

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

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Don Studnicka

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2017, as presented. Councilmember Kirby 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:

Ordinance No. 976 – Amending Chapter 6 Elections: Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 976 as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Kirby asked how many does it take now.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski state two.
- Councilmember McNeill stated I've got discussion on this topic, based on the ward electoral votes which tallied about one hundred and twelve in Ward Four in the last election, fifty votes is like fifty percent of the electoral in the ward, so the way it states is the general election which means the entire election of the City, which is even larger, so fifty signatures I just think that is kind of crazy. Not for the Mayor because the Mayor should get fifty when you've got the entire City voting, but when you're only looking at your ward.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated it used to be ten dollars.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated Greg do you want to speak to this.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated I think it was ten.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated the last time I had ten.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated Sarah and I went over this thing for quite some time and we kind of picked the number. Now if you want a different number we'd be glad to oblige, I mean I don't think that we're locked into fifty, this is for your discussion your ultimate approval.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I thought it was a percentage of the people who voted.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied one percent of the ballots cast.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated whichever is less, so it's not actually fifty it could be two or three.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied it could be two or three signatures.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated if it was fifty in Ward One that's all the people.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked so it's fifty or one percent.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated whichever is less.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated so if in the general election two thousand people voted.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated but that is particularly for the mayor election, so when the mayor election happens in four years that would be the percentage they use for that particular nomination petition. As for your single wards, that's how that number is based, and that percentage is based; out of Ward Four whatever that percentage is, whatever the last general election is of that ward.
 - Mayor Smith asked Sarah that's for each ward right too.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner and City Attorney Gregory Robinson replied yes.
 - Mayor Smith stated so the number is going to be six or seven.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated yes or ten, eleven, twelve.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated be sure to pay the money.
 - Mayor Smith asked any other discussion.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked what do you think with one percent.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated well that's what it says.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated the way I read it and maybe I read it wrong, which was the last general election it doesn't say of your ward it says the last general election, so when you have a general election it's all four wards, it's not your ward.

- City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated I can't disagree, I didn't know you were looking at me, I was reading it here.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated Sarah looked at you.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated oh I see we were doing the triangle here, but I was reading it as you were speaking.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated can you add in there in the voting districts whatever the right terminology is.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we can add that if that would make it more clear, so if you guys want us to add three or four words we can do that. Are you guys generally okay with the numbers.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I don't care because one percent, but seriously I've never done it by signature but one time I asked and they said it was two, so my next door neighbor and my husband or one of my other friends.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated so you want to add the language based on ward or whatever that language is to delineate that we're talking about ward.
- Councilmember Kirby stated I see what Tony is saying.
- Councilmember McNeill stated the way I was reading it was the election for Ward One last time it was seventy people, do you want them to get fifty signatures from the seventy people that voted. I mean that's ridiculous.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall and City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated or one percent.
 - Councilmember Buehler and Councilmember McNeill stated that's not what it says.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied it does say it on there.
 - Councilmember Buehler replied it says or one percent of the ballots cast. Add the part that says for the councilmembers per ward or by ward.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we can do that.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated add another section or something.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated so it doesn't say one percent of the City.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked so should we table this.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yes.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated we have to withdraw the motion.

Councilmember Kirby withdrew his second.
Councilmember Buehler withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to table Ordinance No. 976 until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Award of Bid – City Hall and Municipal Annex Building Heating and Cooling Units: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to award the bid for heating and cooling units of the City Hall and Municipal Annex Buildings to Complete Heating & Air Conditioning in an amount not to exceed \$33,633.75. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Special Event on Park Property – Boy Scouts: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the request from Mark Blanken and the Kaw District Boy Scouts to use Bernard Park from 6:00 p.m. on April 21, 2017 to 10:00 a.m. on April 23, 2017 for the Kaw District Camporee. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Request for Rezone of 24481 139th Street: Councilmember Kirby moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the rezone of 24481 139th Street. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with Councilmembers Garvey, Buehler, and McNeill voting against the motion.

- Mayor Smith stated the recommendation to deny the rezone at 24481 139th street has successfully passed, so that is being denied.

Executive Session – Economic Development: Councilmember Buehler 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 7:10 p.m. and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Pawlowski 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 turned over the microphone to Representative Debbie Deere.

- Representative Deere briefed the Governing Body on bills that were passed prior to the ‘turn around week’ in Topeka. She also discussed the new prison at LCF and advised that Secretary Norwood would be presenting on the topic on Monday, March 6th. She ended her brief by announcing that a forum with the Representatives is being held at the Riverfront Community Center in Leavenworth on Saturday, March 11th.

City Administrator Tim Vandall advised the Governing Body that he and the City Attorney will be meeting with staff and counsel from Leavenworth County to discuss the McIntyre Road project and asked the Body to provide any ‘must haves’ or principles/ideas to convey to the County staff.

- Consensus from the Governing Body was to have the project built to City standards.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby recognized Community and Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif for her cheerful personality and hard work she has put in on the rezone request and other projects for the City. He also asked Police Chief Wayman about an upcoming community meeting with the Police Department.

- Police Chief Steve Wayman briefed the Council on the meeting being held on Tuesday, March 7th between the Police Department, local churches, and community to open the dialogue to discuss community relationships, police department practices, and how everyone can work together to make the Lansing community a better place to live.

Councilmember Pawlowski mentioned that she had passed on information about a ‘coffee with a cop’ series being done in Johnson County and thought I would an interesting idea and also suggested that maybe a ‘coffee with the City Administrator’ would also be informative.

Councilmember Garvey thanked Stefanie for everything she did on the rezone request and understands that you win some and lose some. He also thanked Debbie Deere for attending the meeting and updating them on what is going on in Topeka.

Councilmember Buehler echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Garvey and provided a fun fact, that today is National Read Across America Day because on this day in 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss was born.

Councilmember McNeill thanked Representative Debbie Deere for her time and brief and reiterated his support for the City Administrator for his meeting regarding McIntyre Road.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember McNeill moved to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk