

**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

**Councilmembers Absent:** Gene Kirby and Gregg Buehler

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 1, 2018, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

**Presentation: Arbor Day Proclamation:** Councilmember Pawlowski read and presented Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum with a proclamation declaring April 5, 2018, as Arbor Day in Lansing.

- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum thanked the Governing Body and stated that on April 5, 2018 at 10:00am a ceremonial tree planting will occur at City Hall.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Charter Ordinance 1-2018 – Lansing Community Library:** Mayor Smith stated upon review of library documentation for accreditation purposes, it was determined that the library was not properly chartered out of the state statutes to operate as a city department with an advisory board. This charter ordinance fulfills the requirement to property charter out of the state statutes.

Councilmember Trinkle moved to adopt Charter Ordinance 1-2018 as presented. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by all Councilmembers in attendance and Mayor Smith voting in favor of the motion.

**Ordinance No. 996 – Rezone Request 15915 Eisenhower Road:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the re-zone request and adopt Ordinance No. 996. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated there was a go-cart track or something on that property, that can no longer; none of that can be run, right.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I would say that is correct, yes.
- Councilmember McNeill asked so there was a house that was built along with the go-cart stuff, that's why it was business or commercial, I'm confused.
  - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied the house was on there and the go-carts were on there when it was in the County, and when we annexed it, it was brought in as B-3.
    - Councilmember Pawlowski asked but why was that, do you know.
      - Councilmember Studnicka stated because of the go-cart track.
        - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied yeah.
          - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated because of the business. If you remember, if I recall correctly, that was a voluntary annexation. So to get that voluntary and get all the parcels together, there were some concessions that were made or people had asked for, and again that's my recollection and the owners are here and they can speak differently, that's fine, but to actually be in and be conforming it had to be B-3 for those activities.
            - Mayor Smith stated that's correct Greg, that's exactly what occurred.
  - Councilmember McNeill asked didn't it say also that that area in the plan is commercial. The recommendation from the Planning Commission who knows what the future use is, is recommending to change that.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we've had this discussion before that the Comprehensive Plan isn't hard-fast concrete, it's kind of a guide, and the property owner wants to build a house there. I think they'd be content keeping their existing house but they can't because of the County's Eisenhower Road project, and you can't rebuild a home in a business district.

- Councilmember Garvey asked what are the other three corners of that intersection.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded it think it's surrounded by Ag.
    - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied it's agriculture across the street, the industrial is back east.
      - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated and probably with the Comprehensive Plan, the reason it's designated as commercial is because of the possibility, if I'm not mistaken, on New Lawrence a by-pass. They talked about it at some point in the future having a by-pass, so it may be a little premature right now, but at some point if we do get that by-pass that comes out at McIntyre, Gilman, or wherever, it's supposed to go around and come out around New Lawrence Avenue. So the idea is that for the Planning Commission to back off of calling it a commercial, it doesn't fit right now, and again it was brought in as commercial because of the voluntary annexation.
        - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated if anything, you could look at it as being spot zoned when it was brought in fifteen years ago because it's surrounded by agriculture.
          - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated and when the committee's would have looked at it they would have seen that that was commercial, so it would appear to be the intent to be commercial. I think we'd all agree probably fifty years, or whenever that would develop, that those corners are probably going to commercial at some point, there's probably no question about that.
            - Councilmember Pawlowski stated the highest and best use for that whole corridor is commercial.
- Councilmember Garvey asked are there any complaints from the neighbors surrounding it.
  - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied nope, I've heard nothing.
- Councilmember Trinkle stated build a house.
  - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated it's my understanding that they are moving it, correct? They are picking it up and moving it.
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated no they can't move it, that's why they have to do this.

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

**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 stated that the new Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz started last week, and he is a K-State Wildcat and we are excited to have him aboard. He also mentioned that the improvements to Highland Park are moving forward and staff is at a place to put out a bid packet, but will bring forward a request to do so before the Body. Staff is also planning on having a community meeting for that neighborhood to review the proposal of what the improvements will look like and address any questions they may have. Pricing is unknown at this time and will remain that way until a bid opening occurs. Tim stated that he met with the Historical Society recently and they are reviewing and evaluating options for the running of the Museum. Tim also asked if anyone on the Governing Body was interested in acting a liaison between the City and Historical Society to let him know. Tim reminded them that the Historical Society is a different type of board because the members are not appointment by the City as like the other volunteer boards the City has. Tim finished his report by stating that the School District had reached out the City to seek assistance in communicating with KDOT about improvements to the area around K-7 Highway and Gilman. While the City cannot make any improvements to a State Highway without KDOT approval, the City will help facilitate communication between the City, School District, and KDOT for ways to make that intersection safer for all travelers.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked about having turn lanes painted to help drivers be in the correct lanes.
  - Public Works Director Jeff Rupp replied that he's asked KDOT about that and they have said that they won't do that. He can reach out again to see if they are willing to do something now.

It was suggested to reach out to the school and see if a joint work session would be helpful so that we can all understand the needs of each entity and possibly figure out a solution together.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Pawlowski expressed her opinion on tiny homes, and in particular the one located in Lansing. She stated that since the owner did not check with the City of Lansing on our rules for tiny homes, she feels the City should give the owner ten days to move the house, as it doesn't conform to our codes.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that the City is currently looking into offering the owner of the house a thirty to forty-five day window to move the house, and if they want to apply for a lot split or review of alternative options, there is time to do so.
  - Councilmember Garvey stated that he doesn't want the City to bend over backwards to change our standards to make this work just because the media has been involved.
    - Councilmember McNeill feels that this issue can be dealt with and resolved by City Staff.

Councilmember Garvey welcomed Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz to the City. Councilmembers Studnicka and Trinkle echoed Councilmember Garvey's welcome.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Michael W. Smith, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk