
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Ken Miller, PIO
DATE: March 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Citizens' Academy Graduation

Explanation: On April 3, 2025, twelve (12) participants will graduate from the fifteenth (15th) annual Lansing Citizens' Academy. 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 and learn about ways to volunteer on City boards and commissions.

Classes were held monthly from Sept. 2024 – March 2025. Sessions were led by staff, often taking place at the appropriate City facility. Each session lasted about two hours and class attendees were given an opportunity to rate each presentation.

Staff recommends the City offer the program again in 2025-2026.

This year's Citizens' Academy graduates are:

**Ginger Riddle
Ben Hernandez
Rebecca Gordon
Lance Gordon
Lloyd D. Jackson
Joe Wilson
Shannon Lewis
Princess Bakair
Michael Schwartz
Kristin Schwartz
Shaylee Borcsani
Bruce Logan**

Policy Consideration: None

Financial Consideration: The costs are minimal and include folders, handouts and snacks for the participants at sessions. The participants also receive plaques to signify their graduation from the program.

Action: Staff is requesting that Mayor McNeill present plaques to the graduates. PIO Miller will be available to assist.

AGENDA ITEM #2
