

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2023

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: Gene Kirby

Ward 2: Don Studnicka

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler

Absent: Dan Clemons, Dave Trinkle, and Marcus Majure

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2023, as presented.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmember Kirby; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle, and Majure. The motion was approved.

Audience Participation: None.

Presentations: None.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Recommendations

There are currently three vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Two applications have been received since the board's last meeting. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends the appointments.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to appoint Billy Dupras to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2023, and Tabor Medill to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. Councilmember Studnicka and Director Crum discussed whether these applicants had previously served on the board. Mr. Crum stated that both were new and that Mr. Dupras will be the new school board representative. He was recommended by Dr. Wessel. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Kirby, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle and Majure. The motion was approved.**

Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 Activity Center Request

Matthew Blome with Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 has requested to use the Lansing Activity Center after hours from 3:00 p.m. on February 4th until 8:00 a.m. on February 5th for the Boy Scout Anti Campout.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the request for Matthew Blome and Lansing Boy Scout Troop 165 to use the Lansing Activity Center for the Anti Campout event as requested. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Kirby, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle and Majure. The motion was approved.

Request to Purchase a Bobcat CT5558 Tractor

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department / Street Department Requested a price for a Bobcat CT5558 Tractor using the Kansas NASPO Grounds Maintenance Equipment Contract. This will be a joint use piece of equipment that would also be available to other departments if needed, and by staying with Bobcat, most of the attachments that the City owns will be usable. The tractor will come with a front-loader bucket, a rear ballast box and a snow blade.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the purchase of a Bobcat 5558 tractor from K.C. Bobcat for \$54,499.46 from account number 80-010-43301 Equipment Reserve Fund. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Kirby, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle and Majure. The motion was approved.

Executive Session for Economic Development

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to go into Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of Economic Development activities, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:05 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:20 PM and to include City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, and CED Director Schmitz. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Kirby, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle and Majure. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to return to Open Session at 7:20 PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No binding action was taken. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Kirby, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle and Majure. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to discuss.

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator: Reminder to those that RSVP'd for the Leavenworth County Development Corporation Annual Lunch is January 20, 2023, at the Riverfront. There will be an update on the status of KCI. The Chamber of Commerce is also having their annual banquet on January 27th. Since the NFL draft is coming to Kansas City, the Chamber is trying to do a football themed chamber banquet. Happy hour starts at 5pm. In my report, the state is doing the second round of the base grant application. We applied jointly with Leavenworth County last time to pay for the sewer line to access the McIntyre area. The project design is almost complete. It is an area where we see future commercial and industrial growth. Unfortunately, Leavenworth County will not be able to participate in our grant application this time. If we apply, we will be responsible for the full match. If we use the numbers from last time, the city's match would be \$1.5 million. We are asking the state for \$3 million.

Discussion continued between the council, mayor, and administrator regarding whether to apply for the grant, why Leavenworth County will not be participating, and if ARPA funds could be used. The mayor requested that the grant application be discussed further at the work session on January 27th. Council and the City Administrator further discussed the schedule for the work session and possibly starting earlier. Director Schmitz did so much for the city in the last five years. Acknowledged Mr. Schmitz's dedication to his job and how much he will be missed.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Brungardt: Thanked Director Schmitz and his family and acknowledged the remarkable job he has done.

Councilmember Studnicka: Thanked Director Schmitz for all his hard work.

Councilmember Kirby: Agreed with everyone else in thanking Director Schmitz and wished him and his family good luck.

Councilmember Garvey: Stated it was nice working with Director Schmitz and wished him good luck in Iowa.

Councilmember Buehler: Hard to believe it had been five years since Director Schmitz had started. Stated that where Mr. Schmitz was going was lucky to have him, good luck, and if he ever needed anything to let those on the dais know that they would be happy to help.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Brungardt, Studnicka, Garvey, and Buehler. Nay: Kirby; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmembers Clemons, Trinkle and Majure. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC