

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2019

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: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 5, 2019, as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Trinkle and Councilmember Buehler abstaining.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and no one came forward.

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Fire Board: Councilmember Studnicka moved to appoint Mayor Smith, Councilmember McNeill and Councilmember Brungardt to the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Join Board. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember McNeill and Councilmember Brungardt abstaining.

Approval of Bid – Audit Services: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the engagement of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball to perform the 2019, 2020, 2021 audits. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I have a question.
 - Mayor Smith replied go ahead Andi.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked how come you're doing three years at once.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded that seems to be the norm.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied I know we've had the same one for.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded we've had one, yeah, they've been here with us for 29 years but there were several cities that found themselves in the same position that we were in. There were a couple of other CPA firms that were no longer going to do municipal audits. So, looking at their RFP's and RFQ's, it kind of looked like everybody went with a three year with an additional two years built in if you wanted to extend it and then go out again and solicit bids again.
 - Mayor Smith stated and you know Beth, one of the things too about the audits and the people here that use the same firm, it's not the same people.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied no it's not. Usually they send one lead auditor and then they have someone different come with them. The other thing is just getting familiar with our books. You hate to give them one year and you switch to another agency and you've got to

- refamiliarize, so it makes more sense to stick with one firm for several years.
 - Mayor Smith stated I guess one thing I'm saying is you get that new person that comes in that's got new eyes on it. So, it's not the same people repeating, signing off on the same thing.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yes.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I actually think it's a good thing. I've thought for a long time, we should have done that. We just never did. And I understand that's it's comfortable and everybody is familiar, but I think sometimes it's good for change.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated it'll be an interesting year.
 - Councilmember Studnicka asked has this firm done other municipalities.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded yes. They've done 21 cities in Kansas. Mostly western Kansas but they've got an Overland Park office. It looks like they are looking to branch into more eastern Kansas regions. They're familiar with our software and they had very good references.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked do you know how long they've been in business.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded a long time.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied 50-60 years or something.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated it's been quite a few years.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. B-8-19 – Kansas PRIDE Program Support: Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopt Resolution No. B-8-19. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1038 – City Code Amendment Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1-204: Councilmember Kirby moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1038. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked when will this take effect.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied as soon as it's published.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1039 – Codification of Ordinances: Councilmember Kirby moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1039. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski so this just takes the stuff we've changed and puts it in the code.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner responded correct.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney: Councilmember Brungardt moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 30 minutes, beginning at 7:07PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:37PM. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 7:37PM. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to authorize the City’s Attorney’s to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember Pawlowski 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 Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall stated staff has been working with Landworks trying to figure how much funds will be available and what the top priorities are for the Parks Master Plan. That report will hopefully go to the Council in early 2020 with financing options. Demolition has started at K-7 and Eisenhower for QuikTrip. The Coop is making great progress on their new facility on Gilman too. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is January 17th so please RSVP early.

Governing Body: Councilmember Trinkle commented that Streets did a wonderful job clearing the streets and keep it up.

Councilmember Kirby stated he is very proud how the City stepped up to help the children in our community who are less fortunate. This includes the service organizations, Boy Scouts, citizens who came up and got tags and staff who organized everything. It’s important to show the kids in this town they are not forgotten. It’s great see how much the families appreciate the help.

Councilmember Pawlowski mentioned the need to change the speed limit on DeSoto Road. She stated that stretch of road from 147th St, DeSoto and Shrine Park has a speed limit of 40, 35 and 30. She suggested maybe we wait to change the speed limit until the rest of DeSoto Road is finished.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we are getting traffic counts to see the percentage of traffic is on the road.

Councilmember Garvey told the City employees great job on getting the streets cleaned.

Councilmember Buehler echoed Councilmember Trinkle and Councilmember Garvey’s sentiments on the roads being clear in Lansing. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1843, Charles Dickens published A Christmas Carol.

Councilmember McNeill thanked the Fire Board applicants for volunteering. He also asked if it was possible to do a contract with Ft. Leavenworth.

- Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated we purchase our salt through a cooperative agreement with Leavenworth County, City of Leavenworth, Basehor and Tonganoxie. There has been discussion in trying to get on the Federal contract. If we were able to get on that, there is potential for some cost savings.

Councilmember Brungardt mentioned the Middle School has a program called the Lion’s Pantry and it provides groceries to 25-30 families every week of the year. He encourages people to donate food to the pantry because there is a great need for it in Lansing and these families count on it. He also introduced Middle Schooler Ryan Schmitz and welcomed him.

Councilmember Studnicka stated he was called by a County resident about the speed limit on McIntyre Road being too high. He told the resident to contact either the County Commissioners or the State.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Studnicka moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Pawlowski voting against the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk