

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: Gregg Buehler and Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Consent Calendar: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 16, 2015, and the special meeting minutes of April 23, 2015, April 24, 2015, April 27, 2015 and April 30, 2015. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Trinkle abstaining from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Presentation: Citizens' Academy Graduation – Five Lansing residents graduated from the fifth annual Lansing Citizens' Academy and were presented a plaque by Mayor Kirby.

- Economic Development and CVB Director Stefanie Leif stated good evening Mr. Mayor and City Council members, tonight we are proud to announce that there are five Lansing citizens who are graduating from our 2014-2015 Citizens' Academy. This is the fifth year that we've offered this academy to our residents, we are happy to be able to offer this and all of our departments are happy to be involved in this as it's a great experience. Basically the idea is to have residents learn about responsibilities of all our City Departments, they also get to meet all the City staff members, and put a face with a name, and learn about different ways to volunteer with the community, as we do have a number of commissions and boards for them to serve on, provide more exposure to those for those who are interested in serving. We held sessions from September 2014 through April 2015, they were led by staff and often held in the department facilities, so they could also see where the staff worked and where they operated out of. Each session lasts about two hours, and then also at the end, each participant had the opportunity to evaluate the session and offer any comments to see if there is anything we can do to improve the experience for the graduates or do anything different for next year. Feedback from the participants was that they enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the City and different departments. They enjoyed meeting staff and developed a greater understanding of what the City does. We do recommend offering the program again next year and hope there is support for that, and at this time I'd like to announce the graduates: Michelle Avery, Teena Barber, Ronald Barry, James Fricke, and Janet Labbee.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Election of Council President: Councilmember Buehler moved to nominate Councilmember McNeill for Council President. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Kirby stated Tony McNeill is the new Council President, I want to thank Gregg for serving for two years, and we may have to name you the official proclamation reader, I'm not sure.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated it was fun.

Planning Commission Appointments: Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint George "Chuck" Holland and Ronald Barry to fill the two open positions on the Lansing Planning Commission for three year terms expiring April 30, 2018. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Condemnation Resolution No. B-1-15 (enabling action) for City Project 13-07 (7 Mile Creek Action Plan Project): Councilmember Trinkle moved to enact Resolution No. B-1-15, a resolution of condemnation for permanent and temporary construction easements for Project No. 13-07, 7 Mile Creek Action Plan Project. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Buehler asked how many are we waiting on.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated we have two properties left out of twenty-six.
 - Councilmember Buehler asked has everybody been agreeable.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated everybody's been great to work with, we're just trying to button up the last few.
 - Councilmember Buehler replied are you not able to get ahold of them.

- Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated we are in ongoing negotiations with them.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked is it the same property owner on both properties.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied yes.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded do you think it's going to happen.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated I think we'll be successful.
- Mayor Kirby stated this is a just in case.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated yes, this is just in case. At the next meeting, so you are aware, we'll be bringing back a motion to authorize for bids for the project, so we can turn around and get the project out to bid with the timeline and everything that's involved, you'll probably approve that sometime in July and construction will begin in August. There is some wiggle room in there in case of additional action needed in relation to easement acquisition, but I feel confident we can get it done.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked can they start the project without attaining these two properties.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied yes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Purchasing Manual: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the Purchasing Manual as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties beginning at 7:11 P.M. and returning at 7:26 P.M. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to return to Open Session at 7:26 P.M. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report.

City Administrator: Chief Wayman stated LEO, the Law Enforcements Awards, ceremony is Monday night downstairs at 6:00 p.m., the 11th, this coming Monday. The Fishing Derby is Saturday, so hopefully the weather holds.

Governing Body: Councilmember Brungardt stated Chief, kudos to your officer that stopped at a young man's house the other day, that was very cool, and that young man could use that kind of male influence in his life, and that was very admirable.

- Chief Wayman stated that was Officer Osen, he's been with us for about a year now. He's a big kid at heart, but he looks out for that type of stuff.

Councilmember Brungardt stated the other thing is I hope we can have good attendance at the Foundation Breakfast tomorrow, it's a great event and we get to honor our kids and some very deserving staff within the district. And those of you interested, Tuesday at the Middle School they are having their fine arts fair, and we do a concert in the park. We do it in the front of the building, as you drive by Ida, it's kind of down, but everybody brings their chairs, sleeping bags, or blankets, and hopefully the weather will participate, but it's a great event, and I'm telling you these middle school kids they rock it, they do some really cool things. Our band and our choir will be singing, and they don't do the real formal stuff, it's fun fun music. We have a BBQ before and that starts at 5:00 p.m. or 5:15 p.m. and then the concert starts at 6:45 p.m., I might be lying to you about that, but I'll email you to let you know.

Councilmember Studnicka stated all I have Mayor is I'd like to congratulate our Citizens' Academy graduates, I think it's a great program and I'm glad you participated, spread the word, get your neighbors and other citizens to come, I think it's worthwhile, so you can see how everything operates.

Councilmember Trinkle stated I want to thank our graduates and welcome Chuck and Ron onboard to the Planning Commission. Also Lansing DAZE, thanks to Economic Development and all City staff involved, they did a wonderful job, and we got a lot of comments. They can't wait till the Fourth of July ceremony. I think Stefanie has stepped up to the plate and is doing a fine job. I don't want to forget about the Fishing Derby on Saturday, we're going to dedicate the lake to former Mr. Blackwell, so if you can make it out there Saturday morning, please attend. We're hoping the weather is going to be in our favor, but we'll see.

Mayor Kirby stated the timeframe for the memorial dedication is about 11:30 a.m., so if you don't want to go out fishing, but want to go out for that 11:30 a.m. is a good ballpark time for that. We're going to let the kid's fish, eat their hotdogs, and then do the dedication.

Councilmember Gardner stated I'd also like to echo the two volunteers who are going to be on the Planning Commission, congratulations to the graduates, and the letter to the Police Department was pretty awesome to read.

Councilmember Pawlowski stated I ditto everything that was said.

Councilmember Garvey stated congratulations, it's great to see people who want to be involved in the community and want to learn more about what our employees do, because they work really hard, and if you saw what happened at Blues, Brews, and BBQ this weekend, you can tell they do a lot of work for the City to keep things rolling, so we appreciate all your efforts.

Councilmember Buehler stated congratulations graduates, congratulations to Ron and Chuck, and to staff, great job this weekend. All the comments that I heard from the neighbors they loved the fireworks and they loved not having to leave their house for a lot of them, so again thank you to the staff for the Blues, Brews & BBQ, and thanks to all our volunteers and Citizens' Academy graduates. Thanks Tony for becoming the President of the Council and taking that heavy responsibility off of my shoulders.

Councilmember McNeill stated congratulations again, as you can already see we got Ron already roped in so, we hope to see your names on upcoming applications, if not we'll be calling you. I wanted to say that Lansing DAZE was great, for my granddaughter that's one of her favorites, besides Autumn in the Grove, she likes both of those a lot and she had a great time. I think the fireworks display was awesome, I don't know what was different but it sure seemed different, it was beautiful.

Councilmember Brungardt stated oh excuse me, the BBQ is at 4:45 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. is the concert, see I told you I lied.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember McNeill moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Louis E. Kirby, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk