
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Shantel Scrogin, Assistant City Clerk
DATE: April 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2022, are enclosed for your review.

Action: Staff recommends a motion to approve the Regular Meeting April 7, 2022, as presented.

AGENDA ITEM #

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 Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Dan Clemons

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Clemons moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1080 – Updating Chapter 15, Article III, Section 306 – Parking certain vehicles in districts allowing residential structures of the City of Lansing, KS Code:

Councilmember Garvey moved to approve Ordinance No. 1080 and authorize the necessary signatures. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Audience Participation: Mayor McNeill called for audience participation and there was none.

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Conditional Use Permit Application for 15915 Eisenhower Rd, Lansing, KS: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 15915 Eisenhower Rd, Lansing, KS. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Kirby asked about the gravel the cars will be sitting on.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied that question did come up if they will not be allowed to expand to the gravel area and the answer is no. We have aerial imagery showing what is there today and that is what we'll use to guarantee they don't expand.
- Councilmember Studnicka asked how long is a Conditional Use permit good for before they have to renew.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded five years. The Planning Commission can recommend to the Council that it be pulled at any time for violations.

The motion was approved with Councilmember Studnicka voting against the motion.

Fence Request – 319 Fairlane: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the fence request at 319 Fairlane. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Clemons asked if the cement pad they are joining the fence to is in violation of the setback or did they have a prior permit.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied flatwork doesn't apply. The setback only applies to buildings or anything that comes above grade.

The motion was approved with Councilmember Clemons abstaining.

Fence Request – 526 Hithergreen Drive: Councilmember Garvey moved to approve the fence request at 526 Hithergreen Drive. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked if the fence was only going to come down so far. It's not going to come all the way out to Hithergreen.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded no; it will stop where the air conditioning unit on the west side. It should not impact sight distance.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Library Advisory Board Appointments: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the Lansing Community Library Advisory Board appointments of Tom Lauhon to fill a term ending on April 30, 2026, and Marsha Jaskowiec to fill an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2025. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bernard Park Baseball and Softball Complex: Councilmember Buehler moved to accept the bids as presented and award the bids and all alternates in the amount of \$4,573,800 to Sands Construction for the Bernard Park Baseball and Softball complex and authorize the mayor to execute the contract. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Charter Ordinance No. 1-2022 – A Charter Ordinance exempting the City of Lansing, Kansas from the provisions of K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571 and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject relating to public improvements and the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying for the improvements: Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 1-2022. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. B-2-2022 – A Resolution declaring the intent of the City of Lansing, Kansas, to reimburse capital expenditures relating to the construction of certain improvements with proceeds of tax-exempt financing: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve Resolution No. B-1-2022. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Brungardt asked this allows us to start and then pay it back.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded we have \$3.7 million in general fund reserves. We can fund the improvements for a couple of months until that bond is insured.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Construction Bids for the K7 & Eisenhower Project: Councilmember Brungardt moved to accept the bids as presented and award the bid in the amount of \$1,685,259.30 to Linaweaver Construction, Inc. upon concurring approval by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz asked the Council if they wanted to continue to have fence requests brought to Council Meetings. If it's being placed in the setback, it is something staff can approve it. If the request is to place the fence in the right of way or if neighbors are disputing the request, it would certainly need to come before the Council. We would have to change the code in the form of an Ordinance to make this change. The Council agreed staff could approve the requests unless there was an issue.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall stated staff spoke to an engineer about making turns in and out of Towne Center. The worst access into Towne Center is along 4H Road. A possible fix for this would be to have the median removed but there are decorative light poles and the brick column located in that median. We will need to be thinking about how attached we are to the medians located at both entrance/exits.

Staff heard back from the County in regard to the Joint meeting and they would be interested in the first Council meeting in May or the Work Session in May.

- Mayor McNeill thought a Work Session may allow for more free talk.

Toward the end of the last meeting, the idea of doing partial property tax based on the valuation increase and partial sales tax was brought up. We will be passing the budget in September and the election for the sales tax is in November. We won't know if the sales tax will pass by the time, we pass the budget. If the sales tax is voted down, we would still have that property tax there. Also, the sales tax rate is there for 20 years where the property tax can be adjusted every year by the City Council. It might be cleaner of it's just the sales tax.

- Mayor McNeill stated everyone is in favor of sales tax.

He asked the Council if they felt we needed to obtain a realtor/agent for the property we expressed interest in.

- Councilmember Brungardt stated he thought we should have someone represent the city.

We signed the contract with Vireo, and they are moving along with the design of City Park and the splash pad. If the pool sales tax does pass, we'll need to decide what to do with the splash pad design. There are a lot of things coming up in the November, December, January timeframe that we will need to be aware of and thinking about.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby hopes we aren't becoming numb to what is going on in Ukraine. Innocent people are dying every day.

Councilmember Majure stated a lot of work went into tonight's agenda by Tim and staff. He is excited about the library and the volunteers for the library. He let Jason know he is doing great work with the parks.

Councilmember Garvey thanked Tom and Marsha for volunteering. He is happy we are still shopping local and giving work to our community. He appreciates what the whole team does.

Councilmember Buehler thanked Tom and Marsha because we can't make our city work without our volunteers. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1933, the Cullen-Harrison Act went into effect repealing prohibition for beer.

Councilmember Clemons thanked the volunteers

Councilmember Brungardt said looking through the agenda things are becoming very real. He can't wait to see the ball fields and what the citizens decide about a pool. He ended with Rock Chalk Jayhawk.

Councilmember Studnicka thanked the volunteers for stepping up.

Councilmember Trinkle gave his thoughts and prayers to Greg Robinson and his family for the loss of his mom.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Assistant City Clerk, Shantel Scrogin