

**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 regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2015. Councilmember Garvey 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:**

**Consent Calendar:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees Candidate Selection:** Mayor Kirby stated we are going to have discussion now if you want to make your case or have anything to say, now's the time to say it.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked are you talking to us. We don't have a motion on the floor.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski stated you don't have to have a motion to discuss.
    - Councilmember Studnicka stated I don't have any discussion items.
- Councilmember Buehler asked are we doing this one at a time or are we doing it as the sheet says and nominating both of them at once.
  - Mayor Kirby stated I would like one nomination at a time. If we nominate two people at a time and you want one and not the other we could be here all night.

Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Marcus Majure to represent the City of Lansing on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion.

The appointment was approved, with Councilmembers Garvey and Trinkle voting against the nomination

Councilmember Garvey moved to appoint Lisa Snodgrass to represent the City of Lansing on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

The appointment was denied, with Councilmembers McNeill, Studnicka, Trinkle, Gardner, Pawlowski, and Buehler voting against the nomination.

Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint James Fricke to represent the City of Lansing on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The appointment was unanimously approved.

**Tree Board Appointment:** Councilmember Gardner moved to re-appoint John Bennett to the Lansing Tree Board for a term ending December 31, 2018. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Appointments:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to re-appoint Michelle Briggs, Barbara Hindman, Bob Lamborn, Garrett Martin, and Mike Williams to the Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2017. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Ordinance No. 957: Vacating a Permanent Drainage Easement in Gamble's Crossing Subdivision:** Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adopt Ordinance No. 957: An ordinance vacating a permanent drainage

easement across lots 6 and 7, Gamble's Crossing. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Amended 2015 Budget:** Councilmember Studnicka moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Kirby stated in order to provide additional spending authority to help the families participating in the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program, staff recommends amended the budget from \$3,200.00 to \$5,200.00; no additional ad valorem tax will be levied.
- Councilmember Studnicka asked how many more other families will we be able to help with that increase.
  - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied we'll be adding an additional family of about nine people.
    - Councilmember Studnicka stated one family of nine.
      - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but that's not the whole amount.
        - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied no, it's not just for the one family; we have them plus the other 23 families that we are taking care of this year.
          - Councilmember Studnicka asked so we're adding one big family.
            - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner responded correct, to the already existing 23 families of over 100 people total.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated and this is already money that you've had donated.
  - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated yes.
    - Mayor Kirby stated this is all donated money, it's not tax dollars, it can't be spent for anything else, and I can give you a little history.
- Finance Director Beth Sanford stated I can give you a little history. Typically we spend between \$3,600.00 and \$4,000.00 on this program each year. However when we did the budget for 2015, at the time we did it the fund balance was getting low in that fund, so we could not budget as much as we had been budgeting each year, we could only budget what we projected would come in as revenue and the existing fund balance. So, therefore, that number was bumped down to \$3,200.00. Well, in the end of 2014, we had an increase in the number of donations, which raised the amount of fund balance in that fund. So really we're not going to spend more than what we normally do...
  - Councilmember Studnicka interjected but you need the spending authority.
    - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated but we need the spending authority to do it, and at the time we couldn't give that spending authority because we didn't have the monies.
- Mayor Kirby stated this started 3 or 4 weeks ago because the tags weren't flying off the trees, to be quite honest with you, and we want to provide for all those tags on the trees.
- Councilmember McNeill asked when is the date for the tags to actually be delivered.
  - Councilmember Buehler stated the 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Councilmember McNeill stated right, so I mean how do we know people aren't bringing stuff. I know I've got like six of them at my house and I know we're actually shopping right now, because it's not due until the 9<sup>th</sup>.
      - Councilmember Buehler stated but it's all the tags that are left.
        - Councilmember McNeill stated you're saying you counted all of those.
          - Mayor Kirby stated there are two trees, actually three trees with tags on them. There's one here, and there's one at IHOP, and there's also one at the library which is for books. We try to buy these kids a set of clothes, a pair of shoes, a coat, a toy, \$10.00 per family for a gift card for groceries, actually \$10.00 per family member, so if you have a family of 5 you get \$50.00 and if you've been to the store lately, \$50.00 doesn't buy you much.
  - Councilmember McNeill asked so the fund balance is because people donated more money and we didn't authorize the spending of that fund.
    - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied we had already set the budget and we're not probably going to spend \$5,200.00, but it's silly to amend it for \$500.00 and find out we needed to spend \$600.00. This gives us that authority should we need it; we're not anticipating that we're going to use all of it.
  - Mayor Kirby stated I'm just going to give you a little history here, I bothered them today, so I'm going to let you have it. June 2014 we had a balance of \$1,959.00, last year we raised \$6,988.00, and we spent \$3,760. So this year we started with a balance of \$5,223.00, so far we've raised \$4,388.00. If we were to spend the entire \$5,200.00, we would still have a balance of \$4,421.00.
  - Councilmember Gardner asked so we'll be able to take care of all the needs.
    - Mayor Kirby replied yes.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to adopt the amended 2015 budget as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to recess into executive session for 10 minutes, beginning at 7:13 p.m. for Attorney Client Privilege and returning at 7:23 p.m. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to return to open session at 7:23 p.m. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS:**

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

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

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall had nothing to report.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Buehler stated nothing important happened on this day in history. He did mention that the first Laurel and Hardy film came out.

Councilmember McNeill congratulated the newest Fire Board members.

Councilmember Studnicka reminded everyone of the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday.

Councilmember Trinkle seconded Councilmember Studnicka's remarks

Councilmember Gardner thanked and congratulated the volunteers.

Councilmember Pawlowski passed along a message from the Methodist Church that the concrete is done and the parking lot will be paved next Wednesday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Louis E. Kirby, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk