CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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: Jesse Garvey Ward 4: Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Kerry Brungardt, Don

Studnicka and Gregg Buehler

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the special meeting minutes of April 4, 2019 and the regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2019, as presented. Councilmember Kirby 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:

Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2019: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2019. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember McNeill asked one question. What is the Hillbrook Subdivision escrow?
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied its actually money that was put down by the developer for maintenance of the storm water.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded something was off, I think. The subdivision was completed so we made them put in \$20,000 and it's inspected every year out of that fund.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated and he's wanted it back and we told him no.
 - Mayor Smith responded yes.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied at the end of 20 years; we would give him the balance of that.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated yes.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded and it's been 13 years.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated ok so they use it when they need it.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied its technically not, yeah.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked it was a nonpermitted deal wasn't it. They did it without asking to or something.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I don't recall the specifics.
 - Mayor Smith responded we had to protect the area down there.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson asked Mike, who was the developer on that.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied Prairie Home.
 - Mayor Smith responded yes Andi is right, Andi is correct. But they did require that and its been used like that.
- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I thought Larkin did something.

- Finance Director Beth Sanford stated its Larkin and so what it was, as long as they did the inspection and they paid for it, we held this money in escrow and after 20 years we'd refund it. However, in that time they declared bankruptcy, so we've had to do the inspection, I think the past two years and we use that. We reduce that balance to pay for that. So, at the end of that 20 years, whatever is left would be paid back to them but that's there so that if we had to do it and pay for it, we could, and it wouldn't cost us.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied thanks I don't recall that.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson stated just an FYI, I remember when that first happened. I know you brought that to my attention a couple of years ago. When they did their bankruptcy, I thought it was maybe chapter 13 or I think it might have been 12 for a corporation or organization but when I checked with the attorney, they told me it was total liquidation. Which kind of surprised me because my understanding is even though we are listed as a creditor they did not claim that money on that bankruptcy. So, I reached out to their attorney and said hey, are you claiming this as an asset, is a trustee going to take it as part of the liquidation. I never got a response or we were never, other than the notice, we never got involved with the assets. So technically, I think, before we turn it back to Larkin we would have to check with the court or the trustee to make sure he's entitled to it.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I thought there was a contract somewhere that says they're entitled to the balance but we can double check.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson responded no, I don't disagree with that Tim. I'm sure there was a mechanism to give it back to them but when you declare bankruptcy and if you do a total liquidation, usually what happens is they say you owe a million dollars your assets are usually like, say \$300,000. They sell them off, pay down that million and then the creditors are left hanging. So, then what happens is if we have \$20,000 to give back, then those original creditors would have access to that balance to be paid pro rata or however it was organized. So that's the only thing when we get to there because if I'm still here, remind me.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated I think it's 2024 that it expires.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded they have had to ask for us to release it. At least once, haven't they.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied no.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated once since I've been here.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded as far as that but we didn't.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded no we didn't do it but they've asked at least once.
 - Mayor Smith asked anything else Tony.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied no. Thanks Beth.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing Board of Appeals Appointment: Councilmember McNeill moved to appoint Timothy Cahill to the Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term that will expire on April 30, 2022. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Appointments: Councilmember Trinkle moved to appoint Tricia Howell to the Lansing Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Award of Contract - Bernard Park Stream Crossing Project: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the contact with Linaweaver Construction for the Stream Crossing Project in an amount not to exceed \$18,300.00. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Kirby stated I'm going to ask again like I asked last time. There's a big difference between the two bids, over \$100,000.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded you don't want to go off of \$100,000.
 - Councilmember Kirby responded I'd just like to know why there is a \$100.000 difference.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied no, honestly, Chuck was our Engineer on this project and that bid was the first one we opened, we both about had a heart attack. Anyway, it was just maybe their approach or their understanding of the project. They had a completely different way going about it than the other bidders.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded they never visited the sight, whereas the other three did, correct.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied that's
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated my concern doesn't have anything to do with the bids but Linaweaver has a lot to do right now. This is important but some of the other ones are more important. Do you check and make sure he's not too busy?
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded they bid on it and they're going to have to put the bonds forward for it so I assume they are prepared to do it.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied ok.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated this is like the job, like changing the oil in the car. It's not a big job.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Award of Contract - Parks & Recreation Master Plan: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the contract with Landworks Studio for the Parks Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$94,372.00. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated if you guys wouldn't mind. Shannon, you want to come up here. Shannon did the master plan for Bernard Park and he is now with Landworks. He'll be our Project Manager on this project. I wanted to put a face with a name for you guys.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded tell them why you wanted to do this because I think that will make a difference.
 - Shannon Gordon stated well we never really got to finish what we started and I think it was a great start. I think Mayor Bernard would love to see it finished with the same kind of spirit and attitude that he had. I'm looking forward to it.
 - Mayor Smith asked when we worked on this, we had less gray on our face too. didn't we.
 - Shannon Gordon replied yes, we did.
 - Mayor Smith stated it's been awhile.
 - Shannon Gordon replied it has. I appreciate the opportunity and I'm looking forward to it.
 - Mayor Smith asked Andi, do you have something.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded no, I just wanted Shannon to talk.

- Councilmember McNeill stated I had a question on the citizen, like the input. What is the plan on the communications plan to get that word out.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum asked as far as how we're going.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked how are we going to let the citizens know we're doing this and how they can participate.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded probably through, most of our regular channels we use: press releases, hopefully, maybe we can get the Pride sign, any venue we have that we can get the word out, we're going to use it.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated because if we want to get as many people involved as we can.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied right and I might let Shannon speak to that just a little bit but we also intend to do a lot more survey type. We did a big survey last time, but we're going to do some more Survey Monkey type based surveying and things like that so people, if they can't make it to our actual events they have an opportunity to give their thoughts and their opinions so we're trying to hit as many people as we can with that. Is that accurate?
 - Shannon Gordon responded that's accurate.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated we had good turn out the last time. We had a really good response to our surveys. I think the community is ready.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Special Use Permit – More than 4 Animals – 124 N. Main Street, #17:

Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the special use permit for 124 N. Main Street, #17. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked there was no complaints or problems or nothing.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated we still need a motion.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied no it was the motion to approve. There was no "or deny" this time.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied alright.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated you guys need to turn your hearing aid up.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson responded I guess so Dave.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I've been instructed up here on this by Andi.
 - o Councilmember Pawlowski replied I'm not taking credit for that.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman responded to answer your question, no there's no complaints or anything that I have been made aware of.
 - Councilmember Kirby asked are they here?
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied I don't know if they're here or not.
 - Alanda Fowler stated yes, I am.
 - Mayor Smith stated she's sitting at the back.

Police Chief Steve Wayman replied Wendy did the follow up on this and she is out of town in training this week.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Special Use Permit – More than 4 Animals – 502 1st Terrace: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to approve the special use permit for 502 1st Terrace. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing DAZE Special Event Permit & temporary Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage Sales:

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to approve the Temporary Special Event Permit and Temporary Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage License to Elite Occasions for the selling of Cereal Malt Beverages and Beer not to exceed 6% Alcohol by Volume at the Lansing DAZE event. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated so I have a question. So, they don't have to serve near beer anymore. They can serve the real stuff.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied no more than 6%.
 - Mayor Smith stated ever since July.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded that's not near beer. Near beer is 3.2%.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied you can still sell 3.2.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated there is no such thing as 3.2 anymore. It's gone.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded but no one would.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but I mean.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied there is no market for it.
 - o Councilmember Pawlowski responded I knew the law had changed in.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied April.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated April 1.
 - Councilmember Garvey responded April 1st. It wasn't a joke.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied no it was not. It was real. Anything under 6%.
 - Mayor Smith asked anything else Andi.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I was just curious.

The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Departments Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report. **City Engineer:** City Engineer had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall stated the resolution with Lan Del and Saddle Ridge should be at the next Council meeting with some updates on the original draft. The area where we take our solids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant has flooded and we are going to have to find another place to take the solids. We have been quoted \$39 per ton. The total amount is expected to be significant.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby spoke with Tim, Sarah and Steve about the Special Use permits for animals. As long as there are no complaints, he suggested Police Chief Steve Wayman issuing the permits immediately following Officer Burr's inspection instead of it going before the Council. If there are issues, the item would come to the Council as an appeal. The Council agreed to think about it. Councilmember Garvey noticed the park at Highland Park has been torn out, so progress is being made there.

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Councilmember McNeill thanked the new volunt	teers, Mr. Cahill and Ms. Howell.
ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Cour was unanimously approved. The meeting was	ncilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
ATTEST:	Michael W. Smith, Mayor
Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk	