
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: Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent: Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers were present via Zoom video conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Majure moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Title VI Agreement and Plan: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the Nondiscrimination Agreement and adopt the Title VI Program as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Majure stated yes Marcus.
 - Mayor Smith responded go ahead Marcus.
 - Councilmember Majure asked the only question I got is there a reason why you have 180 days and wouldn't it be shorter than that. That just seems like a long time to file a grievance or anything. Couldn't it be shorter.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied that is the timeline that is in the language we got from KDOT. So that is directly how they have it so we've left it the same so there is no confusion if people were looking at different projects. So, it was just consistent across the board.
 - Councilmember Majure responded ok, thank you.
 - Mayor Smith stated thank you Sarah. Thank you, Marcus. Any other questions about that.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Request to Purchase – Radar Detection Equipment for Ida and Main Street: Councilmember Garvey moved to authorize the purchase of the radar detection equipment for the Ida and Main Street traffic signal from Mid-American Signal in an amount not to exceed \$21,592. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall presented the Council with an update on the CARES funding. The hands-free kiosk at the library has been installed and ionizers on the AC units have been completed. The County will take care of dispersing the funds donated to USD 469. We are awaiting bids/prices for electronic signage, improvements to the Council Chambers and installing hands free water fountains. The electrostatic sprayer has been ordered and new software for several departments is in the

works. There haven't been as many small business grant applications submitted as anticipated, so staff is considering extending the deadline or making modifications to the requirements. We do have ongoing expenses for PPE and cleaning supplies as well as payroll expenses for Public Safety that are covered under the CARES funding. We should be getting the first disbursement mid-October with a second coming soon after. The Councilmembers were shown three examples of electronic signage designs that had been submitted. City Administrator Tim Vandall also mentioned how well the Department Heads work together. The latest example is everyone has come together to make the Trunk or Treat event as successful as possible.

Governing Body: Councilmember Majure stated there is so much going on for our city and its enjoyable to be part of the City Council. He also stated it was a great Work Session with great topics last week. He is looking forward to the discussions on how we are going to execute Halloween.

Councilmember Garvey loves to hear how well the employees work together. Lansing made the news with the upcoming Trunk or Treat event. He is excited to hear about the improvements being made to the stoplight at Ida and Main St. He suggested putting a sign at the intersection letting people know their tax dollars are going towards improving that light.

Councilmember McNeill is also happy about the improvement to that stoplight at Ida since he will be moving to that area soon. He stated the citizens need to know what a great job the City staff does and that is pretty special because not all organizations have that. He gave City Administrator Tim Vandall and all Department Heads kudos for setting a great example.

Councilmember Brungardt liked City Administrator Tim Vandall's presentation and he thanked the Council for the money given to the schools. He agreed the staff is awesome to work with and they go above and beyond to help us.

Councilmember Studnicka stated he agreed about the staff and said they always work together as a family and that makes it a lot better. He asked if the City should require masks be worn everywhere since the County Commissioners didn't uphold the mask mandate from the State.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated he does feel like a lot of people are wearing them. He does feel like a vast majority are being responsible with masks.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated he doesn't want to tell businesses what to do within their stores. If they want to require a mask then that is fine, if they don't want to require a mask then that is fine also.
 - Mayor Smith stated he sees people wearing masks in stores that don't require it. He hopes people know we need to take precautions but it's something that would need further discussion.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated most of the businesses have signs up and you only see a couple of people without masks on and they do get a look from others. He thinks that although the County didn't uphold the requirement the City is already operating with a mask mandate without even telling businesses to do so.

Councilmember Trinkle agreed City Administrator Tim Vandall and staff have always come together. He stated we have a great leader in Tim. He knows Tim has done a lot of hard work with the CARES money and he's done a great job with it. He has gotten a lot good comments about the functions the City is still trying to maintain during the pandemic.

Councilmember Kirby asked Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz to further explain the appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated a physical therapy business was denied operating in a B-3 zone based on it being a healthcare use which is not allowed in B-3. The applicant appealed the decision and the Board of Zoning Appeals sided with the applicant. The direction given by the Board of Zoning Appeals is physical therapy would be considered a personal service which is allowed in a B-3 zone.

Councilmember Kirby also agreed with what has been mentioned about staff. That is just the way they operate all day every day. He also agreed with Councilmember Studnicka on having a mask mandate. He says we are taking one step forward and two steps back so he will remind everyone to wear a mask, wash your hands, social distance and get a flu shot.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk