

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 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

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Don Studnicka and Jesse Garvey

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 3, 2019, as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Trinkle abstaining from the vote.

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

Presentations: Councilmember Gregg Buehler read and presented the Military Retiree Appreciation Day Proclamation to Norm Greczyn.

- Norm Greczyn stated this is a great place to live and raise children. He stated the local government takes great care of the retirees and asked that they continue to do so.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2019: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the treasurer's report for the quarter ending September 30, 2019. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Equipment Replacement Requests: Councilmember Kirby moved to authorize staff to acquire bids for formal action in early 2020. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked does it have electric windows.
 - Mayor Smith replied you're going back to the old days Dave.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated that goes back twenty years.
 - Mayor Smith responded Mike, that is too many years ago. Any other questions.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I was just going to say we need; I don't know anything about trucks, is this necessary?
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I can start it off and I guess if you want to chip in. I think the current one is functional but it's getting pretty outdated. I think there is rust on it. I think we replaced the transmission on it pretty recently. I guess the other thing, we always do this in the fall but then we approve the bids early the next year. If something happens in the next 3 months where we might need \$70,000 or something like that. There is no guarantee the Council has to approve this. This is just going out and getting the ball rolling on getting bids. I think when we buy trucks like this since we are such a small staff, we try to get trucks that can multipurpose. I know at one point someone had told me there was a thought process of getting a F-150 but if we had a F-150 or something similar to that, it might not be able to pull trailers to Bernard Park as easy, we might not be able to move snow as easy. So, I think that is why they get trucks like

this. Does that kind of answer your question? Do you want to add anything else, Mike?

- Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated this truck is a full year-round piece of equipment. It will definitely, in the winter time, be used for snow and ice removal operations but also because it has a dump bed, it's used for patching operations, it hauls gravel. It's just the kind of truck that assists the street department to do routine maintenance.

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 let the Council know the Regional Supper will take place at the Riverfront Community Center on November 13th so please RSVP by November 6th if you are interested. DeSoto Road has come a long way even in the last month and striping has started. The project overall is not complete, but it looks really good. City Administrator Tim Vandall also let the Council know the mediation session with the Townships regarding the Fire District was this week and they weren't able to come to an agreement but will continue to work on a solution that benefits the taxpayers of Lansing.

Governing Body: Councilmember Pawlowski stated Go Chiefs!

Councilmember Buehler seconded Councilmember Pawlowski's sentiment and provided a fun fact, on this day in 1933, Albert Einstein left Nazi Germany and arrived in the United States.

Councilmember Kirby asked how long the shortest council meeting was.

- Councilmember Buehler responded about four and a half minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirby moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk