

**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 and Don Studnicka

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

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

**Councilmembers Absent:**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Consent Calendar:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the special meeting minutes of December 3, 2015, and the regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2015. 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:**

**Resolution No. B-6-15 Kansas PRIDE Program:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to adopt Resolution B-6-15 supporting the Kansas PRIDE Program. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Renewal Request for Special Use Permit (336 Fawn Valley Ct):** Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve the special use permit for 336 Fawn Valley Ct. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The appointment was unanimously approved.

**Sidewalk Fee Refund Request:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the sidewalk fee refund. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated we've had this come up before.
  - Councilmember Trinkle stated we've had this a lot of times before. I think this is another one of those items that we need to sit down and attract more contractors and people that buy the lots in the older part of town who build houses.
    - Mayor Kirby stated let's keep this to this. If we need to discuss this at a work session to straighten it out or make some changes, we'll do it then.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated the issue has been, there are a couple issues, and I think we've done it both ways in the past. I think we've made people pay and I think we've made people not pay. I think we need to learn to be a little consistent about it, but we've had discussions in the past also about putting sidewalks in the old part of the town and what I want to say is that when builders develop a big subdivision, they put the sidewalks in and it comes back as part of the lot cost, so the City is not paying for it; the developers are and then eventually the property owners. When Mr. Bohannon came in and asked that we not charge him twice for his, we ended up waiving it so I guess a precedent has been set, but I think we need to remember that when we go back and have this discussion about putting the sidewalks in older parts of town we need to remember that's why we put this in here, so we'd have the money to do it.
  - Councilmember Trinkle stated there's a few other things that we need to talk about.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel:** Councilmember Pawlowski moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel beginning at 7:05 p.m. and resuming at 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to return to Open Session at 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS:**

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

**City Engineer:** City Engineer wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that we've contacted Deffenbaugh Industries and a representative will be present at our January 21, 2016 Council meeting to address questions and comments in regards to recent issues. The City has received an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration; if any Councilmembers are interested in attending, to get with Tim or Sarah so we can RSVP for the City. The event will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. The City did receive verbal verification that if we scaled down DeSoto road to a 3 lane, it would still be eligible for the earmarked grant funding and we've been verbally told that we can use the grant dollars for the engineering, so great news for the City. The initial proposal by PEC for the engineering is \$315,000.00 to re-engineer the road from 5 lanes to 3, and the match by the City would be \$63,000.00, leaving around \$250,000.00 for the construction phase. Staff will have a more formal contract in the next month. City staff is working on getting bids for the equipment, 2 police cars and truck, and will have those and the lease/purchase information ready at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting. Re-reviewed repair costs for the truck and after removing maintenance items, the repairs costs were \$8,278.00. The City pays 2% of an employee's wage into the ICMA retirement fund. Upon reviewing, administration is looking into making a change for new employees into an optional match program, so that the employee would have to contribute as well. There would be no additional cost to the City and for long-term would potentially save the City money. Tim will re-address with Council after the Salary and Benefits Study has been completed.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Brungardt thanked City Administrator Tim Vandall for keeping the Council informed with his reports. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe travels. Councilmember Studnicka wished Lieutenant Fred Grenier much success with his new position as Police Chief for Lake Quivira and welcomed Chief Wayman back from the FBI Academy. He also wished everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Trinkle welcomed back Chief Wayman and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mayor Kirby wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone who contributed to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program and Angel Tree. Staff came in under budget due in part to a surge of tags being taken at the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Kirby thanked the businesses, citizens, and groups who all chipped in to make Christmas happen for those in need in Lansing.

Councilmember Gardner welcomed back Chief Wayman and thanked City Engineer Matt Harding for his hard work on completing the creek walk-throughs. He also congratulated the Museum for the grant they received for a new project. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded what everyone else said and thanked City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner for an awesome job done on the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program and Angel Tree. She also wanted to welcome all the college students home and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Garvey welcomed back Chief Wayman, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and stated that the parking lot at the church is done and looks really nice, and stated go KU Volleyball.

Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright did their first powered, heavier-than-air flight in Kitty Hawk North Carolina. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember McNeill welcomed back Chief Wayman and hoped that the Marine Corps rubbed off on him, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember McNeill moved to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Louis E. Kirby, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk