

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: Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Don Studnicka

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 2, 2019, as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Brungardt and Councilmember Buehler abstaining from the vote.

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

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Library Advisory Board Appointment: Councilmember Kirby moved to appoint Ellen Hannon to the Lansing Community Library Advisory Board for a four-year term that will expire on April 30, 2023. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Smith stated Ellen thanks for signing up again. We appreciate your help.
 - Ellen Hannon responded you're welcome.

Ordinance No. 1022 – Condemnation of Property for NW Relief Sewer Project 18-02:

Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1022. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked is there any hope.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied fingers crossed.
 - Councilmember Kirby responded that means he doesn't know.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied we're working really hard.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked are they receptive at all.
 - Wastewater Utility Director Tony responded we haven't heard back.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated so much for hope.
 - Mayor Smith asked ok anything else for Tony.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Economic Development: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session to review economic development activities pursuant to the discussion of confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships, exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:04 p.m. and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Garvey moved to return to open session at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz updated the Council on the demolition of properties throughout the City.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked about the house at 600 Beth.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson stated the court determined the will could not go to probate. A determination of descent was established, and heirs have been identified. They need to give consent to enter the property to see if it is uninhabitable. If they don't, the process would go through the court.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked if we're looking at another year.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson said he doesn't think it'll take that long. There are eight individuals that need to be notified about this property so that could lead to a delay. There are some channels to go through like certified mail, regular mail and publications but he doesn't think it'll be a year.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski mentioned this has been going on close to five years with this property.
 - City Attorney Greg Robison clarified the property was left to one family member who died, it was then left to another family member who died, and it is now on its third iteration.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked if anyone was living there.
 - City Attorney Greg Robinson responded no.
 - Mayor Smith asked for an action plan every few months on this property so the Council can keep track of what is going on.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated he isn't sure what to say when City residents ask about it but now, he has an idea thanks to the report.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked about a house on 139th St that caught fire. The report states the owners are rebuilding.
 - City Inspector clarified they would tear down what is there and then rebuild.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked if the chimney had been taken down on the home on Brookwood.
 - City Inspector Becky Savidge said no, they are going to build back around the chimney. They had an engineer check out the basement and chimney.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz let the Council know the Brookwood house has been fenced in so people can't get into it. There were concerns someone could fall into it.

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall reminded everyone of the Coffee with the City Administrator is Saturday, May 18th at 8am in the Council Chambers.

- Councilmember Garvey asked if it would be broadcasted live on Facebook.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated it felt like it was abused the last time, so it won't be broadcasted.

Governing Body: Councilmember Buehler apologized for missing Lansing DAZE but heard the band was amazing. Councilmember Buehler also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1866, Charles Elmer Hires invented root beer.

Councilmember McNeill thanked Ellen Hannon for coming back again and volunteering.

Councilmember Trinkle thanked staff for the demolition report.

Councilmember Kirby thanked Ellen and then thanked Matt for the demolition packet.

- Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz clarified that City Inspector Becky Savidge put together the packet.

Councilmember Brungardt then thanked Becky.

Councilmember Pawlowski and Councilmember Garvey echoed the sentiments of what the other Councilmembers said.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Garvey moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk