

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2021

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Ron Dixon and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: Kerry Brungardt and Dave Trinkle

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2021, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Buehler abstaining.

Audience Participation: Mayor McNeill called for audience participation on an item not on the agenda and there was none.

Presentations: Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation: Councilmember Don Studnicka read and presented the Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation to Norm Greczyn with the Military Retiree Committee.

- Norm Greczyn stated City Council and Mayor thanks for inviting me and for this proclamation. I'm accepting this on behalf of all the retirees. We haven't done a census in the last couple years but ordinarily there are close to 30,000 retirees of all the services that live in what they call the greater Fort Leavenworth catchment area, which runs all the way up to Saint Joe into Missouri and other places, probably a lot more than that, and as you can image it's a pretty fluid number. Last year we cancelled the event all together because of Covid. This year we're trying something out called the hybrid. I've given your admin assistant here some flyers to pass out, they are going to do it on the 30th. It's called a hybrid because part of will be done on Facebook and so the address is on the flyer and also on some other literature we handed out. If you're a normal follower of the Fort Leavenworth Facebook page, you can access it. The Garrison Commander will speak and some others, and then there's the chance to plug into Tri-Care and some other key sites that retirees are always interested in. So that's part of it. The second part of if it is an actual face to face, and it'll be conducted at the PX. An all the retirees love flu shots, so they are all going to have the opportunity to get a flu shot there; they are not a covid shot, but a flu shot. A lot of people have forgotten that still this year there is the danger of flu and we should in fact be vaccinated for it. So they can come up that day and get that shot. And then the PX and Commissary have some giveaways for them as well. That's pretty much it, we're not having the VFW or the Legion and all the other vendors that come in the Lewis and Clark Building and discuss things with retirees, make presentations, so on and so forth. We decide don this at the last minute and we're having a tough time getting the word out, so that's why the flyers are important. Catch us there if you can, I've told the Garrison staff, I said we may get 5 people, we may get 500 people, we may get 1000 people, we just don't know at this point in time what we're going to have, but the more we're able to get the word out, and I know several of you are military retirees, please show up that day, show the flag and do what you can. And again thank you very much, I appreciate this, it's a great honor to get this from the City of Lansing, where I once resided many years ago, and it is a very friendly military community, so thanks again and have a great meeting.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Executive Session – Economic Development: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session to review economic development activities pursuant to the discussion of confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual

proprietorships exception K.S.A. 75-4319(B)(4) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:05 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:20 PM. Councilmember Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Garvey moved to return to Open Session at 7:20 PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Majure moved to authorize the mayor to submit a rezoning request for Lot 1 Towne Center. Councilmember Buehler 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 stated the League of Municipalities annual Regional Supper is in Prairie Village on Tuesday, November 30th. If anyone is interested, let him know and we'll get you registered. The Spec Building Committee has met and evaluated some locations but with everything the city currently has going on along with a workforce shortage we have decided to not submit a Spec Building application. The joint meeting with the School Board is October 28th. That was the best date for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission as well. So, the evening will consist of meeting with the school board at 6pm and then meeting with the Planning Commission at 7pm. We have received about half of the American Rescue Plan money. We have a committee consisting of himself, Finance Director, City Clerk, and CED Director and in those meetings have been tossing around ideas of improving broadband as well as projects that can spur growth and development. In recent weeks we've spoken with residential developers and property owners to see what we can do to encourage that growth. He thanked the Lions Club for donating money for two new benches for the Veterans Memorial at Bernard Park. It's a great place to sit, rest and reflect.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby asked about the hole in the road behind Aldi. He isn't sure who owns that part of the road but it keeps getting filled and the hole keeps coming back.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated he believes it is part of Home Depot and they will get in touch with them about permanently fixing it.

Councilmember Garvey stated Waste Management missed yard waste in his ward last week and was told they would be back at the beginning of this week to pick it up. They never came and it sat there until it was picked up today. They continually let us down and keep getting revenue from us.

- Councilmember Buehler stated he had to the opposite happen. He emailed Beth to let her know his area had been missed and it was picked up by 1 pm on Friday.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated it is challenging because we are at their whim. We do dock their pay when they miss multiple houses within 72 hours. But when we are writing them a large check, he isn't sure they notice a small amount coming out of it for missing some houses. We do dock them though.

Councilmember Garvey stated he knows staff is communicating that to residents but it's more of an aggravation.

Councilmember Buehler stated early voting is open. If you don't vote early, then voting is the first Tuesday of November. Don't forget to vote. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum opened to the public in New York City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Dixon moved to adjourn. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor, Anthony R. McNeill

City Clerk, Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC