

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2025

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 and Kevin Gardner (Zoom)

Ward 2: Donald Studnicka and Jake Kowalewski

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey (Zoom)

Ward 4: Dan Clemons and Pete Robinson

Councilmembers Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Regular Meeting minutes of March 20, 2025, were provided for review.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion.

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

****Councilmember Gardener entered in person at 7:04pm.****

Audience Participation: None

Presentations:

Citizen's Academy Graduation

The Citizens' Academy provides an interactive experience for participants to learn about the functions and responsibilities of each City department. Participants meet with the Mayor and City staff members. Below are the graduates who were in attendance:

Princess Bakair
Shaylee Borcsani
Lance Gordon
Rebecca Gordon
Ben Hernandez
Loyd Jackson
Shannon Lewis
Bruce Logan
Joe Wilson

*****unable to attend were: Ginger Riddle, Michael Schwartz and Kristin Schwartz.**

Arbor Day Proclamation

One of the long-term goals of the Lansing Tree Board is to retain status as a Tree City. Lansing has been recognized as such for 25 years. One of the criteria for gaining this status is an Arbor Day Proclamation. Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum was presented with the proclamation.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

A representative from First Judicial District CASA Association was present to receive a proclamation declaring the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

National Library Week Proclamation

A proclamation in recognition of National Library Week on April 7-13, 2024. Lansing Community Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz was present to receive the proclamation.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 1130: Amending the City of Lansing Zoning Map

The applicant is requesting a rezoning of approximately 145.54 acres located adjacent to Kansas Highway 7 and McIntyre Road, from A-1 (Agricultural District) to the following zoning designations:

- R-4 (Multi-Family Residential District) – Tract 1: 38.477 acres
- I-1 (Light Industrial District) – Tract 2: 85.484 acres
- B-3 (Regional Business District) – Tract 3: 21.581 acres

The purpose of this rezoning is to entitle the property for future development opportunities and improve its marketability. No specific development plans are currently proposed. In accordance with Lansing's UDO, the City Council may:

- Approve the application and Ordinance No. 1130, Amending the
- City of Lansing's Zoning Map, in accordance with the Planning Commission's recommendation;
- Override the Planning Commission's recommendation (in whole or in part) by a two thirds majority vote of the Council; or
- Return the application to the Planning Commission for further review of specified factors.

Since a valid protest petition has been filed, the vote will require a super majority to pass – a vote of at least six members – not including the Mayor.

Public Comments from property owners began at 7:16PM and ended at 7:51PM:

- April Cromer – 23916 131st St Leavenworth, KS
- John Redden – 24170 131st St Leavenworth, KS
- Lisa Holleron – 13382 McIntyre Leavenworth, KS
- Rebecca Mahan – 13883 McIntyre Rd Leavenworth, KS
- Dennis Harrington – 1233 S Desoto Lansing, KS
- Paul Cromer – 23916 131st St Leavenworth, KS
- Pat Melvin – 13438 McIntyre Leavenworth, KS
- Mary Ryan – 128 W Kansas St, Lansing, KS

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1130 to amend the City of Lansing Zoning Map in accordance with the Planning Commission's Recommendation.

Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. City Attorney Greg Robinson clarified about zoning, comprehensive plan, the \$3 million in infrastructure improvements, and the K-7 corridor plan/MOU.

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

LCHS Hayslett Replat Final Plat

The Applicant proposes to replat the existing Lot 1 of the LCHS Hayslett subdivision (an 8.08-acre lot) into two separate lots, Lot 1 being 7.49 acres in size and Lot 2 being 0.59 acres in size. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Preliminary and Final Plats.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to approve the LCHS Hayslett Replat Final Plat and accept the dedication of land for public purposes as outlined thereon. Councilmember Kowalewski seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

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

Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 20 minutes, beginning at 8:00 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:20 PM and to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, Community and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler, and City Attorney. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Kowalewski made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:20 PM. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No binding action was taken.

****Councilmember Garvey left the meeting.****

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

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Nothing to report.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Administrator:

- Reminder about the Friends of the Library Book Sale April 4-6, 2025, at the Lansing Activity Center.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Robinson:

- Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Clemons:

- Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Congratulations to the Citizens Academy graduates.

Councilmember Gardner:

- Congratulations to the graduates.
- Discussed the growth that is happening in one area
- Work together to grow Lansing

Councilmember Kirby:

- Agree with all the previous statements.
- AT&T complaints as they did not notify residents regarding the locates and digging.

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Echoed comments on the Citizens Academy graduates.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kowalewski made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC