

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2021

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Mike Smith called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmembers were present via Zoom video conference

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 17, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Trinkle abstaining.

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

Presentations: Police Chief Steve Wayman presented Officer Adam Munoz with a Life Saving Award for his efforts in saving an unresponsive infant by repeating CPR until Fire District No. 1 and Leavenworth County EMS arrived. The grandfather of the infant, John Bourgoynne stated in his EMT years, the officers and medics responding don't always get thanked like they should be. He thanked Officer Munoz for the actions he took that night in saving his granddaughter's life.

Police Chief Steve Wayman also presented Officer Cody Martin and Officer Adam Munoz with a Life Saving Award in reviving a gentleman who had been determined deceased. They began CPR and deployed the AED which revived the gentleman. Their quick response and action gave the individual a fighting chance.

- Mayor Smith told the officers he is very proud of them. This is the kind of thing they put the badge on for.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 1052 – Codification of Ordinances: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1052. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request to Purchase – Police Department Vehicles: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the purchase of 2 police package patrol vehicles from CDJ Automotive, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$65,800.00. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Garvey stated I'm glad to see us shopping local again.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman responded this is the first year we've taken bids to the Dodge dealership in town for quite a few years, and for whatever reason, they haven't returned them, so for them to return a bid this year and be super competitive, is a super good thing. I was very happy with that. I don't have anything against Landmark, I don't have anything against Davis Moore but having hometown business come in low bid definitely was a surprise and it's a good surprise.
 - Councilmember Garvey replied it's awesome.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Fire District No. 1 Joint Board Appointments: Councilmember Kirby stated I'll go.

- Mayor Smith asked who said that.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied Gene did and Kerry.
 - Councilmember Majure stated I nominate Don Studnicka.

- Mayor Smith asked who'd we hear.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded Gene and Kerry both.
 - Mayor Smith asked so I need a motion.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied for Mayor Elect Tony McNeill, Gene Kirby, and Kerry Brungardt.

Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint Mayor Elect Tony McNeill, Councilmember Kirby, and Councilmember Brungardt to represent the City of Lansing on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Joint Board. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall let Mayor Smith know four years ago they were thrust into a position of working together. It's been interesting and they've worked well together even though they didn't agree at times. Mayor Smith has always been respectful and valued my opinion. He told Mayor Smith he will be missed; wished him luck and we know he will do a really good job at the County

Governing Body: Mayor Smith stated he has been very blessed getting to spend his adult life here in Lansing. He thanked the citizens and all the volunteers within the City from the department heads to coaches and mentors. We have many employees who have been here 10, 20, 30 years and that has a lot to do with how the governing body and staff work together. We have great department heads who model how a city should be. He let Tim know it has been a pleasure working with him and will miss conversations about businesses, helping schools, roads, employees, and the texts. He considers Tim a very good friend and he hopes Tim is here for a long time to come. The last year has been very exciting with QuikTrip, a car wash, Harbor Freight and McDonalds coming to town. There is more to come in the next year. The governing body saw a vision for Town Center led by Tim and Matt and is happy to see what that brings. He thanked the businesses that had enough faith in Lansing to set up here. It's not easy to run a business but we are very proud to have you. Lastly, he thanked the City Council. While we don't always agree, we always come up with something that really works. He hopes to assist in any way he can as a County Commissioner. He let Councilmember Buehler know he really enjoyed his comments at the end of each meeting. He told Councilmember Garvey he also knew where he stood and it's nice to have that person on the board. He met Councilmember Majure when he coached his son's football team and they have been working on things together ever since. He believes he fits right in with the group. Mayor Smith said it has been great listening to Councilmember Kirby's ideas and his leadership role. He let Councilmember Trinkle know he really respects his commonsense approach to agenda items and people. Mayor Smith stated Councilmember Studnicka has always been willing to drop whatever to attend a ribbon cutting or anything for the city and he really appreciates that. He let Councilmember Brungardt know he is his favorite Middle School Principal, and he hopes he enjoys his retirement. He told Councilmember McNeill he has all the faith in the world that he will be successful in the leadership role as Mayor in how he looks at items and breaks it apart to get the best results. He stated Tony has a great group of Councilmembers and a great staff. He thanked the residents for allowing him to serve his hometown.

Councilmember McNeill thanked Mayor Smith for his 40+ years in public service, he has always appreciated his honesty and he will use what the Mayor has taught him as he takes the Mayor position. He also congratulated Officer Munoz and Officer Martin on their life saving awards. It shows the other side of law enforcement that they aren't just there to write tickets but also save lives and keep us safe.

Councilmember Brungardt congratulated both officers on being part of saving lives. Policemen have been judged harshly across the U.S., but he thinks they do much more good than bad. He told Mayor Smith it's probably not common for some to be City Administrator and the Mayor for the time he has. He thanked him for his continued work for the community and County.

Councilmember Studnicka congratulated both officers and stated they have done themselves, their families, and the community proud. He thanked them for their continued service. He wished Mayor Smith the best of luck and asked that he remember Lansing while at the County.

Councilmember Trinkle congratulated the officers and stated it's an honor to have them in Lansing. He told Mayor Smith he would pray that Mike has a lot of Executive Sessions at the County. He appreciates what he has learned from him and while being around him. He wished him the best of luck.

Councilmember Kirby stated he and the Mayor have had an interesting relationship with various combinations of Mayor, Councilmember and City Administrator over the years. They haven't always seen eye to eye but have always pulled through for the city. He thinks with his help at the County they will be able to do some more. He thanked him for all he has done. Councilmember Kirby thanked the officers and stated they are proud and thankful to have them. He reminded everyone we have a way to go with COVID so let's not take our foot off the accelerator.

Councilmember Majure thanked both officers for their commitment and dedication and it's because of that they jumped into life saving actions. He wanted to highlight why they joined and why they continue to serve says it all as we recognize them. He continued he has known Mayor Smith as a public servant since 2001 and can't thank him enough. He stated the Mayor has always put everyone else first and that is just who he is. He finished by stated he appreciates the turn signals that were added to Eisenhower.

Councilmember Garvey stated he appreciates everything the officers do for the city and they do need recognition for it. He told Mayor Smith he appreciates the advice he has given over the years and appreciates all the years he has given to the city. It's been an honor to watch you serve and serve with you. Councilmember Buehler congratulated both officers and with the strife our society is dealing with our residents know our police are out there to help. Councilmember Buehler thanked Mayor Smith for his service and asked him to not forget his roots. He closed his remarks by stating, on this day in history Mayor Smith after serving the City of Lansing for 41 years got a round of ovation from the City Council and everyone in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Buehler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk