

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: Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: Gene Kirby

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember McNeill moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 19, 2018, as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Buehler abstaining from the vote.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and a community member came forward. Kevin Gardner at 1012 N 4th St spoke in regard to previous meetings about the Fire Department. Mr. Gardner mentioned the Council kept the meeting civil which allows the lines of communication to stay open. He stated Councilmember McNeill has always been upfront and honest with people and is concerned about how the taxpayer's money is spent. Mr. Gardner feels perception is more of a mental impression than truth and stated the Council is just as concerned how \$25 is spent as it is about \$2.5 million. Mr. Gardner stated the Council can have various types of information in front of them at any given meeting and since they aren't allowed to congregate outside due to law, there are times when info needs to be exchanged. He expressed Councilmember Pawlowski always comes prepared to meetings and makes sure questions are answered and/or clarified. Mr. Gardner stated he trusts the Council to make decisions based on the stability and future of Lansing. He finished with stating Lansing is fortunate to have a Council who is both experienced and dedicated to its residents, businesses and the future.

Presentation: Alliance Against Family Violence: Stan Cherrie, Board Member for Alliance Against Family Violence (AAFV), presented the history of the advocacy service organization. Mr. Cherrie spoke of the organizations mission to offer services and programs for victims and survivors of sexual and/or domestic violence within their community. Mr. Cherrie stated the purpose of AAFV is not only to provide services but also raise community awareness about family violence, sexual and domestic violence, available community resources, and services and programs within the organization. AAFV services include a 24/7 crisis hot line, emergency shelter, police response advocacy, court advocacy, sexual assault and medical advocacy, food, clothing, transitional housing, access to support groups, and outreach services. Mr. Cherrie explained the funding procedures. Unfortunately, cash flow was interrupted and the Alliance had to temporarily suspend services within Leavenworth County as of November 2017. AAFV has received matching grants from the city of Leavenworth and the County. The organization has been productive in recruiting board members, fundraising, paying all bills, securing shelter, and a title for shelter to name a few. Mr. Cherrie stated they cannot open their doors until they are fiscally sound and they are actively working towards that.

- Police Chief Steve Wayman spoke to the benefits of the having an organization like Alliance Against Family Violence. He spoke that without the services of this type of organizations, victims don't know what to do and get lost in the court system so they go back to the abuser that has control over them. AAFV offers a good support for the police and if it helps reduce a percentage of abuse then it's worth it.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated in the past we've included a funding line in your budget.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman stated in the past we've had direct funding into the Alliance. We switched out of it because a lot of non-profits came in asking for money and the Council didn't feel comfortable with just giving money out so we switched over to more they would provide training for the police department. And then we'd be invoiced for the training scenarios. They'd invoice us 3,4,5 times a year and we'd pay that out. They were funded from the City of Lansing by providing a service directly to the Police Department.
- Mayor Smith responded there is a non-profit organization funding policy that can be filled out and sent before the governing body for consideration. Mayor Smith agrees with the Chief that it helps the victims but also helps police get back on patrol. He said this is a service he can't talk about high enough and he appreciates Mr. Cherrie bringing the presentation to the Council.
- Councilmember Brungardt stated he believes they, as a Council, need to designate some money for organizations like this. St. Vincent Clinic is another great organization and you all manage to work together and help each other. He stated he doesn't know the magic number but we have a lot of citizens in this community that need these services. Councilmember Brungardt said it doesn't need to be an outrageous number but with an application, we can decide how to disburse those funds whatever the amount is.

- Councilmember Buehler states let's put it on a work session so we can talk about it. Beth can come talk to us so we can come up with a plan.
- Mayor Smith suggested the Lansing Leavenworth Leadership Class who has projects they do every year. Talk to the Chamber and get on with that, that's a good group to go out and help and do some remodeling.
- Councilmember Brungardt stated he didn't know how often they get to hear success cases but one of the families you helped before you shut down was from out of state. The mom was getting away from a very abusive situation. I told her I really admired her for doing this and she said someone was going to die if we didn't. They came here, you guys stepped in, worked your magic and with a lot of support through our community and other resources, this family is thriving now. The mom is employed, they have a decent place to live and they have a support system and it's pretty cool to see. I wanted you to hear the success cases.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Hearing on and Consideration of the Proposed 2019 Budget: Councilmember Brungardt moved to open the public hearing for the 2019 Budget. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Smith asked is there anyone who would like to address the Council on this.
 - Jeanette Labbe-Holdeman stated I guess I would.
 - Mayor Smith responded come on up Jeanette.
 - Jeanette Labbe-Holdeman stated I just want to congratulate you on managing the mill levy. I know this is like the third year that we haven't raised the mill levy which means we are doing amazing work with the money that we've got. So I just would like to say thank you very much.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated Tim and his staff has done a good job on that.
- Mayor Smith responded he appreciated the staff being credited for that and it's nice to hear these comments after been dealing with the Fire District so thank you very much.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated but don't get used to it.
- Mayor Smith stated ok, nobody else. I need a motion to close the public hearing for 2019 budget.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated wait a minute, so this.
 - Councilmember Garvey replied closing it.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated I have some questions about the budget.
 - Mayor Smith responded we can still talk, we can close it and still talk before we approve it, ok.

Councilmember Buehler moved to close the public hearing for the 2019 Budget. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Councilmember McNeill asked on the sales tax, \$.45. I think it's on page 13. I got a question on the transfer to debt services \$550,000.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied that is an estimate right now.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated that's a split between the roads and the parks, right?
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded correct.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated from those revenues and do we know it's \$550,000.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated we don't know yet. We won't know really until we sell the bonds.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied ok, well my concern is the percentage. The debt is what we're going to pay whatever that ends up being and the rest will go to Parks. Is that the plan?
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded as of right now that is what we had talked about. Yeah.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied ok. I just want to make sure. I saw the \$550,000 and the \$129,200.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated those are just kind of a best guess right now until we get final numbers.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated we aren't going to get much Park work done with the \$129,200.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall responded and you could probably look at that as maybe a worst case scenario figure like if the bids come in higher than we're anticipating. You can probably look at it like that.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated but we'll reengage once we know what the debt is.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied once we know those final numbers. Those numbers can change and you can do a transfer of budget authority.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked can we not have a whole year of the sales tax yet either so it's all kind of a guess.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied 7 or 8 months.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated this is all kind of an estimate. We don't have good data yet. And you'll notice this year, I kind of have some budgeted for Bernard Park and we're probably not going to spend anything until we have everything in place. This is just kind of an estimate of how we might see it play out. I think the intent was to let it build for that first year so if we don't spend that money, that carries over and increases the amount that is there for next year.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded right because we keep track of this completely separate.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford answered yes, this is only for debt service.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated for that \$.45.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yeah.
 - Mayor Smith asked any other questions for Beth on the budget. Seeing there's not a motion to approve, I'm sorry Dave. Go ahead.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated well, maybe I misunderstood but in our study session but I'd sure like to maybe work hard next year on getting something for the alley. I mean we talked about it and I don't see anything. I guess it got swept under the carpet again.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded I think that was in our CIP proposal.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we talked about doing one this year.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded yeah, we talked about maybe doing one to see how it went.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I know we spent \$4-5,000 engaging in engineers to talk about what it would take to do it. So we haven't just blown that off. I know we talked to an engineer about what it would take.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied well I mean, I didn't see it in the budget. I thought maybe, I didn't mean that maybe, we have to do what we have to do but I thought we'd try to get one done this next budget cycle.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah because I remember the engineer kind of gave us an estimate as far as what it would take and I think their estimate was doing them all. I know we verbally talked about doing one because we didn't want to do ten of them. But we didn't want to do ten and then have them all get torn up by xyz. We kind of wanted one as a trial run.
 - Councilmember Trinkle responded pick one a year.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated try to see how trucks did on it and see what kind of trouble they had.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall asked do you recall if we did include that or not off the top of your head.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied that is in the CIP, the Capital Improvements Budget which is on page 13 if you're following along.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated I mean none of the roads are broke out in there.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yeah, it doesn't break out into great detail.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I mean we talked about a line item for it or however they were going to do it. I didn't know if it was included or not.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied it would probably just go under street.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied street contract.
 - Mayor Smith asked does that happen when you do, bring back the list of everything to us that you want to repair. Is that where it would come into play? You know like when the street repair.

- Councilmember McNeill stated Jeff has the priority.
 - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp responded yeah we probably would have included it in the street CIP if it was selected to do a street or anything like that, it would be included in that group because it's just too much money to bring the companies in separately.
- Mayor Smith stated that makes sense. Do you have any idea what one of them would be? A rough idea to do just one.
- Public Works Director Jeff Rupp stated I can kind of break it down out of the package because the engineer did a review of the entire selection of streets that were looked at alleys and gave us a total price. But I can probably come close to what one is but I would have to review it.
- Councilmember McNeill responded I thought the discussion was that it wasn't in there as a specific item but as we did roads that were in and around, if we could knock one out with the excess tied into a road that we'd try to do that.
- Public Works Director Jeff Rupp stated well we still have time to make some adjustments for the 2019 budget. This year it would have been tough to try to squeeze that in because the roads were set and quantities were set.
- Mayor Smith replied no we're talking next year.
- Councilmember McNeill replied he's talking next year.
- Councilmember Trinkle stated well I am going to keep on bringing it up, it's been 20 some years now.
- Councilmember McNeill responded no, but we did talk about it for 19.
 - Mayor Smith stated we did, we did.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied like I said earlier too. We did invest a little bit of money engaging an engineer to figure out what it would take to do it.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated the neighborhood over there would be all appreciative, their appreciative of it. I mean you'll have to bring your lawnmower and mow the center of the alley, maybe to get to some of the bad ones. Ok, that was my only question.
- Mayor Smith asked anymore comments to Beth or anybody on the budget.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated good job on the budget.
 - Mayor Smith replied I thought so too.

Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the 2019 Budget. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1001 – Sewer & Trash Disposal Assessment: Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1001 for assessment of delinquent sewer and trash bills. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked Beth do you know how much this is total?
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yep, it's about \$88,000 which is down from last year which was at about \$111,500.
 - Mayor Smith replied I do like that.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked and these are just property owners.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied these are only property owners.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked and those go to 3rd party.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated yes, we have a 3rd party.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked do you have any idea how much that is just off hand.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded not off the top of my head because typically we do this part first and then we do the next one.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I know you've explained this a hundred and fifty times. Say somebody has a \$1200 bill on here and they fail to pay it and it goes assessed to their taxes. That stays there and stays there. If they come with another \$1200 the next, when does it stop? Am I thinking the way that's working.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated it goes on their tax bill.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford responded it's on their property tax bill so when they pay their tax.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied when they pay their tax bill, they have to pay that too.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated and if they don't they go into arrears on their property tax bill.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated typically collection rate is pretty high on these because the collection rate last year we received in 99% of what we assessed against property tax rules. People are paying their property taxes that is included in their property tax bill.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied I know we get a percentage of it back, after they collect it however that works. Some of these are \$1,000 this year, \$1,000 next year.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked don't we get all this back.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied we get all this.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated because they put the fees and stuff on top of it so we get all this back.
 - Councilmember Trinkle responded like I said \$1000 this year, a \$1,000 next year. I mean pretty soon their going to have \$30,000 tax bill if something doesn't start.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied no because we do it every year.
 - Mayor Smith stated pay me now, pay me later.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded it won't go that far.
- Finance Director Beth Sanford stated once we put this on the tax roll, we remove it from their account. So their account gets reduced by this amount of money. In fact, we've had a couple of people call and go, you know my bill is a lot lower. Well it's because we sent a piece of it to collections.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied it's starting all over. But then when their property taxes come due if they fail to pay their total with this assessment on it then that is when they go into the tax sales, the houses. Ok, I thought that is what you told us a hundred times before.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked if the house here is in foreclosure, do we end up with that money too.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford stated we try to catch it, before we send the final list to the county, we look again to make sure that none of these houses have changed hands and that we are assessing the wrong person. A lot of times the bank, the closing agencies will call us and ask if there is an assessment and they will pay it off. Just to have it paid off.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I have to tell them to do that.
- Mayor Smith asked any other questions.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1002 – Weed Removal Assessment: Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1002 for assessment of delinquent fees for weed removal. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked are these this year's billing or is this from last year because they didn't pay.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied well, it would be from the last time, anything from the last time we assessed through this year.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated one of them had last year's date on it. I mean has it been a year since we've been trying to get them to pay for a year.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied if it fell past the date where we sent out the assessment then we would be collecting this year.
 - Councilmember Trinkle responded collect it this year.
- Councilmember McNeill asked when is the, does this come up for bid. I mean, how do we do this? What is the process? We hire somebody to go mow it and then we bill them. And then we charge them \$100 for us having to get somebody to mow it.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated we take bids.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied yeah. I don't know if it's \$100.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied well, first remediation administrative fee \$100. It cost \$100 a mow so it's \$200. The other company that evidently won the bid charged \$200 to mow the lawn and this is on Holiday Dr. and I can tell you and then we charge another \$100 fee and then their mower blade broke so they charged another \$55. I mean that seems like highway robbery.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated most of the time the properties are in foreclosure.

- Councilmember Garvey responded I say, why do we have to pay for a broken blade? That's your maintenance.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied I know, I know. So we put these out for, I mean a bid on it. Is that what we do? What's the process? I mean, don't we have somebody who will just mow the lawn and then we bill them for it.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied no.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we don't have staff do that.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied no, I mean can't you make a deal with somebody in town like a mowing service so anytime we have to have them do it. They get the business and then they go mow.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated that's what we do.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded I think that's what we do.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied I mean, that's a total rip off because whoever tuned in Triple A Lawn is, I mean I wouldn't recommend them.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied a lot of times that grass is like baling height. It's like, you know, 24 inches.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded it takes longer than just mowing a regular yard.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated and sometimes there's junk in the yard that they have to move.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated yeah, I know, I drive Holiday like every day, ok. It's my neighborhood.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied I know but I mean I've sold houses like that in Leavenworth. \$200 is nothing. I mean they pile all kinds of fees on top. It's relatively expensive to do that.
 - Councilmember McNeill responded ok, yeah, no, I don't believe that but alright. I mow lawns myself. Not for profit, just for fun.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I think Tony wants a retirement job.
 - Councilmember McNeill responded no, I'm just saying that just looked outlandish to me.
 - Finance Director Beth Sanford replied I can pass along. Typically, honestly, what I do every year is I go are there any properties that we need to assess. And he sent me over what they would pay. I know it's a technicality but I can pass it along.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked are people in these homes or are these vacant homes that people just aren't up keeping. Do we know that?
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded I think that is a little bit beyond what Beth. Like I said, I think Beth gets the numbers from Code Enforcement as far as what we assess so we're not paying this.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked we got Code Enforcement in here.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied Matt's here.
 - Mayor Smith stated I think they do both. I think both people.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked I mean, do you know if these are vacated properties and we're going to terminally mow and keep assessing them.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded I don't know for sure. I can certainly look into it and find out.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated I mean, I know there's a couple on Holiday that are, you know, got the posters in the windows and the lawns always tall. I don't know if that's where we're doing it.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied we can certainly look into it. One of the things we have, basically have an on call contractor that when we tell them there's a place that needs to be mowed. They go over and mow it. The one in particular that you're talking about with the broken motor blade, I don't know the specifics of what happened there. I would assume if they are billing us for that, that they hit something that was there and that is why they are billing us. It's not normal maintenance. If it's normal maintenance, I agree with you, we shouldn't be paying that. But you know if there was something buried in grass that was 24" tall and

they hit it and it caused damage to their mower, I kind of see a little bit of reason there. One of the things we can also look at, if Tim wanted to and the Council wanted to, is we could put some sort of fee out for mowing services for contract services like that and see if we can get an established hourly rate or something like that.

- Councilmember McNeill replied yeah, it doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me.
 - Mayor Smith responded I thought, Matt, we went out for bid every couple of years.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated we probably do. I just don't know how long it's been since then.
 - Mayor Smith replied ok.
 - Councilmember Garvey responded the key thing that jumped out at me is the hourly rate. Well the first crew was charged 2.5 hours was \$100 and the next crew charged 2.5 hours was \$200. So the rate is twice as much.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied right and that may have to do with the height of the grass itself but like I said, to me if you going to bill that you put in there it's a flat hourly rate and it doesn't really matter what it takes for you to get it done. You pay x amount of dollars.
- Councilmember Trinkle stated since we're on the subject of grass, the 600 block of Beth, I know it's been a problem last year and they weren't mowing it. I don't know if you were here. It's an abandoned house, it's turned into a wildlife refuge. They got a big pile of brush outside, the roof of the house is falling in, the roof of the garage has fell in, grass is and the neighbors are all very concerned. I assume it's in probate.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall asked is that the one that's across from Russ.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied yes, yes and he cornered me again today about that.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated weren't there, I remember there were like Russian thistles or something.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated it's been in probate, now it's changed and now another one of the family members started arguing.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah, I remember last year being in probate and I remember we were hoping last year it would get resolved but obviously it seems like it didn't.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated one brother and another brother to cousin, back down, back to somebody else. Some other family member got it. We still have to do something about the forest that's growing there. I mean groundhogs and foxes and everything else, probably everything living there.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded thistles are defined as noxious weeds. That's something we can do immediately. We don't have to wait forever.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated Dave, I'm going to send you Matt's cell phone number and you can text him like I do.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated oh I've got his cell, well I only use it if I need to.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski responded I text him all the time.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied so far I haven't needed to but it's the thing that you know, there's kids playing around. Neighbor lady runs the kids off, somebody's going to get hurt. It's run down, ceiling, roofs are falling in
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I remember the roof on the garage was bad but the roof on the house is bad now too.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated the roof on the house is going south now too.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah I recall that from last year. We'll take a look at it.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz asked what was the address again Mr. Trinkle.
 - Councilmember Trinkle replied it's right at the end, it's turn, it's 600 block of Beth, last one on the right.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded remember that dead end where you can kind of see, it's by that abandon church.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied let's get together.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated 601, 600 or 601 Beth.
 - Mayor Smith replied you can't miss it.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we'll figure it out.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied we'll get together.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked where are we.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated we have a motion to second to approve it.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated let's vote.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for 20 minutes beginning at 8:00 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:20 PM. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to return to Open Session at 8:20 PM. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department 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 welcomed back Officer Hansen who has been deployed the last two years. Tim Vandall and Jeff Rupp spoke to the City of Leavenworth about the K-7 and Eisenhower intersection. Peak hours make it a rough intersection to traverse, so options were discussed to help out that area if traffic increases in the coming years. Leavenworth has done traffic counts and had engineers look at it. There is an option to apply for a grant with 90-10 match with neither entity out that much money. Councilmember Trinkle mentioned when work begins on DeSoto people may switch to that intersection. Discussions will continue for this intersection. Tim mentioned the bid opening date for DeSoto Road is September 19th with Tim Vandall and Jeff Rupp being able to listen to it live stream. Over the next few months, the Council will see all the documents authorizing the bonds sales for that project. KDOT will be paid a lump sum around \$4 million and then KDOT will pay the contractor. Once the project is bid, there will be a better idea of how much is available for Bernard Park. Tim continued that the bids for Highland Park came back quite a bit higher than expected, so Jason Crum is doing some more research and the Council will be briefed at a later date. Tim stated that Deffenbaugh contacted the city about recycling issues since China is not accepting as much recycling as they used to. Defenbaugh wanted to open the lines of communication in regard to the importance of recycling. Tim closed his report with stated that the contract for the School Resource Officer should be available for the next Council meeting.

Governing Body: Councilmember Brungardt thanked Officer Hansen for his service.

Councilmember Garvey echoed Councilmember Brungardt sentiments. He also thanked Kevin Gardner for his statement, and said it was awesome to hear something positive for a change. He also thanked the Alliance Against Family Violence for their presentation and the work they do.

Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1776, delegates to the Continental Congress began signing the Declaration of Independence.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Buehler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk