

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

Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: Ward 1 Vacancy

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the special meeting minutes of January 5, 2017 and January 9, 2017 and the regular meeting minutes of January 5, 2017, as presented. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Presentation

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Treasurer's Report for Quart Ending December 31, 2016: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for quarter ending December 31, 2016, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request to us Lansing Activity Center After Hours: Councilmember McNeill moved to approve the request from the Boy Scouts for after-hours use of the Lansing Activity Center for their Anti-Campout. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked is there somebody from the City there, will they stay the night with them. I never thought about that or is it all on their own.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied the Scouts provide the supervision.
- Councilmember Garvey asked it's the same group that have stayed there in the past right?
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied yeah.
- Councilmember Trinkle stated I didn't know if City officials stayed or not.
- Councilmember Pawlowski asked we haven't had any issues.
 - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied there has been minor damage in the past, but they've always made good on it.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated Dave and Don can stay with them, can't they?
- Councilmember Brungardt stated Mr. Pfannenstiel good luck on that.

The motion was unanimously approved.

2017 Fireworks Displays: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to approve the contract with Kapow Fireworks for the Lansing DAZE event and the Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Buehler stated I know that the difference is about thirty-eight hundred dollars, but we've had such good turnout the last two years when we haven't had it on the fourth of July, because on the fourth of July people go to families and they go to other fireworks, and they do things. Why would we want to not continue with the turnout and everything that we've had the week prior by doing it on the fourth of July?
 - Councilmember Studnicka replied because the fourth falls on a Tuesday this year, whereas the last couple of years it tied into the weekend and gave folks a three day weekend.
- Councilmember Garvey stated I thought we had obligation issues with the last providers that they couldn't do it on the fourth because they were booked up, that's what it was.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated yeah and they cost more, and this is the same.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif replied primarily it was the cost, as there was quite a bit of difference between doing it off the fourth versus on the fourth, and you are correct, this company is the same.
- Councilmember McNeill stated we had pretty good turnout last year I know.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated we had a great turnout the last couple of years.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated we had it on the fourth the first fifteen years and people came.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied right, but most of the time it was a Friday or Saturday, so you had all the vendors also come there. Would we have all the same vendors on a Tuesday, have we checked into that?

- Community & Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif replied that is something that there is definitely more competition on the fourth so there would be more events happening that vendors would have to choose whether to come to ours or another event. I think before when we did have it on the fourth that was before we had vendors at the fourth of July celebration.
- Councilmember McNeill stated I haven't heard anything from my Ward on not having it on the fourth.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I have.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated I haven't heard anything.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked Jesse have you heard anything.
 - Councilmember Garvey replied I was opposed to moving it originally, but after seeing the turnout I am in favor of leaving it on the Friday before because of the turnout and because we've gotten such a big crowd you can't even get everyone into the park anymore. That's pretty significant.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but you don't know if that wouldn't be the turnout on the fourth because we've never had it on the fourth at Ken Bernard Park.
- Councilmember Garvey asked but do you think people would drive from other communities knowing that it's the fourth and the next morning kids may be in school, parents have to go to work.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated it's in July Jesse.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated parents still have to go to work.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated summer school, isn't there still summer school.
- Councilmember Buehler stated the thirtieth is the Friday before Tuesday. It's not like it's a whole week, its four days, five days.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated the thing I hear is we're having the fourth of July in June that is the comment I get from multiple people. How come we're doing it in June, how come we're not doing it on the fourth of July?
 - Councilmember McNeill stated it's the City's celebration of the fourth of July, it's not the national celebration.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated it's the celebration of Independence Day, which just happens to be on the fourth of July. It's Independence Day Celebration, that's the national holiday.
 - Councilmember Brungardt stated I've heard mixed reviews. I've heard a lot of people don't care, there are some that care very much that wish it was on the fourth, it just seems more normal, and a number of other people like the way we've done it the last couple of years.
- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated just a reminder the motion is for July fourth.
- Councilmember Garvey stated with that being said too, if we do have it on the thirtieth that will allow City staff to spend July fourth with their families.

The motion was not approved, with Councilmembers McNeill, Studnicka, Trinkle, Garvey, and Buehler voting against the motion.

Councilmember Buehler moved to enter into a contract with Kapow Fireworks for the Lansing DAZE Celebration and Independence Day Celebration on June 30th. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

The motion was approved, with Councilmember Pawlowski voting against the motion.

Resolution No. B-2-17 Sales Tax Election: Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopt Resolution No. B-2-17 calling for a mail ballot sales tax election, as presented. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall reminded the Governing Body that Local Government Day is January 25th and if anyone wants to attend, they need to RSVP to Sarah or himself. He also reminded everyone about the joint meeting with the Planning Commission to go over the Comprehensive Plan for changes or updates. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., but we are having pizza available at 6:00 p.m. He advised that he and Councilmember

Pawlowski attended the County Commission meeting today regarding McIntyre Road in where the County staff presented a compromise to decrease the proposed speed limit to 35 miles per hour, which would change the design speed and have an impact on the scope of the project and allow for roughly 1 million dollars in savings. Tim asked the Governing Body for thoughts and ideas for a response to the County for the newly introduced change in design.

- Councilmember Buehler stated that he spoke with Commissioner Doug Smith and he was told that the City of Lansing could request funds that the County is saving by scaling back the project and apply those funds to another project in Lansing, for example DeSoto Road. Initially there was communication that stated the County was keeping any savings, but Sarah Schafer of Leavenworth County Public Works provided a County staff recommendation to allow funds to be used for roadway projects in the City of Lansing.
 - Sarah Schafer Deputy Public Works Director for Leavenworth County confirmed that the Staff recommendation to the County is to assist the City of Lansing with a roadway project with the estimated savings. Her recommendation to the City Council is to make a motion in support of a particular design speed for the Lansing portion of the project and another motion specifying a named project in order to request the funds saved from the McIntyre Road project to be used by the City.
 - Councilmember Buehler asked Ms. Schafer to obtain confirmation from the County that they are in support of working with the City to ensure funds saved can be used for a City of Lansing project.

The Governing Body will discuss these items at the upcoming Work Session on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

Governing Body: Councilmember Trinkle reminded those that the Friends of Lansing will be meeting on January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center and they will be discussing by-laws, membership, and a Board election. Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1883, the very first electric lighting system using overhead wires, which was built by Thomas Edison, began service in Roselle New Jersey. Councilmember McNeill thanked the County staff for the briefings regarding the McIntyre Road Project. Councilmember Brungardt thanked Ms. Schafer for her reports and that she has done a good job.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Brungardt 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