

**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

**Councilmembers Absent:** Pete Robinson

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of December 5, 2024, were provided for review.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion.**

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

**Audience Participation:**

Marcus Majure, 16920 Jamison Rd, Leavenworth, KS 66048, addressed the Council regarding the decision of the Board of County Commissioners to contract with the City of Lansing for fire protection. Mr. Majure expressed his thanks to Councilmembers Clemons, Kirby and City Administrator Tim Vandall for their hard work, patience and professionalism over the past 12 months'. Mr. Majure thanked the City and is looking forward to the success of the continued fire protection service.

**Presentations:**

**Police Department Promotions**

Officers Willie Banks and Jason Tebeest have been promoted to Sergeant with the police department. Their Sergeant badges were pinned on them.

**Update from Waste Management**

Waste Management's John Blessing gave the City Council an update on our service. Our current contract expires February 28, 2025. The contract does allow for a one-year renewal, but Waste Management would prefer a three-year extension.

Due to rising costs, Waste Management is proposing a rate of \$21.65 (more with administrative costs), for the same service as provided now to our residents. The current rate is \$18.27/month, with administrative costs, totals an even \$19/month for our residents. Mr. Blessing discussed options for possible price reduction proposals.

Mr. Blessing talked about the upgrades that they have made and will be making for staff retention and betterment of their service and communications. They have upgraded their trucks and are running on compressed natural gas.

Discussion occurred with Council, staff and Mr. Blessing regarding different ideas of reducing costs. Waste Management is suggesting reducing recycling pick up to once every two weeks instead of every week. Possibly reducing or eliminating picking up yard waste. Council suggested that we might have a survey sent out and that we would revisit the suggestions at the February work session.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney**

**Councilmember Studnicka made a motion to go into Executive Session for a consultation with the attorney for the City, which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:44 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:59 PM and to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.**

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

**Councilmember Studnicka made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:00 PM. Councilmember Clemons seconded the motion. No binding action was taken.**

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

**Agreement Between City of Lansing & Leavenworth County BOCC**

Although Leavenworth County Fire District #1 levied no taxes for 2025 and has no assets, it is still technically a valid entity in 2025. The City terminated the Interlocal Agreement, which means the existing board format will cease at midnight on 12-31-2024. This also means on 1-1-2025 the BOCC is technically the Board of LCFD#1.

The City and other agencies plan to submit the petition per K.S.A. 19-3604 to redraw the boundaries and exclude us from LCFD#1's boundaries in 2026. Since LCFD#1 is valid for 2025, the City needs an agreement with Leavenworth County to agree to service our own boundaries with fire protection in 2025, as well as the boundaries of other agencies

**Councilmember Clemons made a motion to approve the agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County and the City of Lansing to provide fire protection services within the corporate boundaries of Leavenworth County Fire District #1. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.**

- No discussion occurred.

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

**Remaining ARPA Funds**

ARPA funds must be spent or allocated by 12/31/24. This year, the city council approved using \$374,465.55 of the ARPA funds for the 2024 mill and overlay contract and \$110,590.92 of the ARPA funds for city hall repairs and renovations. The amount remaining in the ARPA Fund is \$19,357.76. The city hall renovation did incur additional costs.

**Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to spend the remaining ARPA funds to cover the additional costs of the city hall renovation. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.**

- Finance Director Beth Sanford and City Administrator Tim Vandall discussed the fact that this will expend all remaining ARPA Funds. Discussion occurred.

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

**Ordinance No. 1124 – UDO Amendment - Section 4.03**

This Short-Term Rental (STR) regulation is proposed to establish requirements for the operation of a Short-Term Rental, including building inspections for safety, maintaining residential appearance and ensuring the presence of local contacts for accountability. The inclusion of these requirements aim to mitigate potential negative impacts of STRs and foster a safe, harmonious environment for both permanent residents and short-term visitors.

**Councilmember Garvey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1124 to amend the City of Lansing Unified Development Ordinance. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.**

- CED Director Joshua Gentzler was available for questions. Councilmember Clemons, Kirby and Garvey discussed the definition of short-term rental and the interest in current and future.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:**

CED Director Joshua Gentzler informed the Council that LCDC is having their annual meeting on January 17, 2025 and was directed to obtain tickets for the four Council members that want to attend.

Director Gentzler also explained that on February 25, 2025 the Young Entrepreneur Challenge, hosted by Grow Leavenworth County. This event will be from 9:00am – 1:00pm in our Community

Center. Mr. Gentzler invited the Council to come in, support Lansing highschoolers and see what their businesses are.

Finance Director Beth Sanford explained that there has previously been a Solid Waste Assessment Group. Previously there have been residents that have served as well, so contact Beth with names of people who might be interested in serving. Discussion occurred.

**City Attorney:**

Nothing to report.

**City Administrator:**

Nothing to report.

**Governing Body:**

Councilmember Clemons:

- Thanked Marcus Majure.
- Expressed congratulations to the police officers.

Councilmember Brungardt:

- Merry Christmas to all.

Councilmember Studnicka:

- Congratulated the two new Sergeants.
- Wished all a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Gardner:

- Gave congratulations to the two promoted police officers.
- Stated that is was good to see Mr. Majure.
- Wished safe holidays for everyone.

Councilmember Kirby:

- Thanked Marcus Majure for his comments.
- Expressed congratulations to the new Sergeants.

Councilmember Kowalewski:

- Ditto to everything previously stated.
- Have a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Garvey:

- Congratulations to the two new Sergeants, and thanked them for their service.
- Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Proclamations**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilmember Garvey made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.**

Mayor McNeill wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC