

# CITY OF LANSING

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2022

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### 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:

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## OLD BUSINESS:

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Brungardt abstaining.

**Audience Participation:** Mayor McNeill called for audience participation and Dave Vodarick at 23150 147<sup>th</sup> Street came forward. He is the post commander for VFW Post 12003 and wanted to let the Council know about a couple of events coming up if they were interested in attending. There will be a spaghetti fundraiser held in the Community Center on May 7<sup>th</sup>. They are partnering with the Boy Scouts to raise funds to do some coral reef work in Florida. Additionally, on May 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a joint ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Kenneth Bernard Park for the unveiling of the new bricks that will be added. Seventy-five new bricks will be installed, and multiple organizations will be involved in the ceremony.

**Presentations: Citizen's Academy Graduation** Public Information Office Ken Miller introduced the Citizen's Academy of 2021-2022. They learned the functions and responsibilities of each department within the city. The 2021-2022 graduates were Amanda Siegner, Jeff Wolters, Bethany Magee, Tamara Nickelson, Tiffany Andrews, John Class and Dan Clemons. Mayor McNeil presented them with plaques.

## **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Request to Approve 2022 Flow Monitoring Study and Master Plan Update:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring and Model Update from George Butler Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$136,862. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Garvey asked if we are changing the software.
  - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied the software we were using, the company went out of business during Covid. We are stepping up to the next tier of software that has more nodes.
- Councilmember Clemons asked if the results of the flow study tell us where we are sufficient or where we need to improve.
  - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell responded that is one of the outputs we are looking for.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**2022 Independence Days Event Fireworks:** Councilmember Kirby moved to authorize the mayor to sign the proposal and contract with Victory Pyrotechnics in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Garvey asked how many requests were sent out for the bid.
  - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied it was published online and we sent it to the companies that bid before which was three.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked if staff came up with a location, they were comfortable with.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied we will make it happen at Towne Center.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Consent to Assignment for the License Agreement and Economic Development Incentive**

**Agreement for deployment of RG Fiber:** Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the mayor to sign the Consent to Assignment Letter for deployment of RG Fiber within the City. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Buehler asked what this means for the leadership of RG Fiber.
  - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied Mike Bosch has expressed he is staying on as part of the management team.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we thought it would be great if they were here to answer questions you have about the timeline, etc.
      - Councilmember Kirby asked what is the timeline.
        - Dominic Klobe with RG Fiber responded conduit material should be delivered next week, the underground vaults are expected late May or early June and the fiber optic cables in June and July. We are looking at construction to begin late May or early June when we have the majority of the materials.
          - Councilmember Brungardt asked if it is hard to get those materials in.
            - Dominic Klobe replied initially, yes. The supply chain has been an issue and running six to twelve months behind. We did focus on this right away, pushing as hard as we can, and we are happy we were able to get a lot of the materials within six months.
              - Councilmember Kirby asked so once you get going, it won't be that you have to stop because you don't have materials.
                - Dominic Klobe responded no, not at all.
              - Councilmember Clemons asked what is process once everything is in place. What can the citizens expect.
            - Byron Cantrall responded the first step is building the line that goes down the street, then the "flowerpots" that go in front of the homes. From there it is when someone signs up, we do a drop where we bury and connect the fiber to the home. Notifications that fiber is coming will be done through door hangs, yard signs, direct mail campaigns as well as digital marketing campaigns.
              - Councilmember Trinkle asked if there would be tv programs.
            - Byron Cantrall replied just broadband. We do have packages we'll be bringing into the footprint.
              - Mayor McNeill stated basically all the streaming platforms.
                - Councilmember Clemons asked will you be offering internet and telephone.
            - Byron Cantrall responded businesses will have telephone services. We'll ask residences to seek voice over internet protocol service through another provider.
  - Councilmember Garvey asked what is the timeline from the when you start the project and hook up the first house. I know weather plays a big part.

- Dominic Klobe replied weather plays big part but also what we find in the ground plays a big part. The first phase is south of Eisenhower all the way down to Levee 7 between Main Street and DeSoto. We are probably looking at fourth quarter. We're hoping before that.
  - Councilmember Garvey stated there are a lot of people excited to get fiber.
    - Dominic Klobe stated we are very excited. The partnership will help us out tremendously too.
      - Councilmember Clemons asked if they would be going down the easements.
        - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz asked if he was asking if they would be in front of homes or behind homes.
          - Councilmember Clemons replied right.
            - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated the majority of the work will be in the right of way. It's harder for them to build in the easements behind homes because people put stuff in them. For fiber, it doesn't matter if you go in the front or back. You will irritate fifty percent of the people. You have people who love their backyard and don't care if you tear up the front. You have people who love their front yard and don't care if you tear up the back.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution No. B-1-2022 – Notice of Public Hearing on the Advisability of Modifying a Community Improvement District known as the 555 N Main Street Community Improvement District in the City of Lansing, Kansas:** Councilmember Kirby moved to approve Resolution No. B-1-2022. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Mayor McNeill stated this includes the property purchased in the rear, the paint shop. Just so everyone is aware.
  - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded to the east of the existing dealership there is a metal building. They are going to expand that metal building. This helps them pay for improvements to that building.

The motion was unanimously approved.

## **REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** Department Heads had nothing to report.

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

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall let the Council know bids came in for Bernard Park and were quite a bit better than we were expecting. So good that it is looking like we will be able to include some alternates we were hoping to do like an asphalt parking lot instead of chip and seal, gravel strips where people could walk around the fields, shade structures and a higher level of lighting that may allow us to have tournaments at some point. We don't have any type of formal announcement on the bids at this time but that will come at the next meeting. We were really pleased though. We are currently on pace to generate roughly \$263,000 from the special sales tax which is a little over \$5 million a year. This will allow us to pay for the Kenneth Bernard Park expansion without any property tax increases.

At the May 6 Council meeting last year, Greg Kaaz from the Port Authority came to the meeting to talk about the County wide transportation plan with our contribution being \$30,000. The Council voted 8-0 to forward with the plan but at that time there wasn't a consultant, timeline, etc. They have now passed along a contract. Since you have already approved it, the Council can authorize the mayor to sign the contract

tonight or we can hold a special meeting next week. The County would like the contract by the end of the month.

Councilmember Buehler moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Contract for the Regional Transportation Capital Improvement Plan Study. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The County has asked if we'd like to do a joint meeting in the near future.

- Councilmember Kirby stated they do want to have an agenda for the meeting.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded let me know if there are any specific topics you want to talk about, and we can pass those along.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Buehler thanked Dave Vodarick for coming. We have a large veteran community and it's nice to know there are things going on to honor them. He congratulated and thanked the Citizens Academy graduates and hopes they are able to volunteer. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 461 AD, Saint Patrick, who was a Christian missionary and the bishop of Ireland, died.

Councilmember Clemons thanked Ken for putting on the Citizens Academy. He also thanked Clearwave for answering questions. A lot of citizens are looking forward to getting fiber hooked up.

Councilmember Brungardt congratulated the Citizens Academy and hopes they can get more involved in the city. He told Ken, Tony and Matt great job and is excited about the direction the city is moving.

Councilmember Studnicka congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates.

Councilmember Trinkle asked if everything is on schedule for the trailer park

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied they have already started removing trailers from the park.

Councilmember Trinkle also asked if we ever figured out what was going on with the nearby house and church.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz let him know the house is hooked up to city sewer and the guy living there did immediately come in and made a large payment to his utility bill. There has been difficulty finding out who owns the church.

Councilmember Kirby said he took the Citizens Academy class, and everyone is most interested in the Wastewater process. He is amazed how much money we spend to clean water to dump it in a dirty river because that is what we're doing. With everything else going on, let's don't forget Ukraine.

Councilmember Majure thanked Ken for putting on the Academy and congratulated the graduates. He thanked the guys for answering questions about the fiber. The Council will have a lot more questions later on and the more that gets answered the less anxious citizens will be.

Councilmember Garvey dittoed everything that had already been said. He stated congratulations and thanks for the updates.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Garvey moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

#### **ATTEST:**

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Assistant City Clerk, Shantel Scrogin