

**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:** Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

**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 September 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: Fall Sports Briefing:** Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum and Football Commissioner Mike Smith presented an update to fall sports. Next year, the football program will join, free of charge, the USAA Heads Up program that focuses on education and proper technique to avoid concussions and other head injuries associated with football. There is always a need for more volunteers for coaching, and these programs would not be available if not for the coaches, volunteers and parents, the Parks & Recreation department thanks and appreciates all those groups.

**SOCCER**

Total Youth Registered 2014: 223

Total Youth Registered 2015: 241

Division	2014 Participants	2015 Participants
Under 6	45	61
Under 8	67	59
Under 10	64	60
Under 12	28	42
Under 14	19	19

**FOOTBALL**

Total Youth Registered 2014: 86

Total Youth Registered 2015: 84

Division	2014 Participants	2015 Participants
6/7 Flag	29	34
8/9 Tackle	36	30
10/11 Tackle	21	20

**CHEERLEADING**

Total Youth Registered 2014: 41

Total Youth Registered 2015: 40

Division	2014 Participants	2015 Participants
5/6/7	22	23
8/9	9	9
10/11	10	8

**Wastewater Rate Discussion:** City Administrator Tim Vandall discussed 3 options for changes in the Wastewater Rates: a consistent transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Wastewater Fund, a declining transfer from the General Fund to the Wastewater Fund that would fall off in 2022, or a self-sufficient fund that requires no transfer, but would require a more substantial adjustment to Sewer Rates. A more formal report will be made at an October meeting.

- Councilmember Buehler asked is the one with the declining transfer from the General Fund coincide with the bond being paid off.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I don't believe so, that one is structured so that after 5 years it would drop off, so it would be self-sufficient I believe in 2022. But the first couple of years will be \$200,000.00, then it drops to \$125,000.00, then \$75,000.00, and then \$25,000.00.
    - Councilmember Buehler stated I don't remember off the top of my head when the bond will be paid off.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski stated wasn't it 2024?
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah, we've still got 7 or 8 years left on the wastewater.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked what are we transferring this year, do you remember, was it one hundred and a quarter. I don't remember, seems to me I think next year was supposed to \$50,000.00 or was that this year?
  - Mayor Kirby replied that's next year.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied next year it's transfer from the General Fund is \$50,000.00 into Wastewater, I'm not sure what that figure is for this year.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated when we started this in 2002 or 2003, when we started the plant, our goal was to have it self-sufficient about 5 years ago, and the numbers, and there were several things that happened, but when we did the wastewater treatment plant study the last time, which was in 2012, then we rescheduled everything, did the 5 year payment, or did our rates for 5 years in an ordinance so that we could get is self-sufficient by the end of that 5 year period. Well, we haven't had the growth that we thought we were going to have, we haven't had businesses come on board, but the problem with taking it out of the General Fund is that it's effecting people that don't have sewer, people that live in houses that aren't on the sewer. The general consensus and I think, like Tim said like the Committee, we need to pay what it's costing us. There was some discussion about some of our other people, businesses, and other government entities that pay into the sewer plant, we've had a huge discussion about that and chances are we aren't going to get much more money from them, so my personal feeling is whether you're paying it out of your sewer bill or out of your taxes, you're still paying it.
- Councilmember McNeill stated if you base it on, if it's coming out of the General Fund, that's in the mill levy. So if you increase the sewer rates and put it on the people what are using the sewer, and take the rest off the mill levy, that decreases what the other guys are having to pay to make it up. So I think if we're going to do that kind of way of doing it, I would do it, but lowering the mill in the same manner that we're increasing the sewer bill, to me that would be the only fair way to do it, we'd have to do the math on what that would actually be.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but our sewer bills could go up \$5 or \$10 a month.
    - Councilmember McNeill stated but our property taxes would go down. I did have a question on the average unit of usage, I see a breakout out there that goes all the way up to 8 or whatever, but do we have an average residential usage.
      - Councilmember Pawlowski replied 6 units.
        - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah, that is the number we use when new customers come into town.
  - Councilmember Garvey stated I wonder how many people inside the city do not use the sewer system.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski stated there are quite a few. Everybody in the annexed area, so everybody from McIntyre West, all the people in Rock Creek Ridge, where Kerry lives, people West of DeSoto Road, Rock Creek Ranch is on septic, Sherwood forest is on septic, everything on McIntyre, everything West of DeSoto Road, there's quite a bit.
  - Mayor Kirby stated do we have any more questions. The point tonight was to give you an idea of where we're at, what we're looking at and the numbers have been adjusted after some discussion, but we're not there yet.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we're not there yet, like I stated, I wanted to open it up for questions or comments, or suggestions to you all just so you can see where we're at right now, and we'll continue to look at it and see what we can do to make it more reasonable.
    - Mayor Kirby stated so the surprise is now not later.

**Proclamation – United Way Months:** A Proclamation was presented to Janette Labbee-Holdeman, Campaign Chairperson of the United Way, proclaiming the months of September and October 2015 as United Way Months.

- United Way Representative Janette Labbee-Holdeman stated thank you very much, we really appreciate the support of the Council and the residents of Lansing. We're trying really hard this year to meet our tentative goal, so that we can improve the lives of residents, and some of our neighbors in the area.

### **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel:** Councilmember Pawlowski moved to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matter of Non-Elected Personnel for an employee review for 30 minutes, beginning at 7:18 p.m. and returning at 7:48 p.m. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Garvey moved to return to open session at 7:48 p.m. Councilmember McNeill 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:** Did anyone have any questions on the financial report from last week we put out or my general report or anything? Let me know if you ever have any questions or anything, I try to be responsive to you guys.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Brungardt stated I wanted to thank Tim, Sarah, and Gene for participating in Challenge Day at the Middle School, it's a huge event for our school and we're always looking for facilitators, it's a long long day, it's a very taxing day, and I know what you guys gave up and I really really appreciate it very much.

- Councilmember Trinkle interjected did Gene get a diploma?
  - Councilmember Brungardt replied he did not but he did very very well.

Mayor Kirby stated I want to mention the 5K run from Sunday. Numbers were kind of down, but there were a lot of things going on that weekend, so I want to thank Jennifer for the great job she did and again it was a great event that only happened because of all the volunteers.

Councilmember Gardner stated Jason, the floor looks great, and I'm getting anxious to get back on it. If anybody hasn't been over to take a look at it, it looks good, you just can't walk on it yet.

- Councilmember Pawlowski interjected I heard there wasn't any major problem underneath, we had no surprises or very few.
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied it was less than expected, it could have been a lot worse. We had about 20 boards that had to patch in some pieces on it, about \$2,000.00 for the extra work and since then, they are all down to just nuts and bolts. They put the trim down, the last coat of sealer is down, so now all we've got is some cure time.
    - Councilmember Trinkle interjected do we have a big drop cloth to put down for Spooky Center?
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied no, the best we can hope for is no major gauges or very little paint loss, but expect any surface scratches over time, it's gonna happen. The first snow storm we get people coming in with sand on their shoes, so we'll have to try and keep ahead of that as best we can.

Councilmember Pawlowski stated today I was behind Sarah at SONIC®, and she got ice cream, I had a diet ice tea; anyway I turned and went down Center Drive and one of our lights has got orange stuff wrapped around it, why is that?

- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied those bases, we've had several of them that have received damage on them from vehicles, that's one of them, but there are no parts to be had for them. That may not be the most up to date, but last time I talked to Jeff Focht about it he indicated there were no parts for it. He's had several electricians looking for parts for it but so far we haven't found any.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski stated so I noticed that a lot of the paint is coming off of them and there are no plants over there that we planted, that might be a problem we might want to look at, but I just wondered.

Councilmember Garvey stated me and my wife walked in the On the Run 5K, it was a good time, I challenge more people to come, especially the Governing Body.

- Mayor Kirby replied I was there, I was there stuffing bags 2 nights before.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski interjected I know they had quite doing that every year because of the amount work that it takes.
    - Councilmember Garvey stated it seems like a lot of work was put into that, and it would be great to see more people participate in that. I know there was a big run down in Kansas City that day that I know a lot of local people went to participate in that one, so we should look at the dates when we schedule that to make sure it doesn't overlap some big runs in Kansas City; I've got a website that you can look at that and it will tell you the best date to select that will give you more participation.

Councilmember Buehler stated just for everyone's information, on this day in 1789 our Constitution was ratified and today is Constitution Day.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Buehler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 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