

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

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Don Studnicka and Kerry Brungardt

OLD BUSINESS:

Consent Calendar: Councilmember Garvey moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2015. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Presentation: Lansing High School Scholars Bowl - Mayor Kirby and City Administrator Mike Smith recognized the Scholars Bowl Team for their outstanding achievement.

Lansing High School Powerlifting Team - Mayor Kirby and City Administrator Mike Smith recognized the Powerlifting Team for their outstanding achievements.

Lansing High School Wrestler - Mayor Kirby and City Administrator Mike Smith recognized Caleb Ward and Coach Nick Flynn for their outstanding achievements.

National Library Week Proclamation – Mayor Kirby presented the National Library Week Proclamation to Library Director Michael McDonald.

- Library Director Michael McDonald stated members of the council and Mayor Kirby, thank you for this proclamation which reinforces the significance of public libraries to communities. I believe the relationship we have is mutually beneficial; we enrich the community yet also benefit greatly from the community. On behalf of the library staff, I would like to thank all of our patrons who add to the library's positive vibe. I will be providing an update to you in May, but did want to mention a few important items for April. The bookmark design contest in celebration of National Library Week will begin the voting period next Monday thru Friday. April is National Poetry Month, and we will have some special displays in the library and possibly a special program. The Friends of the Library book sale is April 17-19 at the Lansing Activity Center gymnasium. The new teen book club will have its first meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. On Saturday, April 25, 2015, we will have a special Arbor Day Story Time, and the first 40 registrants will receive a tulip tree. And finally, a big thank you to the Friends of the Library for purchasing new software for event and program registration tracking and reporting, it includes an interactive calendar, which patrons may access online via the Library page on the City's Website, so everything I just mentioned, you can find on the calendar online. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Temporary Cereal Malt Beverage License for Lansing DAZE and Autumn in the Grove: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the temporary cereal malt beverage license for the Lansing DAZE and Autumn in the Grove Event as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tree Board Appointment: Councilmember Trinkle moved to appoint Randy Dorf to the Lansing Tree Board for a term ending December 31, 2017. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Award of Bid – Gamble Road Improvements: Project No. 06-03: Councilmember Trinkle moved to award the bid for Lansing Project No. 06-03 (Gamble Road Improvements) to Linaweaver Construction of Lansing, Kansas. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Garvey asked how many people did we send the information out to to try to get bids from.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated I don't have that number off the top of my head, but I do know that it was at least five or six.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked were the bids not attached to the Agenda.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated well actually the line items are on the backside, it gives the breakdown, Lexeco, Linaweaver and the Engineer's Estimate. The two low bids are on that.

- City Administrator Mike Smith stated it is on the second page.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated there it is, it keeps turning sideways on me. That's all I got.
- Councilmember McNeill stated we're saying the fifty-one thousand is coming out of next year's allotment of exchange funds.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated yes
 - Councilmember McNeill stated normally when we ask the question about how much are we going to get next year, that's always a we don't even know if we'll get any money next year, that's John's normal response to that, but if we did, we could exchange it, so how do we know there's fifty-one thousand dollars in this future exchange.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated historically, it's been one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars and that occurs in February, the allotment occurs in February. While no one can guarantee that any funds will be available next year, historically those funds have been available.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked where would that come from.
- City Administrator Mike Smith stated as we've discussed before, we're taking it out of the reserve fund because we've talked about how we carried over one million dollars this year, and after talking to John a little bit, I found that maybe, if this happens, it's not guaranteed Tony, but if it does happen then we'll take that money with the council's blessing, we'll put it back in the general reserve fund.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated the thing to keep in mind is that it's a reimbursement program.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated right, we pay first, then they pay us back. So it will come out of the reserve then if we get it then it will be replaced.
- Mayor Kirby asked the fifty-three thousand.
 - City Administrator Mike Smith stated yes sir.
 - Mayor Kirby asked the two hundred sixty-six is already in there.
 - City Administrator Mike Smith stated yes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Conditional Use Permit – 422 North DeSoto Road: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the conditional use permit for 422 North DeSoto Road with the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission: all Zoning Ordinance codes and applicable building code requirements are met prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and in reference to the hard surface driveway, it must be constructed within one year of City Council approval of the conditional use permit. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated Becky, since she's the one who did this, since the gravel is put down already, was there are building permit done prior to that.
 - Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated yes.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked did they not know that they needed to have a hard surface driveway within one year.
 - Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated yes, but because they are trying to get the home financing to build the home there also it doesn't make sense to have concrete trucks driving on a brand new concrete driveway.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated my concern is the electrical. I've been in that building before.
 - Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated it's been totally redone and approved.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied everything was taken out and everything was redone. Was the sewer on septic?
 - Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated it's on sewer, it was dug up and verified.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated the Methodist church came to the City and wanted a gravel driveway and we sent them to the BZA [Board of Zoning Appeals] because it's not code.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated we gave them a variance.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied BZA gave them a variance and we extended it. So my question is why does this not have to go to the BZA?
 - Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated because they are going to put the driveway in, they are just asking for time to get the house built.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated the question I got from the church was we're not being consistent, why aren't we being consistent.

- Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated my understanding was the church was asking not to pave it, is that correct?
 - Councilmember Garvey stated the church has been granted a variance a couple of different times, haven't they.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated a variance is for a permanent condition and not a temporary condition, and I think the intention here is that they are asking for a year to get that hard surface driveway and not a variance to the hard surface requirement. So in essence when you have a building permit, a building permit is good for six months, if, for cause, they don't get the work done within that six month, the building inspector can reissue that permit for another six months, which in essence is a year. So what they're trying to do in the interest of transparency is let you know that they're not going to be able to put that in for a year, so they asked for that right up front. Does that answer the question?
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I'll tell them.
 - Building Inspector Becky Savidge stated one was more permanent than the other. This was just to avoid having to replace the driveway after construction trucks.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated that makes sense I wouldn't want them tearing up my driveway either.
- Councilmember Gardner asked from one house to another, are you moving.
 - Homeowner Michelle Portwood stated yeah, eventually, when we build the house there.
- Councilmember McNeill stated so the intent is to run the daycare on this property pending the building of your house, and then once you move into the house it will be right next door. And DeSoto Road, I mean I take DeSoto Road or try to get on DeSoto Road from Holiday which is right up there, and in the morning it's pretty heavy traffic. Is trying to get in and out of that property pretty clear, do they have good visibility.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated they have as good as visibility as anybody else. The other issue that you had there is the length of the driveway; with the length of the driveway you shouldn't have any stacking issues as you're turning into the driveway that you normally go through with a residential property that has about 20-30 feet of driveway and 2 parking spaces.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked can you get 1 coming in and 1 going out, is it wide enough.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated it appears wide enough. Driveways have a maximum, and a minimum for a driveway is actually 10 feet and a parking stall is 9 by 20. It's between 16 to 20 feet and that should allow for 2 vehicles. It's not going to be a street standard but that is much better than if a single lane went in.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked when it's paved is it going to be wide enough to bring cars in and out.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated it will have to meet the standard at the road right of way for cars to come in and out.
 - Councilmember McNeill you had me worried about cars stacking up out there at a busy time.
 - Community Development Superintendent John Jacobson stated so when that happens we'll make sure it meets the standard.
 - Mayor Kirby asked you're not talking about a great deal of cars anyway are you.
 - Councilmember Gardner stated you said you have 11 kids and 5 families.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Plaque Donation Policy: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Plaque Donation Policy as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

City Attorney: City Attorney stated I mentioned this to Mike, but didn't know if everybody had heard, but a gentleman who was our Public Defender in Municipal Court passed away, Roger Horsky, last weekend and would like to make the council aware of that. He was very dedicated in our profession and he will be sorely missed. Mayor Kirby stated a couple of the ladies from the Court Clerks took off this afternoon so they could go by.

City Administrator: City Administrator Michael Smith had nothing to report.

Governing Body: Councilmember Garvey stated congratulations to all the high school students who received awards, don't forget to vote on Tuesday.

Councilmember Buehler stated well done with the City Garage sale, I got lots of nice comments, except the weather, they would like it a little warmer next time. I had a lot of good comments from a lot of people driving around, so again, well done to Ken and the Economic Development and Visitors Bureau guys, you did a great job. Congratulations to everybody and especially to all the students who stayed.

Councilmember McNeill congratulated all the students who stayed and the ones who already left, along with their coaches and teachers.

Councilmember Gardner stated congratulations to the high schoolers and good luck in your future. The tree planting tomorrow will be at Kenneth Bernard Park at 10:00 a.m., and I think in the future we may need to narrow that window when we let everyone know, because the weatherman found out and decided to make that the coolest day in the 7 day stretch. Good luck to all the councilmembers next week, I'm not in on all the anxiousness you all go through at this time of year, but you all have a certain passion and dedication to make Lansing a better place and your ability to let the system work, where everyone has a voice but the council makes the decision is exemplary, so thank you and good luck.

Councilmember Pawlowski stated about the garage sales last week, I got behind the street sweeper in front of 3 garage sale houses and there were cars and a street sweeper trying to get through, so we might try not to do that on the same day next year; it was kind of scary.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Louis E. Kirby, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk