

# CITY OF LANSING

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 17, 2020

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### 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 (arrived 7:30pm)

**Ward 3:** Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

**Ward 4:** Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

**Councilmembers Absent:** Marcus Majure

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**Councilmembers were present via Zoom video conference with Councilmember Studnicka arriving at 7:30pm.**

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 3, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

### Presentations

### **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**League of Kansas Municipalities Voting Delegates:** Mayor Smith asked does anybody want to attend besides Tim.

- Councilmember McNeill asked its virtual for three days.
  - Mayor Smith replied well, it goes on. You don't have to be at all of it.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded there's different seminars, workshops, speakers and stuff.
      - Mayor Smith stated you choose the ones you want to go to. They're just not doing it in person. We don't have to have three. We can have one or two or whatever. Do I see anyone else wanting to do this. I don't see any hands.

Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint City Administrator Tim Vandall as a voting delegate at the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Lansing Tree Board Appointment:** Councilmember McNeill moved to appoint George Stephenson to the Lansing Tree Board for a term ending on December 31, 2021. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Ordinance No. 1048 -Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-A:**

Councilmember McNeill moved to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1048. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Resolution No. B-5-2020 – Sales and Delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-A:**

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated Beth and I can talk about this one a little bit.
- Mayor Smith responded yeah, go ahead.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated the bond sale was today and had really favorable bids for the both the temp notes as well as the refinancing. Based on the interest rate for the refinancing we're looking at a savings of \$126,993 over the life of that debt so we feel really good about that. We also got a fantastic interest rate on the temp notes as well. I

believe Clayton Kelley with Piper Sandler and Kevin Wempe from Gilmore & Bell are on the Zoom call as well. So, if the Council has any questions for Clayton or Kevin, they could ask those questions, but we feel really good about today. We were ecstatic when the rates came in.

- Mayor Smith stated those rates. Unbelievable.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied absolutely.
    - Mayor Smith asked Council any questions on that. I think we got a better rate than we were projecting.
      - Councilmember Kirby asked what is the rate.
        - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied on the temp notes it was .361% and, on the refinance, it was .451% for a savings of \$126,993.
          - Councilmember Kirby asked can you go a little bit into what is being refinanced.
            - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded yes.
          - Clayton Kelley with Piper Sandler stated I'd be happy to discuss that if you'd like.
        - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah, I'll let you go first Clayton.
      - Clayton Kelly with Piper Sandler stated ok so just overall what we were looking at, I think previously what I told the City was \$75,000 was around our expectations for savings. This includes 2010 bonds, 2010-A bonds and the 2012-B bonds. In aggregate those are about \$4.3 million so that savings we received today was \$127,000 on that \$4.3 million of outstanding bonds. Just a little bit more detail about the sale results, I'd say the last two weeks from what I have seen in some of our sales, its been some of the most impressive sales that I've seen before. Just to put it into perspective, the City received eight bids on the refunding bonds and seven bids on the temp notes. Five, or excuse me, six of the eight bids on the refunding bonds was all under .5%. Right now, the market, banks are really wanting municipal law on paper and just a really great result for the City and definitely the lowest GO bond refunding rate I've seen. I guess the refunding and the taxable temp note, with those seven bids we had probably five or six of them that were below what we were expecting to receive. So just wanted to reiterate a great result for the City. Does that answer your question. I know you were asking about what bonds were refunded but 2010-A bonds and 2012-B bonds that is what ended up being what was refunded.
      - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I can piggyback on that a little bit if you are looking for more specifics. In 2010 that original bond was for West Mary Street sewer benefit district, a project on 147<sup>th</sup> Street and then 2012 A & B that was partially some Towne Center expenses as well as a KDOT revolving loan fund and a KDHE revolving fund. The things that we refinanced were quite old issuances.
  - Mayor Smith asked any other questions gentleman.

Councilmember Buehler moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. B-5-2020. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Resolution No. B-6-2020 – Sales and Delivery of Taxable General Obligation Temporary**

**Notes, Series 2020-1:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. B-6-2020. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution No. B-7-2020 – Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Councilmember McNeill moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. B-7-2020. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Drainage Basin 9G/9H Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Extension Study:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the scope and fee for the 9H Drainage Basin Sewer Study in an amount not to exceed \$43,244.00. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Mayor Smith asked Tony, you want to go into it a little bit.
  - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated I'll answer any questions you might have. Tim and I looked at this in consultation with other staff trying to figure out the next logical place for growth. We felt this was appropriate but want to make sure we can make the best decisions with our money going forward and provide the Council with every option available to provide the resources necessary for the growth.
    - Councilmember McNeill asked did we include the other growth area we identified in the Comprehensive Plan just to the west or is that a separate, I mean if we're going to look at future growth and what that might cost to put sewers in, it makes sense to me that we'd look at, I think there was a west growth area and south. Is there anyway we can look at getting them both done or no. I mean adding them into the Master Plan.
      - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated do them separate.
        - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied I think it would be appropriate to.
          - Councilmember McNeill stated I'd hate to put this one in and then somebody buys a property out there and says hey, we want to develop this and then we're like.
    - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell responded right just so we're all clear this is just to kind of lay out all of our options so we know what we can do should the need arise. We kind of felt this was the hot button place that we were looking for growth, but we can certainly go back and talk with consultants and see what that would take to look at another piece of that.
      - Mayor Smith stated I think Tony has a point. This right here is going down towards McIntyre is that correct.
        - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied yes.
      - Mayor Smith stated heading south but yet we've got a lot growth over by the high school and I think that is what Tony is leading to.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded so I think why this one kind of bubbled up, nothing is obviously imminent but there were people kicking the tires a little bit further south. That is why this one bubbled to the top. We can certainly look at doing one to the west also because I know that is something the governing body spoke to Tony and I about a few years ago was trying to be proactive of how we design our sewers. So, I think we can certainly do an additional study.

- Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated I'd be more than happy to go back and talk with GBA and take a look at that.
  - Councilmember McNeill stated I'm thinking if we are looking out that way and have options, we'll have options around the park or something in there.
- Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell responded correct.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that is a good point.
- Councilmember McNeill stated everybody has been pushing to get the park going too.
- Mayor Smith stated there's 125 acres out there just to the east of the park. It was annexed into the City. Eventually somebody's going to I think take over that and develop residential.
  - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated I would recommend we get this kicked off and trudge forward. We'll certainly talk with the consultants and staff can work together and we'll come back with something as funds become available, I think we're trying to eat this one bite at a time.
    - Councilmember McNeill replied sure.
      - Mayor Smith asked any other questions. I don't see any. Do I already have the motion Sarah.
        - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner responded yes.
          - Mayor Smith asked we have a second on it.
            - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied yes we do.

The motion was unanimously approved.

## **REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell updated the Council on current wastewater projects. The Northwest Sewer project is wrapping up nicely with the final touch on seeding and sodding next week. Curbs and grading were done this week, so they have been busy finishing up. The Ward 1 project has two properties that have agreed to easements with a third property in ongoing discussions. He went over what has been done on the Master Plan over the course of six years. Just over \$10 million has been spent and we have completed five of the eight projects with another one in progress. The other two will be completed as need arises and/or funds become available. We've come a long way in six years. Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz presented the Council with an idea in regard to the Fall Festival. There is concern that we will not be able to social distance along the trail for the Fall Festival. In talking with other departments like the Library and Parks & Recreation, a drive through trunk or treat was brought up as an option. This would take place instead of the Fall Festival and Spooky Center this year. We would hand out the pumpkins normally given at the Fall Festival along with the Library and Parks & Recreation handing out items. The date is set for October 24<sup>th</sup> and more information will be put on social media as details are finalized. Councilmember Kirby and Trinkle stated they thought that was a good idea.

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

**City Engineer:** City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall let the Council know the school board would like to do a joint meeting at 6pm on October 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be in person with social distancing. He also let the Council know final cleanup/modifications are being done on DeSoto Rd.

**Governing Body:** Mayor Smith stated he attended the Fishing Derby recently and staff did a great job with spacing people and thanked them for still having it.

Councilmember Trinkle stated he got a lot of compliments on the fireworks and people being able to watch them from home.

Councilmember Kirby agreed everyone seem to enjoy the fireworks from home this year. He thinks it should be more known that the City donated a substantial amount of the CARES money to the school district to help with the current COVID situation. He ask that everyone wear a mask and get a flu shot.

Councilmember Garvey agreed the feedback from residents was positive with the fireworks being in town and seen from their homes. There were large crowds at Towne Center, but everyone was social distancing and it gave us a sense of normalcy. COVID-19 isn't going away for a while and he encouraged people to

put on a mask and go out and live their life. We shouldn't lock ourselves up at home unless you have health issues.

Councilmember Buehler stated he also received good comments on the fireworks display. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1787, the US Constitution was signed in Philadelphia.

Councilmember McNeill thanked Mr. Stephenson for volunteering for the Tree Board. He said he took his granddaughters to watch the fireworks and thought it was great. He also stated it was pretty good work for the staff to shift locations and make it work so well.

Councilmember Brungardt agreed with Councilmember Kirby that the money given to the school district was substantial. It helps get the things needed to keep the kids safe but also the teachers and staff. He realizes not every City Council was as generous and is grateful.

Councilmember Studnicka stated he had some computer problems and couldn't get in until just now, but had nothing further to add.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Studnicka moved to adjourn. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Michael W. Smith, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk