

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Mike Smith called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Dave Trinkle and Gene Kirby
Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka
Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt
Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the special meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes of December 21, 2017, as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Presentations: Promotion within the Lansing Police Department: Police Chief Steve Wayman promoted Sergeant Mike Dickason to the position of Lieutenant within the Lansing Police Department and presented him with his Lieutenant's Badge.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Joint Board: Mayor Smith stated the City needs to appoint two Councilmembers along with the Mayor to represent the City of Lansing on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Joint Board. The Joint Board will meet on January 8, 2018 to accept appointments to the Board of Trustees. I need two people to go with me, who'd like to do that?

- Councilmember Garvey stated I'll be out of town.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I could do it, I haven't done it before.
 - Mayor Smith stated Andi said she'd like to do it.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated I'll do it if nobody else wants to.
 - Mayor Smith asked anybody else. Andi and Gene.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to appoint Mayor Smith, Councilmember Pawlowski and Councilmember Kirby to the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Joint Board. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board Appointment: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to appoint Jeff Klemp to represent the City of Lansing on the Leavenworth County Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2021. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request to Purchase – Police Department Vehicles: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the purchase of three police package vehicles from Shawnee Mission Ford in Shawnee Kansas in an amount not to exceed \$92,961.00. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked does it have electric windows.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied yes.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked is this off the State, do we buy these off the State contract.
 - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied yes, Shawnee Mission Ford they have the State contract for the Interceptor Utility, so that's going to be your best price out. When I sent bids out in the past we had good luck with Danny Zeck submitting bids and for the last couple of years they haven't, and then Olathe Ford was another in the past but it's kind of went back and forth. But Shawnee Mission Ford they have the State contract for the Utility Interceptor.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked and Tim are we paying cash for these?
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah, if you guys have your budget books it's on page three. So anyways we budgeted eighty-three thousand dollars for two vehicles and then this is replacing one of the other ones what was totaled out, so I would image we'll get at least twenty thousand dollars for that hopefully. So there's more than enough money for these.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Solid Waste Services Contract Approval: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the 3-year contract for solid waste collection services with Waste Management of Kansas, Inc., with an effective date of March 1, 2018, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked should we talk about why we decided to go back with Waste Management even though we've had issues.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford stated I think we addressed it the last time when we authorized to negotiate the contract, but basically they provided the services we wanted and at the rate that we wanted. If we wanted to go up about five dollars a month in trash service we could have gone with a different company that was basically the same kind of company as Waste Management. It wasn't a local company, it was nationwide, and the service has improved, we have a supervisor who's in the City now who we can contact directly, and he seems to be handling most issues. We have had very few calls, we have had a repeat call but I think we resolved that and that was due to they had an address but their driveway was off of another street, so we think it was probably a new driver, so we haven't had too many issues lately and we're hoping that that stays that way. Having the supervisor does really help, he checks in with us and has been very responsive.
 - Councilmember Brungardt asked he answers the phone and actually calls you back, those kind of things?
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford replied yeah, he'll text us, we can text him. So we text him and he'll respond back most times pretty quickly.
 - Councilmember Brungardt asked so customer service is way better.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford responded its way better. We're trying to get residents to remember to call us rather than Deffenbaugh Waste Management, they are the same company, because they are going to get a service center when they call and we can contact the supervisor who's in our City directly, so we can get it resolved quicker if they call us and let us know.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked the sheets for the extra bags will they still be available.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford replied they will still be available.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked what does a sheet run cost wise.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford responded there are ten stickers on one sheet and its twelve dollars and fifty cents.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I was asked by a neighbor is there a limit, say you are over and put a bag out, what if they put the whole twelve, is there a limit.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford replied we try to tell people if they are going to go over ten to let us know because then we can let them know, because obviously their trucks have limited capacity, so if they have a heads up like "hey these people are going to have twenty extra bags" they can kind of plan ahead to make space and not slow down the other trucks.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I asked because I was asked and I couldn't answer the question. I knew you'd get it though.
- Councilmember Garvey stated not to defend Deffenbaugh, but I think in this type of industry you're going to have problems regardless of what direction you go. I know a company down south recently changed January 1 and they are all still trying to get their cans from the new company, so they are already having issues with their new service.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford replied and that was something we factored in as well, if you're going to transition to a new company you're going to be switching out carts and that just causes a huge upheaval as well.
- Councilmember Garvey stated I know that my neighbor had bunch of compost out, probably fifteen bags, because he came back from vacation and had leaves everywhere and they actually picked those up last week and I thought they were done with that.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford stated they have been good at that, I know the limit is supposed to be ten for yard waste bags, but it seems to me that with the yard waste thing they're a little more lenient.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated he cheated he put half in his yard and half in his neighbor's yard.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford stated and that's one of the things that is changing with this contract, they will provide yard waste service year round; however in the off months it will just be once a month versus every week, just because it is more cost

effective, they don't have as much yard waste out. So it does give residents an option so that in December if they are still raking leaves they can still put out and it's now going to be twelve bags year round.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked what election of the month will they do that.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford stated I believe the first week of the month, but I'm going to clarify that to make sure and we'll publicize all of this, we just want to make sure whether it's the first full week, whether it's the first pick up day of the month, so we'll clarify that when we put out the publicity for it.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I was on the committee with Beth and the price became a big part of why we decided to stay with them because they were a lot cheaper than anybody else from what I remember, and the disruption of trying to have them pick up the cans and a new company bring the cans in, we just decided with that and the money it did not make sense, since we were having fewer problems now than we've had in the past. I mean it's never going to be perfect, but they seem to at least be working with us where previously we didn't seem to have that, and they brought bar-b-que for the staff.
- Councilmember McNeill stated I mean they are not so much a monopoly anymore, there are other companies that have moved in so it will be getting more and more competitive over time. I think Deffenbaugh has kind of come back on it.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated that's why the price points have dropped I think, because they are trying to stop the bleeding.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked will they help us on trash deals for the events we have around here, will they still continue.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford replied yes and it is at a reduced rate.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked and at our clean-up date, the clean-up month that we have.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford responded we actually do the clean-up with the Transfer Station now, so we partner with them for that.
- Councilmember Kirby stated it's basically the same contract we had before, with just some tweaks.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford stated yes with just a few little tweaks.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated and service had gotten better and we've held the price down.
 - Finance Director Elizabeth Sanford replied right.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I just wanted everybody to know that. Not everybody here but everybody who have nothing better to do than to watch Channel 2, but I just think it's important that they know what decision was made.

The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner advised that per the changes the State brought down on elections that the re-elected Councilmembers will need to be sworn in at a special meeting on Monday, January 8th. She confirmed that there would need to be a quorum and that the special meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and only last a few minutes.

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall mentioned that Local Government Day at the State Capital is January 24th, and if anyone is interested in attending to let Tim know so can get you registered. The County has requested that any future road project done in Lansing, where the County and CRWD are involved, that CRWD go out for bids and has asked for support from the City on this. CRWD did not go out for bids for the McIntyre Road Project and the County feels that CRWD should in all future projects. The City is still being asked to weigh in on the roundabout discussion at Eisenhower Road and 20th Street. While the MOU has been executed, the County recently voted to construct the roundabout. After further discussion, the governing body agreed that they support every city's ability to have a voice in what goes on in their city.

Governing Body: Councilmember Studnicka asked if there was anything the City could do in regards to a safety concern he has with the Twin Oaks facility as it only has one elevator and it recently broke down and residents could not return to their rooms unless they used the stairs, and there are those in wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters. He feels that this is a very unsafe situation should an emergency situation happen at the facility. He wondered if adding chair lifts in the stair wells or having the building blistered to add another elevator would be a solution.

- Fire Chief Rick Huhn stated that in most emergency situations, for example a fire, the elevator would be shut down anyway, so the only exit opportunity is via the stair well, and the reason the stair wells are as wide as they are is to accommodate gurney's being carried down the stairs.

Councilmember Trinkle congratulated newly promoted Lieutenant Mike Dickason and thinks he'll do a wonderful job. Mayor Smith echoed Councilmember Trinkle's sentiments.

Councilmember Garvey also congratulated Lieutenant Mike Dickason on his accomplishment and promotion.

Councilmember Buehler thanked the Fire Board appointee and stated the City can't do it without them. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 2007 Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Councilmember McNeill congratulated Mike Dickason on his promotion and thanked Fire Board appointee Jeff Klemp for continuing to serve as a volunteer for the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember McNeill moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk