's correct there is no site plan or design that was submitted at this time. They are going to be remaining in the Main Street Overlay District, so any project that will be proposed for this property will have to come back to the Planning Commission and City Council for full review of architectural drawings and site plan.
 - Councilmember Kirby asked so we're at least going to see it one more time.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif replied correct, yes.

Councilmember Brungardt moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the rezone of Lot 2 Fairlane Commercial Development from B-3-P to R-4 and adopt Ordinance No. 985. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated the second paragraph on your agenda item, the apartments across the street are zoned light industrial, why would we not want to change that zoning?
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated that is something we could look into, I'm not sure how long that's been zoned that way, I don't know if the apartments came in when it was zoned that or if it was rezoned, but we can definitely look into the history on that when that zoning was put into place because it is the same owner, Greenamyre Rentals, so we could talk with them about potentially rezoning that as well.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I just wondered, and I don't know maybe you'll want to talk to them about that, but it seems to me if we're changing zoning to that use and that use is across the street, we might want to be consistent.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated right we can definitely look into that further.
- Councilmember McNeill asked the recommendation from you too is to rezone it?
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif replied it is.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated it doesn't met our future land use.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated it does not, that's correct, that area is called out as commercial in future land use, but what I looked at was that that property is not on K-7, the view corridor from K-7 to this property is pretty limited, so in terms of marketability for commercial it's not quite as prime as other properties right on K-7 and because there are single family very close by as well as multi-family right across the street; it's definitely a mixed neighborhood, we've got industrial, commercial, but also multi-family. There's stores, shops, services that are all within walking distance which is pretty ideal if you're going to look at a higher density project. So my recommendation was to do that, but I did note in the agenda memo that the Planning Commission did make a statement that they would like the comprehensive plan to be looked at and potentially amended to reflect this change on the future land use map.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated if I'm not mistaken at one time a lot of that land was part of the railroad right of way.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated correct.

The motion was approved, with Councilmember Studnicka voting against the motion.

Executive Session – Acquisition of Real Estate: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition pursuant to the acquisition of real estate exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 30 minutes, beginning at 7:12 p.m. and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:42p.m. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to return to open session at 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Kirby voting against the motion.

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 stated that he spoke with Lan-Del and they anticipate installation of the water line to Bernard Park to begin in September. He also mentioned that solid waste proposals are due on Friday, August 11th. Tim stated that out of the two dates solicited for the Strategic Planning Work Session, the September 9th date seems to work best. It would be a five hour session with lunch provided. Tim briefed the Council on changes to the Federal Fund Exchange Program. They State is no longer allowing banking of the funds at the state level, and the amount changed from 90 cents on the dollar to 75 cents. Tim and Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif briefed the Council on the general process of Community Improvements Districts, as one is coming up at a future Council Meeting for approval of a Resolution to begin the discussion of establishing a CID.

Governing Body: Councilmember Pawlowski mentioned that the Citizens' Academy is open for enrollment and that it is a good class for people to take to learn about City functions. She also asked City Administrator Tim Vandall to advise the Council on how much we received for the sale of City vehicles and equipment.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that the City received about \$32,000.00. He also mentioned that with those funds and if enough funds are left over for the year, that the City may be able to purchase a vehicle for equipment replacement outright instead of utilizing the lease-purchase option.

Councilmember Garvey asked about the status of the road project on Valley Drive and asked about the amount of driveways that are being installed.

- Public Works Director Jeff Rupp stated that due to the grade a large majority of the driveways on the east side of the street had to be removed and re-installed, he does not anticipate that much driveway being taken from the west side of the road. He also mentioned that they are almost complete as they are down to the last two streets.

Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.

Councilmember Trinkle thanked the group for the clock and mentioned that Mr. Linaweaver would like to speak with the City regarding the Lost 80 Park land he purchased earlier this year and asked if we could discuss at our next work session.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum will touch on that topic at the work session on August 31st.

Councilmember Kirby mentioned whether property owners who rent their property should have to register with the City and also discussed code enforcement issues with violators and habitual violators regarding property maintenance and asked for education and further discussion in regards to processes, procedures, and potential changes to the current code, as he expressed his concern for the older neighborhoods in town experiencing a deterioration.

- Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated that that is something she and her staff can definitely look into.

Councilmember Kirby also stated that it is okay to call the Police and 911 if you are being chased by a dog.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Kirby moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk