

**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:** Gregg Buehler

**Councilmembers Absent:** Tony McNeill

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the special meeting minutes of February 2, 2017 and the regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2017, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Kirby abstaining from the vote.

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

**Presentation:**

**Library Update:** Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz presented a year in review of the Lansing Community Library to the Governing Body.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Award of Bid – Centre Drive Fountains:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to award the bid to Aquatic Environmental Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$16,839.64. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked so this is not for bubblers
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied for fountains
    - Councilmember Garvey asked two new ones.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied two new ones, one for each.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated because we had three and two.
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied there were three in each to begin with.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski asked so we're just going for one.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied yeah.
- Councilmember Garvey asked what is the warranty on these.
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied five years on the fountains and one year on the lights.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski asked is that just on the parts.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied it is a pretty comprehensive warranty.
        - Councilmember Pawlowski asked I mean they'll come out here and fix it.
          - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied yes, from my understanding, if it is a failure on the part of the pump the company will pay to have it removed and repaired. From the research I did that was the best warranty.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated the first ones didn't last very long, did they, maybe one of them.
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied the ones that we are actually replacing are some of the first ones.
    - Mayor Smith asked we rebuilt them didn't we Jason.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied we've rebuilt them over the years that's why we went from three to one, because we took a working part from this one and replaced that.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated because the whole reason behind them is really not looks its aeration.
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied it's both, well, in my opinion it's both, and it's aesthetically pleasing.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but I mean you have to have something in there.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied you want to have something moving some water in there, in my opinion.
        - Councilmember Pawlowski stated okay.
- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated one other point I'll make on these particular fountains, and I had several of you I think at one point or another comment on the fountains that are at Eisenhower Crossing, and that you kind of liked the look of that fountain when we had Lansing DAZE out there.
  - Councilmember Garvey stated that one floats doesn't it.
    - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied yes, that's what type of fountains these are; Otterbine, that's the same company that makes these fountains and from all the research I

did, they move the most water of any fountain I could find, so this particular one is part of their what they call their aeration series.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked it still isn't going to stop when we get heavy rains, it is still going to discolor the water correct, there's no way we can get around that, because of what the ponds are there for.
  - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied if there is run-off coming from up above there is still going to be silt and mud coming and there will be some water clarity issues for a while, the one thing about these compared to the old ones is that they won't draft water from as deep as the old ones, so if the level of the pond is lower it will be less apt to suck mud from the bottom of the pond.
    - Councilmember Garvey stated which kills your propellers.
      - Councilmember Trinkle stated thanks Jason.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Request for Permit Fee Waiver:** Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the waiver of sign permit fees for the Leavenworth County Humane Society. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked do these signs follow our Ordinance.
  - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied yes.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski asked and is that in the MSOD.
      - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied is it in the MSOD, yes.
- Councilmember Trinkle stated I don't know if it's you that can answer the question or probably Steve or the lady in the chair from the group, have we talked with them about looking to take care of our animals.
  - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied yes, we are currently doing that now.
    - Councilmember Trinkle stated are we, I didn't know if we switched it over yet or not.
      - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied they have limited space so if they fill up, we are using them now, along with Animal Control.
        - Councilmember Trinkle stated are we local, hometown, so when they get over here then we can get completely away from there.
          - Police Chief Steve Wayman replied yes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Operation Green Light Program Agreement and Renewal Fee:** Councilmember Buehler moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Operation Green Light agreement with Mid-America Regional Council. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked does this program have an end date on it at any point, do you know.
  - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied I haven't heard anything about an end date, in fact they've got a strategic plan and it is set out to 2020.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated okay, I've had a problem with this program and I really had a problem when they told us the parameters, because when Don, Don was the one to first ask about the signal lights, the signalization coordination, but Don was talking about Lansing to the post and what we got was Eisenhower to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Shawnee. And then when they did K-7 and I-70, that part didn't get included. So I'm guessing that we probably have to do this because we're part of it, but I think that at the first moment we can get out of this thing, I think it's kind of a waste of money, that's my personal opinion. I never make it through town without hitting every single light, I never make it to the south without hitting that stupid thing at County Road 8, I hit them all.
  - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied the problem with Operation Green Light through our area is the Eisenhower signal is on Leavenworth's controller, our four signals on our own controllers, Polfer and all the Kansas City Kansas signals that are at Polfer and Leavenworth, Parallel, State, they're not even synchronized to each other.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski stated right, which is part of my problem with paying for this, because it doesn't serve, we're paying for something it's not doing.
      - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied I guess the one thing that I would lend the amount we're talking about this time around to the overall for the Metro area that travel that may come beyond our scope of impact here is, I'm looking at a memorandum that our City Engineer responded from when we had him review it and you know the time saved, fewer stops, the fuel that kind of stuff throughout the area, that's statistics, but overall I think that it might be worth the money we're talking about here.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated it doesn't save me any time.
- Mayor Smith stated hey Jeff, that's a good question Andi asked, if you could let us know if there is a closing date or a final date on that, just so we can keep that in front of us.
  - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied I think that we have the option to get out now.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I don't mean to be, it's not your deal I know.
  - Councilmember Kirby stated she's just tired of hitting all the lights.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski replied well no, but I mean when Don started with this the whole thing was so you could get from here to post, well, it didn't even involve them, and then when it didn't involve the stuff at I-70, it's like why are we even bothering with this.
- Public Works Director Jeff Rupp stated I've asked them to try to look at the sequencing, even from timing on the platoons that run from those areas we discussed to all the way through, and they said they can't really do it.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but they get our thirty-two hundred dollars, but anyway.
- Councilmember Garvey stated the list of revenue sources that you have on the spreadsheet has a list of all the cities, what if they choose to not participate.
  - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied I'm sure that it would impact their operational load for what they've got in their 2017-2020 plan as part of what their goals are.
    - Councilmember Garvey stated it says that KCK is fifty thousand, so if they say no they're not going to participate, that's fifty thousand dollars they'd lose right.
      - Councilmember Pawlowski stated and as I remember this was like a six figure study that they did.
        - Councilmember Garvey replied one hundred seventy-four thousand four hundred.
          - Councilmember Pawlowski replied that's a lot of money.
- Mayor Smith asked Jeff are we still responsible for repairs though, if they should go down, the signal lights. Are we responsible for paying?
  - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied we are paying for our own repairs.
    - Mayor Smith stated right now, so this thirty-two hundred.
      - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied they do help with some of the traffic flow issues though, they have been participating in some of our traffic problems that come to my desk and investigating.
        - Mayor Smith stated but we're maintenance.
          - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied yes, but we do it through a contract, we're not doing it in-house.
            - Mayor Smith stated yeah but still it's coming out of us.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated thanks Jeff.
- Councilmember Kirby stated I'd just be curious to see if and when we can get out of it, I mean four lights.
- Councilmember Studnicka stated I mean we thought it all was a great idea in the beginning when we were trying to keep K-7 a freeway, and get all these other municipalities on-board to keep them from putting up all these stoplights every quarter mile and that hasn't seemed to happen either.
  - Councilmember Pawlowski stated since then there have been four more lights.
    - Mayor Smith stated at least yeah.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Executive Session – Economic Development:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to recess into executive session for economic development purposes to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:25 p.m. and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner briefed the Council on the changes to the Annual Clean Up in April.

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

**City Engineer:** City Engineer had nothing to report.

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall mentioned that land acquisition regarding DeSoto Road has kicked off along with a meeting with residents and SMH Consultants.

- Public Works Director Jeff Rupp advised that the tone of the meeting was positive between all parties.

City Administrator Tim Vandall continued and advised that the City will host several educational community forums regarding the Sales Tax Election in April. Those dates are March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. These meetings are to educate the public on what the sales tax would be used for and answer any questions residents may have. He also advised that the City is working on a mailer regarding the sales tax question as well. Tim also mentioned that the City is working on costs for replacing the old and faded directional signs through town and update them to a more modern sign. Tim cited that staff has been unable to locate any further memo from Mr. Pittman regarding the Comprehensive Plan other than the fourteen page document previously discussed, but we do have the recording and minutes from that meeting should anyone want to review those. He also asked if anyone has areas of concern of certain topics they want to discuss regarding the Comprehensive Plan, to please contact Stefanie Leif, Brian Schwanz, or himself to ensure those items get addressed. The auction for Lost 80 Park is on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Lost 80 Park and the City has notified the State that the property is zoned City Parkland, so the land would need to be re-zoned in the future. Also, if the parkland is auctioned off, the land wouldn't transfer until January 1, 2018.

**Governing Body:** Mayor Smith asked if the Council would be open to having a yearly joint meeting with the School Board just to keep the dialogue between the City and School open.

Councilmember Kirby asked about the progress with getting the water line out the Bernard Park.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that per the last meeting with Lan-Del they are still negotiating with the last property owner, and that is what is holding up the project.

Councilmember Kirby asked Police Chief Steve Wayman about a robbery today in Lansing.

- Police Chief Steve Wayman briefed the Council on the robbery that occurred at KARE Pharmacy and advised that the officers responded quickly and were able to apprehend one of the two suspects.

Councilmember Pawlowski asked City Attorney Gregory Robinson if he has made any headway regarding the County's ability to build a road in the City's growth area without a MOU.

- City Attorney Gregory Robinson advised that he had his associate do some extensive research on this topic and he has not been able to locate any case law to reference that give the County the authority to build a road in the City's area, except for the underlying need for a MOU and/or Agreement to do so.

Councilmember Garvey thanked Terri for her presentation and thanked her staff and volunteers for everything they do. Councilmember Buehler echoed Councilmember Garvey's sentiments and provided a fun fact; on this day in 1968, the very first 9-1-1 emergency telephone system went into service in Haleyville Alabama.

Councilmember Brungardt thanked Terri for her presentation, he thought it was awesome, and asked her to thank all the staff and volunteers who do the awesome work at the library.

Councilmember Studnicka echoed Councilmember Brungardt's statement and also stated that he heard that the County let for bid a part of the project for McIntyre Road and wanted to know if it was for construction or re-design.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that the contract approved by the County was for the re-design.

Councilmember Trinkle asked about the sound system in the Community Center and Council Chambers, and that those need to be looked into for sound quality purposes because people talking in the microphone in the Community Center can't be heard in the back and the meeting video on Channel 2 is either really quiet or really loud.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall advised that he will get with those who need to be involved at staff level and begin looking at that as the equipment is pretty old in both locations.

Councilmember Trinkle also told Terri that she did a good job on her presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Michael W. Smith, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk