

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2020

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

Ward 4: Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Kerry Brungardt and Gregg Buehler

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Majure moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 16, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka 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:**

Public Hearing on and Consideration of the Proposed 2021 Budget: Councilmember Kirby moved to open the public hearing for the 2021 Budget. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Smith asked is there any comments, on the floor or anyone else about the budget. I've got one and it may not go any further than this but with Covid and everything going on in this world, I know our budget is very healthy. I've had a chance to sit down and talk with Tim and I've seen the numbers by Beth and of course my past experience going over it. If the Council would so decide, if you could reduce it by just a small fraction if you decided to but that is totally up to the Council. I just wanted to throw that out for consideration. Tim you got any comments on that. I put you on the spot.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated when you think about, based on our valuation like if it was a tenth of a mill, it would be like \$9,000 a year. That might be a good faith effort to tip it down a little bit but not damage the City. I think if we did it too much, I think that could be damaging but I think a tenth of a mill would be reasonable. I think that would be good for the taxpayers and keep the City in good shape too. I defer to whatever you all want.
 - Mayor Smith responded oh absolutely. I know you are our numbers guy along with Beth. I wanted to make sure you all had the chance to comment.
 - Councilmember Garvey replied I think we leave it alone until we figure out what's happening with our budget over the next year.
 - Mayor Smith responded you could.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated that's my opinion. Until we figure out what Covid is going to do to our budget you know.
 - Mayor Smith responded absolutely. I just wanted to throw it out there because we're all in the same boat. So, anybody else want to jump in on any of the budget whatsoever.
- Councilmember Majure stated so referenced the proposed budget from current year to proposed budget. I went through line by line item and marked increases and decreases and savings. Hi Beth, how are you.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied good, how are you.
 - Councilmember Majure stated I knew I would find a way to get you up there on that box.

- Finance Director Beth Sanford responded I like to wait and let the public come up if they want.
 - Councilmember Majure stated so I go along with Jesse. I support Jesse's comment there, but the question is we can always come back within the year to make adjustments to and savings to put towards right. We thought about leaving the levy level.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied the only thing the budget does, the budget is not necessarily what we're going to spend. That gives us the authority to spend up to that limit. Not that we're going to and we try to be pretty proactive in monitoring expenses especially like when Covid hit. We kinda dialed back what we were spending as much as we could. Of course, we had additional expenses because of Covid. That's the budget authority so that would be the most we could spend without having to come back and amend a budget to get further approval from Council to do that. The problem is the State, a couple of years ago, passed a bill that prohibits cities from raising their mill levy unless they meet certain requirements such as law enforcement, public safety, when you issue debt, they are allowed to do that but if you were to just lower it now and then want to arbitrarily raise it without one of those factors involved you would have to take it to a vote.
 - Councilmember Majure responded I agree with that. I was just ensuring, because this is my first year right, I'm just ensuring you can always go back and review and look at savings proposed in our meetings where we can move some funds from one to the other in effort to support, you see what I am getting at.
 - Mayor Smith replied absolutely.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I guess the way you worded that confused me earlier. So maybe to use an example if the gasoline line item for the Police Department looks like we're going to have a lot of savings and we really need to buy some new Kevlar, the savings from gasoline in the Police department could go to purchasing new vests. Things like that though we typically do at the staff level though. I mean if it was savings of \$300,000, we'd inform you guys but if it's one department shifting \$6,000 from one line item to another Beth and I kind of handle it.
 - Councilmember Majure responded yeah, that is the reason you are the City Administrator.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated and just to give you an idea of what lowering the mill levy would be as far as impact on taxes, if you're looking at a \$200,000 house and you want to

- Councilmember Kirby responded we're willing to work with them. We can't do any more than that.
- Finance Director Beth Sanford replied right.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1043 – Weed Removal Assessment: Councilmember McNeill moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1043 for assessment of delinquent fees for weed removal. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Majure stated yes.
 - Mayor Smith responded go ahead.
 - Councilmember Majure stated so I look at these statements, right and the administration fee is one thing but in one of them, the removal, the hauling and dumping fee is less than the admin fee. I'm just kind of wondering, it seems like to me like doing the hauling and dumping would be a larger fee than an admin fee.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied I think that is what the contractor charges. I get these from our Code Enforcement Officer. He sends over the statements and then we assess them. He's just passing on the fees from the contractor that they contract with would charge.
 - Mayor Smith asked Beth do we go out for bids for contractors. I forget or do we just make a list.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I don't think we've gone out to bids for a while just because it's a handful of them. I'm not sure if that fee is a city-imposed fee or if that is a mower fee but I will say, there is a lot of time that goes into these. Especially some of them are occurring over and over again so there are times when I am going out there and reviewing it, there's times when Councilmembers call me, there's times people are calling Matt. So, there is quite a bit staff time that goes into it I will say that, and I think in a way I almost view that as a deterrent. If it was only \$100 to mow someone's grass maybe we'd have more people on this list, but I think with a higher price, maybe that deters people a little bit. That's just a guess.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated definitely not this first offender. It's got a second abatement fee.
 - Councilmember Majure responded yeah, a lot of these.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yeah.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated a third violator fee which is \$600 in fees.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied which I know one of them we are working with and so, again with these, we put these Ordinances out and we publish them but I don't actually send them to be assessed until the end of the month to the County. So, in the meantime, we're still working with all these people and I know there is at least one on here that they're working with. If they're willing to work with us, we're willing to waive some of those fees if it's to the benefit to both parties. We do want to work with them.
 - Councilmember Majure responded oh, ok.

- Finance Director Beth stated we need them to contact us to do that.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked some are abandoned houses aren't they.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied 600 Beth has been on there the last few years. Honestly too, I think we keep hearing from a contractor that is saying I'm going to be there soon and something else pops up. I know 600 Beth is on our list to get razed hopefully this year. I don't know if you have anything.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded so 600 Beth, the current person who has been working on that is trying to get someone in there to demo that. We did a match on that one I believe to help pay for that. The contractor who was supposed to come out has not shown up repeatedly. That individual has now hired an attorney to try to get that figured out. This is the one on there for \$1160 is the total. We talked about that a little bit internally myself and staff today and we're going to reach out to her and tell her that if we can get that house demo'd, we'll consider reviewing these fees and potentially waiving them if they will get the house demo'd. Of course, the goal is we want the property cleaned up. So, we're certainly willing to work with people but we need to have that communication to do that. We're going to try and initiate that.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I don't see the one on Connie St on here. It's about that high again. I think it's in repossession.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied these are from 2019.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked so these would be last years.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz yeah, these would have been for a full, so that's one we'd be working on actively right now that would show up next year if we don't get reimbursed for.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated neighbors asked again. It needs to be, we're going to have to get somebody back in there and mow it again. It's just as high as it was before again but I think its bank possession.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz asked seven something?
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied seven hundred block.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated I know which one you are talking about. Ok, we'll get it taken care of.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Donation of Tackle Football Equipment: Councilmember Majure moved to approve the request to donate the tackle football equipment to Patrick Morgan. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked Jason remember we talked about this in PRAB as well, what we were going to do with the equipment. Are you comfortable with this?
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied I am. Patrick is here tonight. He was one of our coaches last season. Not just for football, he coaches multiple sports in Parks & Rec.
 - Mayor Smith stated I remember him well.
 - Councilmember Trinkle responded I know we discussed it in depth.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied I did reach out to our other coach that was with us last year who also has another

tackle football team and he was not interested. They were interested in helmets but unfortunately, we can't do anything with the helmets. He was not interested in any other equipment. Yeah, I am comfortable with this. Patrick has assured me; he'd be willing to share with any Lansing kids that may need it and be a good caretaker of the equipment.

- Councilmember Trinkle stated lawyers looked it over and if you're happy with it, I'm happy with it.
 - Councilmember Kirby asked what we are going to do with the helmets.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied I don't know for sure yet. Most likely, we'll have to dispose of them. It's been kind of strange with the virus and things like that but we reached out to the Riddell representative a few times to see if there is possibly a recycling program or something we could do with it as opposed to just putting them in the dumpster. I haven't really gotten a clear answer on that just yet.
 - Councilmember Majure asked we can't do with the helmets like we're able to do with our good lawyer that drafted this up and take care of Patrick. We can't do the helmets like that.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded not according to our insurance company.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated our insurance raised some pretty big red flags with head stuff.
 - Councilmember Garvey responded liability.
 - Councilmember Majure replied but I mean, our lawyer did a great job on this.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson stated its more of a product liability issue. You know, it travels with the helmet downstream. Kind of when you think of an old tractor, you keep it out there and it's been recalled, and it still causes problems. You can basically chain that into the future, so they don't want anything to do with it.
 - Councilmember Trinkle responded but there has been a lot of improvements to the helmets now. They changed a lot and I think that is probably the reason they are trying to get away from it. We talked about that too. If we kept tackle football, we were going to have to do something with the helmets. I mean, upgrade.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied there are several of them that are either in need of reconditioning or replacement at this point in time anyway. I have probably 25% just guessing so but all of them have a 10-year life span.
 - Councilmember Majure stated well that is shame we couldn't help you with the helmets Patrick. These insurance lawyers. That's what it comes down too right.
 - Mayor Smith responded it is and the days we use to play 20 years ago, there wasn't a discussion. Does it halfway fit on your head, ok, let's go. Those days are over.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Conditional Use Permit – 508 4-H Road: City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we can have discussion before there is a motion.

- Mayor Smith stated I know we got some people in the audience. Does anybody want, yes sir, come on up, let us know where you live and give us your name please.
 - My name is Ron Jones. I live at 513 Maple Lane. My wife and I moved into this house last year after the tornado destroyed our house in Linwood. We had no idea there was bees in our backyard until after we bought the house. Had I known that I wouldn't have moved into it because I'm allergic to bee stings. The last time I was stung I came close to death and was in the emergency room 14 hours. So, I have a great fear of bees and if the bees remain, we are probably going to have to sell our house and move. I can't live in fear every day. I don't think we should have to. All we want to do is live in our house and not have to fear the bees. Thousands of them. Thank you.
- Mayor Smith asked anybody else like to address this. Yes, sir. Step forward, identify yourself and location please.
 - Yes, Mr. Mayor, City Council. I am Louis Walling. I am the resident at 508 4-H Road. This is my wife Melissa. We moved in here about 12 years ago when we were assigned here at the Army. I since then have retired from the Army and am now a Legion member and I have been active with the City. A year and half ago, it was suggested I start doing bees as a hobby, something to get going, something to take my mind off other things. I researched it, I talked with my neighbors that were the neighbors at that time. No red flags were thrown up at that time. I did a lot of research on what type of bees to get. The type of bees I have, they are a European strain that has been bred up in Minnesota. They are a general type of bee, a less aggressive bee, hypergenic means the queen goes through the hive and she searches out for diseased or bees that are not formed right and she kicks them out of the hive. I've also noticed too earlier, one of my mentors from Back to Nature farm, Mr. Chad Gillen, he comes and checks my hives with me and helps me out with those. Earlier this spring, he suggested, I had a wire fence around the hive. He said put an upgrade wind fence so the bees would have to go up. By making them go up into the air seven feet, they tend to fly over other areas and they don't come down until they get to the fields or that they are going to look in. Mr. Jones' place, I have not seen a flower in his area. There's no beehives. There are no bird bathes or anything for water so the bees will have no reason to be in his yard and that is a great plus for that. I do have them set back. Like today, we did harvest honey from them and they are there. I've had them for a year and half, two years. This is my second year of doing this and I've only been stung once and that's working directly with the bees. Being on the property for the twelve plus years, I've been stung two to threes times a year, never by a honeybee. It's always been by paper wasp, yellow jackets, those are enemies of the honeybee. I have traps up for those and I trap probably 150 plus of those a year in my yard and get rid of them. That is what you get stung by most often. Honeybees are usually not aggressive unless you are messing with the hive or violating their water sources or something like that.
 - Mayor Smith replied thank you.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked can I ask a question sir.
 - Mayor Smith responded go ahead Tony.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked do you have a water source.
 - Louis Walling replied I do. I have four bird bathes on my property and then we also catch rainwater in buckets. We leave those buckets out so bees can come and go. I try to keep them on my property as much as possible. I do have four or five flower gardens that I maintain and try to keep them. But bees move up to five miles to find flowers and they come back. They will search out

and find areas where they can bring back nectar and pollen. I also, when I was getting ready to get my bees this year, I set my hives up on a Wednesday and then Friday I went and checked my hives just to make sure they were all good to go because I was receiving two new colonies. When I went back to check them, a wild swarm had moved into one of my hives. So, there are bees in the area and usually a swarm like that won't move much more than a hundred yards or so from its original swarm or hive. So, we know there are hives in the area that are wild bees.

- Mayor Smith asked Tony did you have something else to add.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied yeah, I was going to ask about the swarming part. Do you have a secondary hive set aside?
 - Louis Walling responded I do. I set traps up especially in the spring when they are out to swarm. And then I also check my hives often. Usually you can tell by lifting up and see if they have any queen cells they are forming and usually when that is occurring that means they are getting ready to split. So, what you can do, you can split the hive at that time and avoid the swarm. I do have a mentor. He comes and helps me out all the time.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated I know Chad and if you're using Chad as a mentor, he's pretty intelligent when it comes to bees.
 - Louis Walling responded he is very good.
 - Councilmember Garvey replied he's a smart guy.
- Mayor Smith stated Gene, do you have a question for this.
 - Councilmember Kirby asked so you've had these bees for over a year.
 - Louis Walling responded I have. This is my second season.
 - Councilmember Kirby asked and what got us to here if you've had bees for a year.
 - Mayor Smith replied that's for Matt.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded yeah; I think someone notified us about it.
 - Councilmember Kirby responded if they've been out there a year, how did we get here from something that has already been going on.
 - Louis Walling replied well I know there's two other hives or two other apiaries in Lansing and I talked with them. I set my apiary up just like, as much as like theirs as I could.
 - Mayor Smith asked any other questions Council.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated I have a question on the motion because one of the motions is that you could approve it, any conditional use permit we can pull back period. So, I mean, why would we make a motion. You either approve it or disapprove it because I mean if we approve it, we can pull it. If somebody gets stung or there is any other issue that can arise, we can pull it anytime. Correct?

- Mayor Smith replied yes, correct.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked and then they have to reapply.
 - Mayor Smith replied yes.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked every year.
 - Mayor Smith responded yes.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated we've had no issues up to this point with bees.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated the one thing I would say to Tony's point, if you approve it with the condition if anything negative happens, it be revoked immediately, we as staff don't have to come back to Council to revoke that. We can immediately do it because something negative occurred because you've already approved that via the motion. That's why it was worded that way. If you would rather, if something negative does happen, we can come back and talk to you.
 - Councilmember McNeill responded I guess my counter to that would be, why wouldn't you pull it anyway. You only pull it because of negative things.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matt replied correct.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated I mean just making that statement I just said do we need it. That is what I was asking. If the reason we put it in there is so staff can do it without bringing it forward for another vote then ok.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded that was my reasoning for putting it in there that way.
- Mayor Smith asked anything else Council.
 - Councilmember Majure asked so where we at now. We are either approving it with one or all the motion.
 - Mayor Smith replied just one of them Marcus.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated and just one thing to clarify to, if you guys want to deny and override the Planning Commissions recommendation, it would require super majority. I just want to remind you of that.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked is this a new UDO.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied no that's a result of a Golden vs City of Overland Park case from a long time ago because a CUP is essentially a zoning option. In order for you to deny it and because the Planning Commission has recommended approval, for you to go opposite of what the Planning Commission has said, you have to have a super majority of the Council.
 - Mayor Smith stated ok, looking for a motion.
 - Councilmember McNeill responded ok, so you don't need a super majority to

approve at the Planning Commission, but you need one here to deny it.

Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit at 508 4-H Road with the condition that should anything negative occur, the conditional use permit will be revoked immediately. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Trinkle and Councilmember Kirby voting against the motion.

Purchase of Lansing Towne Center Development for Economic Development Purposes:

Councilmember McNeill moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. B-3-2020. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase contract for Lansing Towne Centre Development. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1044. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Smith stated and just for a comment on that coming from this chair. This is something that staff has worked on, the governing body has worked on, I think it is something we needed to do years ago. This is one heck of a deal I don't think the City can turn down. It will take a few years to build it up but I think we have the right people in place to get this done. Now all we have to do is look at QuikTrip and how we got them in here and I think you'll see things like that. In fact, we're already working on some deals as soon as we take ownership of it, so I see it has a very positive for the City of Lansing.
 - Councilmember Majure responded I'm excited Mayor because this is everything everybody wanted.
 - Mayor Smith replied exactly.
 - Councilmember Majure stated what we're trying to do for the township.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated we should have bought it years ago.
 - Mayor Smith replied absolutely.
 - Councilmember Majure stated now you'll have to tell me what the cost was years ago. Coulda, shoulda, woulda.
 - Mayor Smith responded we got a pretty good deal on it.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked who was on the Council back then.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated it wasn't me. I was for it but I was told no.
 - Mayor Smith stated I sat in the audience.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated we were not considered real estate agents.
 - Mayor Smith replied that is what we were told.
 - Councilmember Majure stated so I know with this is going to come some road construction. Where's Mike.
 - Mayor Smith responded he's not here.
 - Councilmember Majure stated there's going to come some road planning, road construction and that kind of stuff and I got it and I understand it. I'm kinda excited to look forward to working towards that as well. Ease of access between commercial rigs and that kind of stuff to get in there and make this true commercial and bring these businesses in.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated I talked to a lot of people because there's a lot of people who think we already owned it.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yep.

- Councilmember Garvey responded now if it don't develop, we're in trouble.
 - Mayor Smith replied we've heard that for years, that's true.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated it was always nice to say it's not ours.
 - Mayor Smith stated so Tim and Matt, now it is.
 - Councilmember Majure asked so does that mean now that we're going to work to own it that until the businesses get in there and the snow comes, we won't be running off families and sleds and everything.
 - Mayor Smith responded I refuse to answer.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum updated the Council on registrations for fall sports. Numbers are down significantly due to Covid. Last year there were 424 kids registered and this year there are 150. Some things discussed amongst staff is offering academy style like they've done for basketball. This could be an option for the soccer teams. The flag football numbers are low and that was expected with dropping tackle football and then Covid added to the situation. The younger ages are ok to move forward but numbers are lower for the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Staff discussed combining all those age groups to make teams but need to consider the range of those ages. At this point, its just taking it day by day to see where we are at with numbers and the virus.

- Councilmember Majure asked if we can move back the start dates. Everyone is waiting to see how school starts off so maybe waiting a couple of weeks after the start of school would help.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied typically we are having coaches' meetings and ordering uniforms by Aug 20th so that needs to be considered if we push it back.
- Councilmember McNeill asked what the schools are doing as far as their sports.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded they are moving forward as normal. After talking with Tim, if the schools start but then push everyone to remote, we will end our season as well.

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 mentioned the fireworks discussion from the Work Session, and after speaking with the County Health Director there are concerns with a large group of people congregating around rides, food trucks, etc. Shooting the fireworks off at Town Centre with people parked in parking lots in the surrounding area, watching from their porches, etc. would be a better option. Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated they have approached the vendor with an option to rent a FM transmission station that reaches a 3-5-mile radius so that residents can hear patriotic music playing while fireworks are going off.

- Councilmember Garvey asked if we could live stream the fireworks too.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied we could do it through Facebook.

Council discussed parking options for residents wanting to watch the fireworks. We don't want to promote parking or gathering along Centre Dr. Staff will reach out to the school district and businesses in the area to see if it's ok if people gather in their parking lots.

After further discussion, it is recommended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner be cancelled this year. Instead, there is interest in giving each volunteer a \$50 gift card. Another event up for discussion is the Fishing Derby that had been postponed until September. After speaking with the County Health Director, with marking sections for each family unit and social distancing those sections, this event is still a possibility. We might have to limit the number of participants to allow for social distancing though. The Council agrees to further discuss options for the event. The City website will be updated soon and staff would like current photos and biographies of Councilmembers. All pavement for mill and overlay on our streets is complete for the summer. Due to the next agenda being light, the August 20th meeting will be held via Zoom.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby said his thoughts and prayers are with Kerry and his family after this long, hard road for them. He also congratulated Mayor Smith on his County Commissioner 4th District win. He stated the Fire District budget will remain flat, there will be no increase in the mill.

Councilmember Majure expressed condolences to Kerry and his family. He also let Beth, Tim and staff know they did a great job on the 2021 Budget. He thanked Patrick for coaching youth and is excited he is getting the equipment. He is very excited on the road improvements and land purchase so we can get some businesses and restaurants in there. Councilmember Majure congratulated the Mayor on his win.

Councilmember Garvey said his thoughts and prayers to Kerry's entire family as this will stay with them for a long time to come. He congratulated Mike on his new position. He stated there are 29,717 Covid cases in Kansas right now and there are 279,001 negatives tests.

Councilmember McNeill echoed his thoughts and prayers are with Kerry. He let Beth and Tim know they appreciate all the work on the budget, and she did a great job. He thanked all the volunteers. He asked if we were bringing them to a council meeting to recognize them and stated it would be nice to do something.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall said between all the boards, it would be 50-60 people.
 - Councilmember McNeil asked about recognizing the Volunteer of the Year.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we could do that.

Councilmember Studnicka expressed his deepest sympathies to Kerry and let everyone know the visitation for his wife will be on Friday afternoon with the funeral on Saturday morning. He congratulated Mike on his win.

Councilmember Trinkle said his thoughts and prayers are with Kerry and his family. He told the budget team they did a great job this year. He agrees with Marcus on the land purchase at Town Centre and good things are coming. He also congratulated the Mayor on his win.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk