

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: Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: Don Studnicka

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of November 16, 2023, were provided for review.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Audience Participation:

Presentations:

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Application Approval for the Parks and Recreation Board

There are seven open positions on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The positions were advertised, and seven applications were received. The PRAB met, reviewed the applications, and recommends the following new appointments:

- o Adam Bremer to the Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2024
- o Jeff Conklin to the Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

The PRAB also recommends the following re-appointments for a term ending December 31, 2025:

- o Robert Lamborn
- o Tricia Howell
- o Dana Fontenot
- o Casey Worrell
- o Bill Dupras

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to appoint Adam Bremer to the Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2024, and Robert Lamborn, Tricia Howell, Dana Fontenot, Casey Worrell, Bill Dupras and Jeff Conklin to the Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2025. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Application Approval for the Tree Board

There are three open positions on the Tree Board. The positions were advertised, and one person has applied. The Tree Board met, reviewed the application, and recommends the appointment of Al Gledhill for a term ending December 31, 2026.

Councilmember Brungardt a motion to approve appointing Al Gledhill to the Tree Board for a term ending December 31, 2026. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Approval of Leavenworth Fire District No. 1 Board re-appointment application

There are two open positions on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board. The positions were advertised, and one person has re-applied.

Councilmember Buehler a motion to re-appoint Rob Gaslin to the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2027. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Approval of Annual CMB Licensing

Each year the businesses that hold a CMB License must be renewed by the city and the State. The required reviewing of the applications has been done, there are no changes to the applications from previous years. The licensing fee and Kansas State Stamp Tax have been paid for 2024.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License renewals for Aldi Inc at 1217 North Main Street; Lansing Quike Stop at 601 South Main Street; QuikTrip #188 at 1205 North Main Street; Shree Nivas Inc. dba Finish Line at 506 North Main Street; and Truman Town LLC dba Woody’s Gas Express at 109 4-H Road. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator: 276 children registered to play basketball in our Parks and Recs program. That's up from 210 last year. That's a huge increase and shows what a great job Parks and Recreation Director Crum, Christina Moberly, the staff, volunteers, and referees do. The other thing to keep in mind with that too is with that many teams and that many leagues, we just couldn't do that without the school district. We're thankful to the school district for letting us use their gymnasiums for practice. Some of our infrastructure projects are coming along well. We just received half of the light poles for Center Drive. Hopefully, we'll start seeing a little more progress on that project. The drainage project for Valley Drive, I think that's mostly complete. That will be on pause until school gets out, and they'll do the pipe under 4-H Rd. We put the quarterly financial report in the council packets. I've said this to you guys before, but especially to those that have been here ten years, twelve years. Just think about how far we've come. Think about where we were coming out of the recession. Our fund balances are much healthier than they were ten or twelve years ago. You guys deserve a lot of credit for that. The department heads deserve a lot of credit for that. We're just in a really good financial place right now. We added a Library Report in there. The Purple Wave Auction was completed last week. We raised \$41,000 selling our surplus equipment. That van that was 16 years old got \$17,000. Kinda shows you what the used car market is like right now. Our 2007 Ranger was covered in rust. That got almost \$7,000. We feel like we did pretty well on that vehicle auction.

Mayor McNeill thanked everyone that supported the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Buehler: On this day in history, Mayor, it's December 7. Everybody knows what happened on December 7, 1941. However, on December 7, 1942, the first concert of the Philharmonic Society of New York, the third Philharmonic Symphony in the United States, was performed on Broadway Street in New York to 600 people.

Councilmember Clemons: Nothing to report.

Councilmember Brungardt: Finance Director Beth Sanford does an outstanding job. Everything she does is spot on. When I ask her a question, she is within a few dollars of knowing. Very impressed with the job she's doing.

Councilmember Gardner: Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up. I believe we're maxed out on board members for the Parks and Rec Advisory Board. So, that's going really well as well as the signups and coaches. I echo Councilmember Brungardt's words on Director Sanford.

Councilmember Kirby: Off what was said about the Mayor's Christmas Tree, I come up about once a week and the tree was full. The social media helped, and we got the word out. Then I saw this afternoon that all the tags had been taken. Thanks to everybody. I know we have people that take entire families. It's a good deal for the kids.

Councilmember Majure: Great job on the basketball, Director Crum. I want to complement the street crews with the snow and detail that we've had. Great job on that. The volunteers for the boards, thank you so much. Thank you to Rob Gaslin for what he's done over the last four years. The improvements to Town Centre and our road network out there look great. 18-wheelers will be able to get in and get out.

Councilmember Garvey: Thank you to the volunteers especially. Thank you to all our working employees in the city. Ditto what Councilmember Majure said about the snow removal. We appreciate all the hard work that you guys do.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Garvey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC