

**Call To Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Tony McNeill 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:** Ron Dixon and Gregg Buehler

**Councilmembers Absent:**

Councilmembers were present via Zoom video conference, with Councilmember Dixon in-person.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2021, and the special meeting minutes of January 11, 2021, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

**Presentations: Oath of Office – Councilmember Ward 4:** City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner issued the Oath of Office to Ward 4 Councilmember Ron Dixon.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Election of Council President:** Councilmember Trinkle stated Mayor I nominate Mr. Kirby.

- Councilmember Buehler stated Mayor I'd like to nominate Don Studnicka.
  - Councilmember Majure stated Mayor I'd like to nominate Don Studnicka.
    - Councilmember Kirby replied I'll second that.
      - Mayor McNeill responded ok I have two nominations.
        - City Administrator Tim Vandall I don't believe the motion for Mr. Kirby had a second.
          - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied correct, the nomination for Mr. Kirby did not have a second.
            - Mayor McNeill asked is there is a second for Mr. Kirby even though Mr. Kirby just seconded Don Studnicka.
              - Councilmember Brungardt replied I'll second it.
                - Councilmember Trinkle stated well that answers my question.
              - Mayor McNeill stated ok we have a nomination and a second for Mr. Kirby and Mr. Studnicka. So, I need a motion, actually we are going to vote on each one of those. We'll go with the first nomination, Mr. Kirby.

The nomination for Gene Kirby for Council President was not approved, with Councilmembers Studnicka, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, and Buehler voting against the motion, and Councilmember Dixon abstaining.

- Mayor McNeill stated it did not pass so we will now vote for Don Studnicka.

The nomination for Don Studnicka for Council President was approved with Councilmembers Brungardt and Trinkle voting against the motion, and Councilmember Dixon abstaining.

Councilmember Buehler moved to elect and appoint Don Studnicka as the President of the Council. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Dixon abstaining.

**Planning Commission Appointment:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Richard Hannon to the Lansing Planning Commission for a term that will expire on April 30, 2023. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Dixon abstaining.

**City Engineer Appointment:** Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint Michael W. Spickelmier, P.E., a registered professional engineer in the State of Kansas, as the City Engineer for the City of Lansing. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Studnicka stated I have a question. Does that mean when the contract runs out on Mr. Harding, we won't renew that.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied the contract ran out a week or two ago.
    - Councilmember Studnicka responded ok.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Request to Use Activity Center After Hours – Boy Scouts:** Councilmember Studnicka moved to approve the request from Matthew Blome and Boy Scout Troop 165 for use of the Lansing Activity Center from February 20 to February 21, 2021 as requested. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Garvey asked what are they going to be doing as far as COVID rules. Are they going to be doing social distancing, wearing masks? What is going to be the plan for that?
  - Matthew Blome responded I can speak to that. We are going to follow the CDC and BSA guidelines that have been established since last summer. The BSA just sent out an update and I'll forward it to Mr. Crum, a link to the guidance, but we follow that. They had good success with it last summer with all the summer camps. We had good success all fall. The basic stuff includes we'll screen people for any symptoms prior to the event, we'll take their temperature as they arrive. We'll make sure they are wearing masks and washing hands as well. We'll maintain social distancing although that is relatively easy with gym space and the boys won't be hanging around in a cluster. They'll probably be in several small groups, but it'll be easy to keep them apart. We don't have to worry about anyone staying in the same tent but up to this point we've not kept anybody but immediate family members, i.e., brothers, in the same tent when we've done campouts. That is about it. Like I said, I forwarded a copy of that to Mr. Crum as well and it's straight from the BSA and that is what we follow.
    - Councilmember Garvey replied sounds good. Thank you.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- Councilmember Brungardt stated Mr. Blome, tell your kids hello.
  - Matthew Blome replied thank you sir and thank you gentleman for helping us.

**REPORTS:**

**Department Heads:** Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated they are currently taking soccer registrations for the spring. Same guidelines will apply as it did in the fall. Anyone not playing soccer, will need to wear a mask.

- Councilmember Majure asked if we will be able to do the same for the spring/summer baseball.
  - Parks & Recreation Jason Crum replied he believes so as long as COVID doesn't get bad.

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

**City Administrator:** City Administrator Tim Vandall let the Council know we received the annual insurance renewal. Our current provider, Travelers was the second lowest by about \$4,000. Staff has concerns about switching providers over a relatively small amount and would prefer to stay with Travelers. The Council was ok with staying with the current provider. City Administrator Tim Vandall let everyone know

they invited Leavenworth County to a future Council meeting in February to discuss the Eastern gateway bridge proposal. The mask mandate is set to expire at the end of January. The Public Health Officer felt a thirty-day extension would be appropriate. If the Council is interested in an extension, we can have paperwork ready prior to next weeks' Work Session.

- Councilmember Studnicka stated he is interested in an extension.
  - Councilmember Buehler agreed and suggested going 30 days out.
    - Councilmember Kirby also agreed and let everyone know Tonganoxie extended theirs 60 days. Leavenworth has it on their agenda for next week. The numbers have been cut in almost half from when the mask mandate went into effect.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> is World Read Aloud Day, and the library will be hosting Author Dan Gutman. Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz and staff are pretty excited about a national author reading aloud to Lansing children.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Buehler welcomed Mr. Dixon to the Council and looks forward to working with him. He provided a fun fact, on this day in 1954, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine the USS Nautilus was launched in Groton, CT by Mamie Eisenhower, First Lady of the United States. Councilmember Dixon stated he is glad to be part of the team and looking forward to getting caught up to speed and contributing.

Councilmember Brungardt welcomed Mr. Dixon and told him this is a good group of people. He also stated it is a good decision by sticking with the mask mandate. This isn't going away anytime soon.

Councilmember Studnicka welcomed Mr. Dixon to the Council and looks forward to getting to know him better. He also suggested looking at a longer mask mandate timeframe instead of taking it month by month. Councilmember Trinkle welcomed Councilmember Dixon.

Councilmember Kirby welcomed Mr. Dixon and told him it would be an eye-opening experience and he hopes he enjoys it. He said hats off to the street crew for the snow removal they did. Councilmember Kirby agreed with Councilmember Studnicka on looking further out on the mask mandate with possibly cutting it short rather than keep adding on.

Councilmember Majure stated it is great to have Councilmember Dixon on board. He thanked Councilmember Studnicka for taking on the Council President role again. He asked if there was any information on the COVID vaccines.

- City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated she or Tim would check with the Health Department to get more information.

Councilmember Majure thanked Mike and Tim on their support for getting light poles installed on Gilman Rd.

Councilmember Garvey congratulated Councilmember Dixon and welcomed him to the board. He thanked Richard Hannon for volunteering. He spoke for the other side of the mask mandate and stated he doesn't think it is necessary. We are all adults and business owners can do what they need to do keep their clients and employees safe.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Garvey moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

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Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk