

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 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 and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Ron Dixon

Councilmembers Absent: Jesse Garvey

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021, as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Trinkle abstaining.

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

Presentations**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

Lansing Tree Board Appointments: Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Barb Eikmeier and George Stephenson to the Tree Board for a term ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Appointments: Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Dana Fontenot, Tricia Howell, Bob Lamborn and Casey Worrell to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2023. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing Planning Commission Appointment: Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Janette Labbee-Holdeman for a term ending April 30, 2024. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Buehler asked what took so long. What took so long to get you back in here?
 - Janette Labbee-Holdeman replied it's just one of those things.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Request to Use Activity Center After Hours – Boy Scouts: Councilmember Majure moved to approve the request from the Boy Scouts for after-hours use of the Lansing Activity Center for their Anti-Campout event. Councilmember Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License renewals for Aldi Inc. at 1217 North Main Street, GMRG ACQ 1 LLC dba Pizza Hut at 407 North Main Street, Lansing Quike Stop at 601 South Main Street, QuikTrip #188 at 1205 North Main Street, Shree Nivas Inc., dba Finish Line at 506 N. Main Street, and Truman Town LLC dba Woody's Gas Express at 109 4-H Road. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1076 – Annexing Land into the City of Lansing: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1076, an ordinance annexing land into the City of Lansing, Kansas. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

License Agreement and Economic Development Incentive Agreement for Deployment of RG Fiber within the City: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the License Agreement and the Economic Development Incentive Agreement for deployment of RG Fiber within the City. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Right of Way Permit Fee Moratorium for Internet Service Providers: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve a moratorium on Right of Way Permit Fees for all internet service providers who deliver at minimum 1 Gigabyte Symmetrical Internet services and are net neutral beginning December 6, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2023. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked how does this affect users already; Other internet users we already have?
 - Mayor McNeill responded Matt you want to come up.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz asked are you talking about other internet providers in town.
 - Councilmember Studnicka replied yeah.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded so for example if another internet provider meets those two terms, the minimum of 1 Gigabyte Symmetrical service and the net neutrality piece then they would also have their fees waved for any build out they want to do in town. So, whether that is AT&T, Spectrum, anybody as long as they meet those two requirements, we can waive the fees for them as well.
 - Councilmember Studnicka stated I'm still a little confused but ok. Ok say AT&T is here, or Spectrum or any of the others, do they already meet these two criteria.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied they do not. Basically, they would have to deploy a fiber-based product in order to meet that 1 Gigabyte Symmetrical service.
 - Councilmember Studnicka stated fiber is the key. That's what I wanted. Thank you.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied yeah, but we didn't say that in there.
 - Mayor McNeill responded but they could, so what they currently have deployed right now, if Spectrum came in and said I'll meet those two requirements and put some in, they could do it and we'd waive it.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied correct.
 - Councilmember Studnicka stated I got it now. Thank you.

The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum stated they had the coaches meeting for basketball with practices starting next week. They are going ask people to wear masks while in city facilities to mirror the mask requirement that the schools have since we use the school's facilities, so it's consistent.

- Mayor McNeill asked observers right.
 - Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum responded yes and players when they are on the bench. We'll mirror what the schools are doing.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that was the big reasoning behind it was being consistent between school facilities and city facilities.

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

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall let everyone know that due to some supply chain issues, Harbor Freight won't be opening until mid to late January now.

- Councilmember Brungardt asked if they have been successful with hiring since a lot of companies have not been.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied they had a steady stream of applicants, but he is unsure if they have any positions left. They were using the library to conduct the interviews.

Governing Body: Mayor McNeill thanked the volunteers of the boards. Councilmember Brungardt welcomed RG Fiber and stated we are excited.

Councilmember Kirby thanked the volunteers and let RG Fiber know we are glad they are here. He told Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum good move on the masks.

Councilmember Majure thanked all the volunteers. He let RG Fiber know we are excited to get them here. He asked when the Sunday liquor sales start.

- City Administrator stated it was October 31st and they just have the option to sell if they want to. He also welcomed Councilmember Trinkle back and said it was good to see him. Councilmember Buehler welcomed Dave back. He thanked RG Fiber for being here and thanked the volunteers. He said we can't function without them and appreciate them. He reminded everyone of the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday at 6pm. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1927, Ford announced they were going to stop producing the Model T and start producing the Model A as their car.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Buehler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor, Anthony R. McNeill

City Clerk, Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC