

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor Gene Kirby at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Gene Kirby called the roll and indicated which councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Kevin Gardner and 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the special meeting minutes and the regular meeting minutes of April 21, 2016, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audience Participation: Mayor Kirby called for audience participation and one citizen came forward.

- Resident stated first off thanks for your service, I am Ralph Moore and live out in Timber Ridge which is a little addition that's West of Sherwood Forest, our only access to the highway is through Sherwood Forest. I want to talk about the grass in the street there, mainly on Huntington and Nottingham Streets, and I'm not talking about a few clippings, I'm talking about people that cover the street. And this isn't from commercial mowers, so you don't need to be worried about some commercial establishment. Some of them mow counterclockwise instead of clockwise, and they blow the grass completely across the street. If they make the first two laps clockwise this problem would go away, or they could blow it back in their yard after mowing, but that takes some time because there is a lot of volume. Others mow straight lines and make turns in the street, leaving large piles of grass in the street. I mow part of the area around the highway and pick up litter throughout the addition, as I am an exercise walker. I don't want to walk in this heavy grass and I don't appreciate it stuck inside my car when it is wet. This practice does little to make the addition attractive and is inconsiderate of others who don't do such things. It is a Code violation as well, I think. Thanks for any help you can give us with the situation.
 - Mayor Kirby stated get with us afterwards and give us some addresses so we can narrow it down to where we need to be.

Presentation: Presentation to Sharon Henke: Mayor Kirby presented Sharon Henke with a plaque of appreciation for her years of service on the Lansing Planning Commission.

Citizens' Academy 2015-2016 Graduation: Mayor Kirby presented the 2015-2016 Citizens' Academy class with their plaque of completion. The graduates are: Emily Bean, Marcus Bean, Michael Crutchfield, Kathleen Daly Copeland, Kim Dalen, Joseph Donalbain, Anne Ehrsam-Holland, Mary Fallesen, Michael Persin, Shanna Persin, Tom Pawlowski, and Vernon Walker.

- Community and Economic Development Director Stefanie Leif stated so next is our Citizens' Academy graduation, so hopefully you had a chance to enjoy some cake and visit with some of our participants this past year. It is our 2015-2016 class, they've been meeting from September through April once a month, and each class lasted about 2 hours. They get to meet with all of our departments, staff, see the facilities, and this year we tried to incorporate tours or at least meeting in as many facilities as we could, so I know that was something that was a real highlight for some of the participants. I really appreciate all of their dedication and time taken to learn more about the city and more about the operations, and we'd love the support to offer this program again next year, so just a bit of a shout out that we will be offering it, advertising it again this summer, as long as we have support to continue that, so if anybody knows of additional folks in the community that would like to be part of it, please let our community and economic development department know.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Election of Council President: Councilmember Brungardt moved to nominate Andi Pawlowski as Council President. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Trinkle moved to nominate Don Studnicka as Council President. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to close nominations. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Kirby called for a vote on the nomination of Councilmember Pawlowski as Council President. The nomination was approved to appoint Councilmember Pawlowski as Council President with Councilmembers Studnicka and Trinkle voting against the motion.

Authorization to Advertise Bids – City Project 15-01, 9 Mile Creek Action Plan: Councilmember Buehler moved to authorize staff to solicit bids for the 9 Mile Creek Action Plan. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell stated just a couple of corrections. We will actually advertise for bids through Drexell starting tomorrow, we had it listed incorrectly, so the bid opening gets pushed up to June 2nd, and we'll bring that back to the Council for approval on June 16th, with a notice to proceed to follow. Everything's in line and we're ready to go.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked can I ask something as long as it pertains to the sewer.
 - Mayor Kirby stated as long as it pertains to this.

The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

City Attorney: City Attorney had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer has nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall stated he and Jason Crum presented to the Lan-Del board requesting design and bids for the water line to Bernard Park. The City Engineer, Jeff Rupp, and Tim will be meeting with Lan-Del and USD 469 regarding the slope failure on West Mary Street. No commitments have been made by the City in regards to financing and if a request is made, the Council will be the decision maker on that. Tim mentioned that community and economic development director Stefanie Leif is working on scheduling Land Use training, and we would need to move our June Budget Work Session a week earlier, to June 23rd, in order to hold the Land Use training class on Thursday, June 30th. The City submitted a letter to the City of Leavenworth regarding the Tobacco 21 initiative and seeing if Leavenworth would reconsider their position, we are waiting on a response. Letters to businesses selling tobacco products have been sent out updating the businesses of the changes the Ordinance brings with it effective July 1, 2016. In follow up to a previous inquiry regarding modifying the plans to 147th Street and McIntyre, the County informed the City that any changes to the road projects would have to go out to a formal vote to the public. In scaling back the City Wide Clean-Up from 2 days to 1, the City was able to realize a savings around \$5,000.00 and is looking into alternative options to make the process more seamless next year.

Governing Body: Councilmember Trinkle congratulated the Citizens' Academy graduates and reminded everyone that Lansing DAZE and the Car Show are Friday and Saturday out at Bernard Park. Mayor Kirby thanked Citizens' Academy participants and hoped they found it informative. He also thanked Sharon Henke for her time served on the Planning Commission, and mentioned that there are 2 openings for volunteers on the Lansing Community Library Board.

Councilmember Gardner congratulated the Citizens' Academy graduating class and Sharon Henke for all her years of service.

Councilmember Pawlowski echoed Councilmember Gardner's remarks. She asked Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell if due to the recent rains, part of a bank on a property that runs along the current sewer construction site were lost.

- Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied there is an area down by the City Park where they had the roadway opened and that's where they stopped. The contractor paused pipe operations in that location to finish up the City Park in time for ball season, then they used that as their access point to move material, because they don't really have a good place to go from there all the way to 7 Highway to get rock and pipe in. so they had left that open and it was exacerbated by the rain, of course they left their off road dump parked a little too close to the edge, and that also lead to a little bit of it. It's going to get fixed, it's going to get cleaned up appropriately.

Councilmember Pawlowski asked if there was any damage to any homes.

- Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied I have not heard of any damage to anybody's homes, no.

Councilmember Garvey congratulated Sharon Henke and the Citizens' Academy graduates, and stated his wife is interested in going through the academy next year. He also stated he is excited for the Lansing DAZE festivities.

Councilmember Buehler thanked Sharon Henke for all her years of service and stated the City can't run without its volunteers. He thanked the Citizens' Academy graduates and hopes to see them on volunteer boards in the future. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in history, May 5, 1891, the Music Hall of New York City, which we now know as Carnegie Hall, had its grand opening and first public performance and Tchaikovsky as the guest conductor.

Councilmember McNeill thanked Sharon Henke and congratulated the graduates. He also asked the graduates to pass on the information to friends who may be interested in participating in next year's program. He also asked if Code Enforcement did any enforcing on the weekends, since most people mow their grass on weekends. He asked about

giving the Code Enforcement officer Monday off and have them work Saturday or every other weekend. He has experienced the grass clipping issue in his own ward and people are even blowing the grass clippings into the sewer.

- Councilmember Trinkle stated that in the past the Animal Control officer used to do that on the weekends.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked if we could post information on the City Facebook Page
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied that we will make sure to get the word out and look into the suggestion.

Councilmember Brungardt thanked Mrs. Henke for her service and congratulated the graduates of Citizens' Academy.

- An unnamed Citizens' Academy participant stated I know it's not our turn to speak, but I think I speak for everybody, that the staff we got presentations from were so impressive and there are so many people who really care about their jobs, and it totally comes across and the extra things that they do all the time is very impressive.

Councilmember Studnicka congratulated Sharon Henke for her service and congratulated the graduates from the Citizens' Academy and their kind words about the City staff. He stated he hoped to see everyone at Lansing DAZE, and congratulated the new Council President.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Studnicka moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Louis E. Kirby, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk