

**Call To Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Gene Kirby called the roll and indicated which councilmembers were in attendance.

**Councilmembers Present:**

**Ward 1:** Kevin Gardner and Dave Trinkle

**Ward 2:** Andi Pawlowski

**Ward 3:** Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

**Ward 4:** Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

**Councilmembers Absent:** Don Studnicka

Mayor Kirby addressed the audience: I am sure that we are all aware of the recent events concerning the tragic and senseless deaths of police officers in our country lately. I want to express my deepest sympathies, prayers, and thoughts to the families and friends, the police departments, and communities that have been affected by these recent events. My hope and prayers are that we never feel that pain here at home. I looked at the Lansing Police Department Facebook page the other day and noted that Chief Wayman had expressed his and the department's thanks for the kind words of thanks and appreciation that they had received from our citizens. While it is always good to hear a thank you, we appreciate your efforts, we support you, it doesn't hurt sometimes to show, even in a small way, how we feel. I would like to go the extra mile to demonstrate our thanks to our Police Department; however, I can't do it alone, I need your help. Can we, together, have a picnic for our officers, their spouses, and their children? Can we show them we care, we thank them, and we appreciate their efforts to serve, protect, and defend? I know we can as I have seen the generosity of this community before. I have witnessed your spirit of giving, of coming together for a cause, one that has purpose and meaning. Can we do this? Yes we can. Will you help? I know many of you will.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2016, as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Presentation**

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2016:** Councilmember Pawlowski moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2016, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Ordinance No. 966 – Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2016-A:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 966. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution No. B-3-16 – A Resolution Prescribing the Form and Details of an Authorizing and Directing the Sale and Delivery of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2016-A:** Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Resolution No. B-3-16. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked so this interest cost is what we think it's going to be.
  - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied no this is what it is and I have Dustin Avey from Piper Jaffray and he can give you a brief overview of the sale that went on today.
- Dustin Avey of Piper Jaffray stated as was authorized at the meeting in June we actually had our bond sale today for phase 2 of the wastewater projects as well as the refinancing of the temporary note issue which was for phase 1 of the wastewater project which was also then refinancing the remaining balance of the 2006-A bonds. The City received 2 bids this morning, we had the bond sale here at City Hall at 11 a.m., 2 bids were received the winning bid was provided by R.W. Baird at an interest rate of 2.44%. The second bidder, the cover bid, was at 2.47%, these are very good bids and actually in all of our initial projections we were actually estimating at 2.87%, so obviously it came in much less than what was anticipated, part of that is obviously we are in a very low interest rate environment, we're at historically low levels, the lowest levels we've ever seen in the bond market, so obviously a good time from a financing perspective. Certainly we would suggest the approval of the Resolution in awarding bonds at a 2.44% to R.W. Baird. The savings from the 2006-A bonds was \$93,548.00, which is above the estimates of \$80,000.00 as previously estimated, so more than what was expected that as well.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Modification of Contract for Professional Services – Lansing Middle School:** Councilmember Buehler moved to modify the compensation section of the prior contract of Professional Services of Design Energy Group for the Lansing High School and Lansing Middle School to increase the maximum not to exceed amount by \$3,000.00 for a total of \$147,613.00. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Gardner asked what did they run into because at the meeting he said they could expedite everything and have everything going, and what trouble did they run into.
  - Community and Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated I know a few months ago, they did run into some unexpected construction from the prior construction of the middle school, some things that ended up being challenges along the way, but I know that they have received a temporary certificate of occupancy for a portion of the middle school, so they are quite close, they just need a little bit more time, there were just some things that came up with the construction that delayed it.
    - Mayor Kirby stated a few snags along the way.
- Councilmember Gardner asked this isn't one of those instances where they keep extending it.
  - Community and Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated that was our question, we're saying \$3,000.00 right now and I didn't want to come back in front of you again for another \$3,000.00 or another amount, but when he sent us the email he said this is \$3,000.00 plus reimbursables and if it goes beyond that he would actually do the work without charging the City for it.
    - Mayor Kirby asked do we have that in writing.
      - Community and Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif replied it's in an email actually, yeah.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Executive Session – Economic Development:** Councilmember Pawlowski moved to recess into executive session for economic development purposes to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorship for 10 minutes beginning at 7:09 p.m. and returning at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to return to open session at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to recess into executive session for economic development purposes to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorship for 15 minutes beginning at 7:21 p.m. and returning at 7:36 p.m. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to return to open session at 7:36 p.m. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **REPORTS:**

**City Attorney:** City Attorney had nothing to report.

**City Engineer:** City Engineer Matt Harding advised that he and Public Works Director, Jeff Rupp, attended a meeting with the County Engineer and Design Engineer in regards to the McIntyre Road improvement project and they were advised that the plans originally drafted and provided to the City of Lansing have been re-designed and may still change in order to cut costs. The changes discussed were to replace the gravel driveways with asphalt driveways and also change from doing an asphalt road to a chip and seal improvement. He also mentioned that the improvements to McIntyre Road are not being done to the City of Lansing Technical Specifications nor the County of Leavenworth Technical Specifications. He advised that he and Jeff Rupp will be keeping a very close eye on this project and will brief the Council when more information is available.

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall mentioned that Linaweaver Construction will begin work on West Mary to resolve the slope failure issue next week and they intend to have the project completed before school starts. A contract discussion will take place in August with the Leavenworth County Humane Society to save the City some money in regards to animal impound, which would save the City an estimated \$3,000.00 year in impound costs. The City of Leavenworth is exploring handling their own probation program due to a raise in costs, which is currently being handled through Leavenworth County. If the City of Leavenworth does break away from the County program that could change the rate the City pays to the County, and as such, the City of Lansing may look into working with the

City of Leavenworth for probation services if it's more cost effective. He also mentioned the meeting with the Department of Corrections on Friday in Topeka to discuss the Wastewater Utility Rate contract.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Trinkle asked if the reason the County can make changes to the road design was because the Interlocal Agreement only stated improvements and not specifics to the McIntyre Road Project.

- City Attorney Greg Robinson replied that it depends on how the ballot question was worded as well as the language in the Interlocal Agreement on making changes to the plans.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated he would contact the County Administrator to get further information and look into the ballot question and Interlocal Agreement verbiage.

Councilmember Gardner echoed the sentiments of the Mayor's letter regarding our Police and having a big and family oriented event. He also volunteered to help.

Councilmember Pawlowski asked if the entire area on McIntyre Road is on the City's growth area.

- City Engineer Matt Harding replied yes.

Councilmember Pawlowski stated that several years ago a house was being built on West McIntyre Road and the homeowner asked if they could install a gravel approach to the driveway, the Council required a concrete approach, as the council agreed that they did not want gravel on a new asphalt street. Concrete might not be necessary, but gravel and new asphalt is not ideal on a high volume high speed street.

- City Engineer Matt Harding replied that he mentioned to the Public Works Director that by not following the Technical Specifications of the City, what kind of precedent would that set for future development.

Councilmember Garvey stated that he thought having a picnic for the police department is a great idea and although what is currently happening around the states is tragic, hopefully there will be a good turn out to consider an annual police picnic, and he also volunteered to help at the picnic.

Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, in 1873 in Adair Iowa, Jesse James and the James Younger Gang pulled off the very first train robbery in the American old west.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Buehler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Garvey voting against the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Louis E. Kirby, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk