

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor McNeill at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor McNeill called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Kevin Gardner and Gene Kirby

Ward 2: Donald Studnicka and Jake Kowalewski

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of February 6, 2025, were provided for review.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Gardner; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

Audience Participation:

Presentations:

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Waste Management Contract Extension.

The Waste Management notified the City three months ago of a potential rate increase at the conclusion of our current contract, which is set to expire February 28, 2025. Waste Management provided options to allow the City to offset some costs by establishing recycling every other week. The City put out a survey to residents to gauge their interest in every other week recycling, and over 57% of our residents preferred to keep recycling weekly, in spite of the \$3.38/month increase. Waste Management's current rate is \$18.27/month, when including administrative costs, totals an even \$19/month for our residents. Waste Management is proposing a rate of \$21.65 for the same service to our residents (potentially more with administrative costs). According to Waste Management, the lion's share of the increase is the result of increasing wages to their drivers.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve of three-year extension with Waste Management Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. Discussion occurred between the Council and Waste Management Account Manager John Blessing regarding the after-hour notice of changes to trash collection on February 6, 2025, as well as updates from the Waste Management App. Councilmember Kowalewski asked for clarification about whether the rate for this contract is locked or if there is an annual escalator. Mr. Blessing stated that if the term of the contract is longer than one year, there will be an annual escalator. He further stated that the reason that the increase that the city is receiving is maybe larger than it has in the past is because it's been under these three- and five-year contracts for so long that had smaller annual escalators. Councilmember Garvey stated he disagreed with what Mr. Blessing just said as Waste

Management asked the city to increase the rates in the middle of the current contract. Mr. Blessing stated that there could be one off issues that could come up while the city is under this new contract. The council continued discussions regarding one- or three-year contract pros and cons. Councilmember Studnicka asked for clarification about whether there would still be a senior rate. City Administrator Tim Vandall explained that that is an internal decision by the city, and the city was still planning to do a senior rate.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Gardner; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator:

- Discussed the rezones and the procedures involved.
 - Rezoning is requested by property owners.
 - Rumors regarding the city withholding Planning Commission contact information. The Planning Commission does not have city emails. The city did not want to give personal email addresses of our volunteers that make up the Planning Commission.
 - There are multiple projects happening on McIntyre with different owners, different projects, different goals.
- Discussions have occurred on whether to assign city emails to volunteer board members.
- Discussion continued with council regarding personal emails and social media.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Kirby:

- Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- I want to put this out publicly and this is just my opinion:
 - Future land use maps, comprehensive plans are living documents. They're intended to evolve over time in response to changing conditions, community needs, and policy priorities. They are not law. They are not policies. They are not doctrines.
 - Our most recent versions are over 13 years old and are not reflective of the current infrastructure or today's economic environment.
 - Current data, market trends, and community goals must be considered when we are making decisions.

Councilmember Garvey:

- Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Robinson:

- Great job by the city for getting the snow cleaned up.

Councilmember Clemons:

- Thank you to Mr. Vandall and staff regarding the Fire District 1 packet sent to County Commissioners.
- LCPA was cancelled due to weather.

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Well said, Councilmember Kowalewski.

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Gardner:

- Based on the growth in Piper and Bashor as well as the state funding going to straighten out Highway 5, it is not surprising that the southern end of town is attractive to developers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Kirby, Kowalewski, Garvey, Robinson, Clemons, Brungardt, Studnicka, and Gardner; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none; The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC