# **CITY OF LANSING**

## Call To Order:

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

## Roll Call:

Mayor McNeill called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

## **Councilmembers Present:**

Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Dave TrinkleWard 2: Marcus Majure and Don StudnickaWard 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry BrungardtWard 4: Ron Dixon

Councilmembers Absent: Gregg Buehler

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Brungardt abstaining.

Audience Participation: Mayor McNeill called for audience participation on an item not on the agenda and there was none.

## Presentations

## COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

**Community Library Board Appointments:** Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Karen Averill, Ernest Young Jr., and Wendy Vodarick to the Lansing Community Library Advisory Board for a 4-year term expiring on April 30, 2025. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Countywide Transportation Plan: Greg Kaaz, Chairman of the Leavenworth County Port Authority presented a need for a county-wide transportation study. He began with previous transportation studies that had been done. Previous studies included a 2000 Kaw Connect Major Corridor Study, 2006 K-7 Corridor Management with three phases, 2007 US-24/40 Corridor Management Plan, 2008 T-Link & KDOT Consultation, a 2013 5 County study, a 2016 K-92 Centennial Bridge Study, the Patriot Highway Study and the most recent 2020 Eastern Gateway Concept Study. The idea of a Transportation Study is to have a priority list that MARC and KDOT would recognize, adopt and then get both federal and state funding for transportation improvements. An RFP would pull all these studies together to narrow down what the best options are. KDOT wants it to be a combined effort and everyone on the same page. Leavenworth County will be the lead agency and contract with the consultant engineer. There would be a simple agreement between the county and each city for their portion of the funding. It's estimated to be a 12-month study. The scope of the RFP would be working with the Steering Committee that includes public meetings, data collection of crash history, infrastructure, maintenance, traffic patterns and volume, review previous studies, develop a prioritized model to rank the identified projects and conduct high level evaluations of critical clearances. Once the RFP is done, a draft will be presented to the Port Authority to develop a consensus and then a final report will be issued. Greg Kaaz has been to the City of Leavenworth. Basehor, and Tonganoxie who all unanimously supported the project and their portion of funding it.

- Mayor McNeill asked back up three slides where you talked about elected officials voting on this. What elected officials?
  - Greg Kaaz replied County and City officials. You are talking issue a final report for adoption/endorsement by Elected County and City officials. So, the final report would come before you.
    - Mayor McNeill stated so all the different entities would be voting on it.
      - Greg Kaaz responded yes.
- Councilmember Garvey asked Greg how did you come up with the split on this.
  - Greg Kaaz replied there wasn't a magic formula. It seemed like a reasonable amount based off of size of city, benefit. It wasn't split like the LCDC funding is or anything like that.

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- Councilmember Garvey asked based on population.
  - Greg Kaaz responded somewhat. I mean obviously City of Leavenworth/Lansing is probably going to benefit as much or more than Tonganoxie would. Although Tonganoxie is going to benefit to but if we do improvement on K-7 or the bypass, probably Lansing and Leavenworth are going to be the two that benefit the most from it.
- Councilmember Kirby asked is there any particular reason Easton is not on here.
  - Greg Kaaz replied no. I think we picked, what is it, 1<sup>st</sup> class cities, 2<sup>nd</sup> class cities.  $\circ$ 
    - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded major cities.
      - Greg Kaaz replied yeah kind of major cities.
        - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I think Easton is only 300 or 0 400 people. Does that sound right. It's pretty small.
- Mayor McNeill asked Council have any other questions, discussion.
  - Councilmember Majure asked Greg so there is still consideration of the west side of 70, up the west side into Leavenworth.
    - Greg Kaaz replied definitely, definitely. I mean everything is on the table. I'm not saying that will be the one, but they are going to look at everything. Do what makes the most sense.
- Mayor McNeill stated I have at least one question. I know when they did the corridor study, we all kind of participated in that. They also came and gave everybody a briefing about how they were going to do the J cuts and then never heard another thing about it. I mean after the brief we were like that sounds good but then we never got a follow up. That thing died and it's not going to happen. I don't know about this but I know we are going to hear the big plan and here are our major things we are going to try to move forward with. At least from my opinion, is whatever happens we should be briefed whether it's a go or no go on this piece or that piece. It didn't seem like there was much follow up on the Corridor one. I would just throw that out there to say I think the governing body would appreciate any kind of follow up.
  - Greg Kaaz responded I don't know if Mike has heard any more but from what I have heard. 0 The J cuts are still on the list and still scheduled to be done.
    - Mayor McNeill stated probably on the list with those other studies, the six or seven you named.
      - Greg Kaaz replied well I have seen a little close higher up than that. You have to keep in mind this is more of probably a ten-to-fifteen-year plan than a three-to-five-year plan. So even though they come up with something obviously it's going to depend on funding. It always depends on money. So as money comes available then it's somewhere to work on but it's nothing that's going to get completed in the next five years.
        - Mayor McNeill stated unless it's at the national level, they push 0 what they are pushing which is infrastructure. We may get more money than we think we'll get. We don't know for sure. Ok, I appreciate your presentation.

Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the funding request of \$30,000 to assist with the Countywide Traffic Study. Councilmember Majure seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked question. If this motion is approved, where is that \$30,000 coming from us. What fund, item line,
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied it would come from the general fund, but I don't have 0 the specific line item laid out yet but likely the general fund. There are funds on hand for that.
    - Councilmember Studnicka responded thank you.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bid - Capital Improvements Program 2021: Councilmember Trinkle asked still going to try to hit some of the alleys or side streets and stuff we haven't got.

- Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied yes there is an alley programmed in this one.
  - Councilmember Trinkle asked we haven't got them all yet have we.  $\circ$ 
    - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded oh no. It is our intention to continue to program alleys to include this year and forthcoming years. We've had, in my opinion, success in that.
- Councilmember Studnicka asked this includes the sidewalks, curbs.
  - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied yes this includes replacement of deficient curb within the sections identified this year.
    - Councilmember Studnicka responded ok, and we had a question last year or the year before about the quality of concrete used in those curbs. They seem to be deteriorating faster than some others. Have you looked into that?
      - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated we expect KCMB, the high granite better concrete and we're doing inspections now. It's really curbs that are about twenty years old that we seem to be having some trouble with at this point. At some point about twenty years ago, somebody started figuring out.
        - Councilmember Studnicka stated the only reason I ask that is 0 we've had curbs put in prior to that and they are still good, and they are still solid so obviously it had to be a grade of concrete or mix.
          - Councilmember Kirby asked it was gravel wasn't it. Didn't they determine it was the gravel.
            - Mayor McNeill responded the amount of granite.
              - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier  $\circ$ replied some of it is gravel, some of it was part cement mix. They figured out a way to make it a little bit cheaper.
                - Councilmember Kirby asked this is going to have granite though.
                - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied yes this is all granite. This is all our standard sidewalk mix we adopted to try to circumvent that happening in the future.

- Mayor McNeill stated Marcus.
  - Councilmember Majure asked Mike this also includes improving and repairing some of the 0 sidewalks that are not needing full repairs.

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Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded while the majority of this work is curb and asphalt work, yes. So, we are going to talk a little bit about sidewalks in the next item but for this, for the mill and overlay CIP this is replacing anything we've identified as deficient curb, so we get that replaced before we overlay it because we're trying to get a fifteen-year life span out of an overlay. So, we really try to make sure we get it fixed today so that we don't have to mess with it hopefully for fifteen more years.

Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the bid from Little Joe's Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$512,446.85 for the 2021 Capital Improvements Program. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sidewalk Cost Share Policy: Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated we brought this up at a work session last September. We are starting to get some feedback from citizens wanting to do some sidewalk repairs in front of their house. Basically, by City Ordinance and Code, you are responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk, but we also understand it's a pretty significant undertaking for a lot of folks, so we are proposing a 50% cost share. So, if our code enforcement was to determine we have a problem, or a citizen brings forward a problem that the sidewalk is deteriorating in such a manner that we'll go out and confirm that as staff and then we'd like to offer them a cost share to do that. There are a lot of municipalities that are doing that now specifically KCK and Leavenworth here locally as well as some others throughout the state of Kansas. It's a fairly common way to do it and we just kind of want to be proactive and understand the burden of some of that responsibility to our citizens and we have funds available for sidewalk repair that we could utilize for that. We would also create a specific line item for this going forward so we can monitor to see what kind of demand we get from citizens.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to adopt the Sidewalk Cost Share Program as presented. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Parks Master Plan: Janette Labee-Holdeman at 820 4-H Road stated I live opposite the Ryan farm which is now going to auction which is kind of interesting. I would like to speak to you on this issue of item number six because it's near and dear to my heart as many of you know. I am still concerned that we are focused on softball, baseball fields and soccer fields. Where after the results of the survey they came in as 7 and number 11 of the desires of the community here in the City of Lansing. The items that came in first were a swimming pool and trails, walking and bike trails. So, I am here today to ask you to consider focusing especially in light of COVID to focus on those issues as well. Not just on fields, baseball, soccer fields out in a location where we really truly have no running water, we don't have any electricity. We just barely got, well we have water there, but we have no sewer or anything like that. One of the reasons, I have an actual solution to what I am asking you to consider today. There is a 19-acre lot right next door to Angel Falls which I personally love that is for sale for \$175,000. This 19-acre lot has about 12 acres of buildable property which would be ideal for a swimming pool, lots of parking, park benches. We could expand Angel Falls through that area and on the other side, this side, the south side so the trail system could be guite significant. So please consider that when you're thinking about the \$5 million, we are going to be spending on this particular item now for softball, baseball and soccer fields because I do believe COVID has really woke us up to the fact that we need to get out and walk. We see people all the time walking and jogging here and I really do believe that item number two which was the trail system is really a priority over some of the other issues we have where we don't even have utilities. Thank you for your time.

- Mayor McNeill responded thank you. Any discussion?
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied one of the people on the consultant team has  $\cap$ experience with aquatics and things like that so we can get more firm numbers from him potentially about pools and things like that. I kind of come back to we can't build a pool for \$1 or \$2 million dollars. We just can't but we can talk to the consultant about options and ideas and report that back to the City Council. If that is reasonable to you all.
    - Councilmember Studnicka asked I think we were going down that path anyway weren't we.
      - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded we did add a pool to phase 2 of the Master Plan. We did do that.
        - Mayor McNeill stated Janette part of the plan is to move some 0 things out there that are in center here. So, in the overall Master Plan, there has to be some movement from some pieces of the parks to other pieces of the parks which is what is this phase. I mean Jason you can probably talk to that. That is part of the reason we are doing that. Trail system, can you talk to that Jason in the Master Plan.
          - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded well included in the Master Plan, there was a revised City-wide Master Plan which obviously a lot of things we've acquired in the Master Plan have been through development. I think as things continue to develop obviously that is our biggest chance to add sections on or things onto that. I mean as far as within the parks go, we continue to try to improve and maintain the natural trails we have out at Bernard Park that we'll use until

those areas are developed. That is another future piece with City Park. I don't know if you guys remember the whole community park concept that went on with City Park, but it did have a walking trail as a portion of that. Same with Willow Park as well so as far as something we have on the table right now that we know is going to develop as a trail soon, we don't have anything right now that I am aware of. If anything comes along with any street improvements that we're doing.

- Mayor McNeill replied yeah, I mean DeSoto was a large addition. One of the things Janette, and you know, development has slowed as part of COVID too, right. The development of housing and new neighborhoods, things that we could use to help us to connect trails has really slowed to a halt. We can definitely take a look at how we improve the trails in the parks that we are improving. And we can look at the option of the property that is for sale. I hadn't even considered that. We can definitely have a work session or something.
  - Janette Labee-Holdeman stated we  $\circ$ can have bake sale or something so we can raise the money for it.
    - Mayor McNeill responded ok. I'll buy some cookies.
  - Councilmember Majure stated I didn't 0 know that land was for sale.
- Councilmember Studnicka asked you talking about the Ryan property.
- Councilmember Majure replied no, not the Ryan property.
- City Administrator Tim Vandall responded it's owned by the 0 Methodist church.
- Councilmember Majure stated she's talking about right next to the catholic church.
- Councilmember Garvey stated from Mary Street back to the catholic church.
- Councilmember Majure replied that nice flat area that you see deer out there all the 0 time.
- Councilmember Studnicka responded I know. Mr. Reilly, the Reilly Group has been talking to the Archbishop and to the church finance council about that. They want to buy that 55 acres from Mary down to the church That is being looked at right now by the church and the finance council.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I think the one she is referring to is owned by the 0 Methodist church.
    - Councilmember Studnicka responded oh the one that is further down.
      - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yep.
        - Mayor McNeill stated just adjacent. 0
          - Councilmember Studnicka replied in the flood plain. The Methodist church couldn't build there because of something with environmental, some type of animal or reptile and that is why they moved out here to Reilly's old meat market. Something caused them to not build there, and they've had the property up for sale since.
            - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated that might predate my time. I'm not familiar with why they didn't build.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked could  $\cap$ we check that and see. I mean it's for sale, but they couldn't build their church there because part of it was flood plain and all that, but it had something to do with some indigenous reptile, something environmental got involved and they couldn't misplace that habitat or something.
- Councilmember Brungardt stated Jason I have a question. I guess you need to refresh my memory because I was a proponent of the pool. I really thought it would be great for the community. However, am I missing something. We had a presentation, a gentleman came up and talked to us and said there are a lot of communities these days that pools just aren't used, they become a money pit, you know can't find kids to work in the summer. You guys remember that. That got me to thinking. I don't want to build something if it truly isn't going to be used and if its going to be a pool, its going to cost us. If we do put a pool in, it's going to cost money and it's not going to be a money maker, but you don't want to see it be a money pit either. I envision a pool like it was in the 70's. Kids go there all afternoon but then we are told during one of these meetings and one of the presentations, they're outdated. It's almost like they are a thing of the past.
  - Councilmember Garvey responded that was pre-COVID though. I think things have 0 changed. I think a pool would be something people would be more interested in because it's an open-air atmosphere. You know you can social distance at a pool.
    - Councilmember Kirby stated look at all the pools that were closed last year.
      - Councilmember Garvey replied but they are all opening this year.
        - Councilmember Kirby replied but you are talking about COVID. When COVID was here the pools were closed.
          - Councilmember Garvey stated right but now all those pools are open.
            - Councilmember Brungardt asked the guy presenting to us before COVID right. So how has COVID, I'm lost on how that has, Jesse, I'm just not understanding how COVID has changed that.
              - Councilmember Garvey responded 0 because it has changed, COVID has changed the mentality of our interactions with each other. You know people are looking to get outside more than they use to. It used to be kids would spend more time inside playing video games now I think they are spending more time outside. Just like Janette said there are a lot of people walking around the city right now. People are outside nonstop these days. When I get up to drive to church on Sunday morning, people are all over Ida and up De Soto walking on those new sidewalks.
            - Councilmember Brungardt replied we don't know if that is here to stay. I'm not convinced it is.
          - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated I think the thing to keep in mind like it was stated earlier I think those comments were taken into consideration about

the pool and put into the Master Plan. I think when we talked when this was presented, and we talked through those things. Those concerns were brought up, those things you are talking about and I think they are still relevant because I've read several articles lately about pools that are not going to be able to open this year for lack of staffing, things of that nature. Would we have that issue here. I don't know. But I know we can't seem to hire any other seasonal positions here with very much success. That is irrelevant, I guess. What I am trying to say is this was an intermediate step for us that we could afford that gives us some type of aquatic recreation facility.

- Mayor McNeill stated I mean it's a phased plan. 0
- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded that's correct.
- Mayor McNeill stated the bottom line, in phase 2 I believe is when we are going to get deep into discussion on a pool.
- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied that's correct.
- Councilmember Studnicka responded or splash pads or something like that.
  - Mayor McNeill stated splash pads are in there. 0
    - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded splash pad is in this phase.
      - Councilmember Brungardt stated that is in phase 1.
        - 0 Councilmember Garvey asked Janette can you come up to the microphone please.
          - Janette Labee-Holdeman stated stats I have from Leavenworth and Tonganoxie showed basically that the revenues, they didn't meet the salaries, did not meet the exact budget but on average for the City of Leavenworth and this can be 2018 numbers, obviously we didn't have anything since, they actually had to support it with \$40,000 because with the admissions and pool revenue which is snacks minus the salaries and benefit package, they ended up paying about \$40,000 and the City of Tonganoxie was around \$24,000 out of pocket.
            - Councilmember Kirby responded their pool was paid for.
              - Janette Labee-Holdeman replied yes 0 but out of pocket, you know running the pool on a yearly basis running the pool from Memorial Day through September.
                - Mayor McNeill stated I think regardless we're going to have to go through phases right and if in phase 2 we decide that we will go for a pool and that's the governing bodies decision then we'll move forward with it. Well also, that's a bonding thing for a long time because we're going, it's going to be a large cost like most major efforts.
              - Councilmember Kirby responded this 0 isn't shut the door on a pool.

- Mayor McNeill replied no, that's what I am trying to say. We're not shutting the door on it.
- Janette Labee-Holdeman responded I understand but to me the disappointment is that you send out a survey and ask people what they want. Then you choose things that are way on the lower end of the list.
- Mayor McNeill replied no, the way I read the survey was an  $\cap$ aquatic feature. It includes pools, a splash pad and something else. And in this design, we do have a splash pad.
- Janette Labee-Holdeman responded yes pools and aquatics is what it said. And 73% of the people wanted that and 70% of the people wanted walking and biking trails. So, it's just a little bit unfair to not consider what the people actually voted on.
- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated one thing though in the comments section we also had several people say that they didn't want to raise property taxes and we also had multiple people griping at the City about the pool at the high school. Because they thought it was the City's pool. I feel like we also had a lot of citizens that thought the city oversaw the high school pool when we don't. So I felt like there was some misinformation in some people who did the survey.
- Mayor McNeil stated there is also another option right which is to bring it up to a special 0 election. We have an election and if the people want to speak and say they want a pool. And they say I will pay for the pool, then we'll build a pool.
- Councilmember Garvey stated we have a budget to adhere by. I wish we could renovate every park in town. That would be awesome.
  - Mayor McNeill responded that would be similar to a bond. It's a vote for a bond. 0
    - Councilmember Garvey replied right. That would be awesome.
      - Mayor McNeill stated it would be similar for what they did for the school only it would be for a pool. So that is something we can discuss.
        - Councilmember Brungardt responded my thought, Mayor it was 0 my understanding that if we did want a pool, we want to go that direction, we would have to bond.
          - Mayor McNeill replied we would, but this would put it up to a vote by the citizens. If they want to vote for that because it's there, we are on the Council and as the governing body we look out for the taxpayers as well. So, if they're up for it, we'd gladly do it. Jason did you have anything on this on phase one.
- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated the only thing else I would add, I'm not sure where we're going with it now but I just want to point out this does only take us through the design documents, this portion of it. So, if we do decide to bond phase 1 there is some additional money that would go into the design or actually the bidding and the construction/administration portion of it which we'll bring back at another time.
  - Mayor McNeill stated yeah this is just for the design of phase 1. 0
    - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied that's correct.
      - Councilmember Brungardt stated Jason you did a nice job on that. The organization of all that.
        - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied thank you.
          - Councilmember Brungardt stated I was part of that committee and I thought they worked really well
            - together. We really respected each other's ideas.
              - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded thank you.
- Councilmember Majure stated Jason I got a question. As we go through this and we're voting on • the design piece of it, we're still looking at the fact that we only have one entrance and one exit

out of that with multiple baseball fields, softball fields and soccer fields. With one entrance and one exit and we're okay with that to a two-lane road.

- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied that is in the whole concept of that park 0 was to have an additional exit and entrance into that, but it won't be included in this phase 1 part. No. I think that price tag probably goes up significantly.
  - Councilmember Majure asked that is going to be a problem isn't it. We're talking about building all this and having all this and the entrance coming in and going out. I mean it's real exciting for fireworks. I can't imagine what it's going to be like for practices and games and all that kind of stuff.
    - Councilmember Kirby responded it's going to be more spread out than it is with the fireworks.
      - Councilmember Brungardt replied I don't think it'll be near as 0 bad.
        - Councilmember Majure responded no it's going to be just like it is at Willow Park every Saturday right outside my neighborhood. No parking, traffic jam, cluster everywhere.
          - Mayor McNeill stated we do have parking spaces built into this.
            - Parks & Recreation Director Jason 0 Crum responded we do.
              - Mayor McNeill stated I mean there is plenty of parking, it is getting in and out like you're saying.
            - Councilmember Majure replied that is 0 what I am saying the getting in and out. So in between games, it's going to be real interesting getting in and out. I mean I love everything about it but that has always been my biggest gripe is can we not improve the entrance and exit because I grew up and I raised kids through this. It takes two entrances and exits to get through weekend games because they are back-to-back, and they are not offset. Especially with this many fields and baseball, soccer and softball going on simultaneously we're not talking about all the games end at the same time, right.
          - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded no, generally the games of soccer, baseball and softball would not overlap. Practices would. You are correct on that. I guess I looked at the fact where we're playing currently. It's not the easiest place to get in and out of either and the parking is very limited.
        - Councilmember Majure stated that is kind of way I was thinking we're talking about spending al lot of money you think we'd probably improve that.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied to me this is an 0 improvement. Right but you can see how far that \$5 million dollars may go.
    - Councilmember Majure responded yeah.

- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated and with the cost of, I don't know what I don't know about the increase cost of construction is going to be because of building materials and all these things.
- Mayor McNeill stated at one time we were going on the back side. There is an exit that goes out to the west.
- Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded onto Gilman. That is what we looked at is going out the other way. Remember we had a segment of the trail we were going to improve further to get a secondary exit out of for fireworks and special events like that.
  - Mayor McNeill replied alright. 0
    - Councilmember Brungardt asked and that can be bonded too with the pool right.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum responded I believe all that is part of phase 2.
        - Mayor McNeill stated right.  $\cap$ 
          - Councilmember Trinkle asked was there ever a talk about price to open that up Jason.
            - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied I don't know a specific number.
              - Councilmember Trinkle responded I 0 mean we talked about it a number of times.
                - Mayor McNeill stated it would be in the design of phase 2. It'll give us a cost estimate on what that is going to take.
              - Councilmember Trinkle stated I know ever since we've been discussing about the fireworks, always been an issue about getting cars in and out. I wondered if they ever looked into put a tube in or something.
            - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum stated not to derail us any further but once this is built, we're going to have to have discussions about how we do fireworks. You know we may have to shoot them from one side of the stadium, baseball, and softball. It's going to be in that area. That's where those ball fields go.
            - Councilmember Dixon asked Mr. Mayor what is the plan for the current baseball and softball fields. Assuming this plan goes through, what is the plan for the current fields.
        - Mayor McNeill replied the current ones, that is the design of the 0 aquatic park and other structures and some other things at City Park. We need to get Ron the overall Master Plan. We'll get you that.
      - Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied I don't know if you want me to go into more specifics than that, but the main idea is to get soccer from Willow, baseball from City Park and open those up to be more neighborhood park type uses. There are several different features in there but as far as this phase goes at City Park, that is where the splash pad would go and a new shelter adjacent to it.

Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the contract with Vireo in an amount not to exceed \$466,076.75 for the Parks Master Plan Phase 1 Design Work. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Structure Removal Cost Share Application – 1101 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: Councilmember Studnicka

asked didn't we do this property once before.

- City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied yes in 2019.
  - Councilmember Studnicka asked when.  $\circ$ 
    - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge replied we did in 2019 but then it wasn't acted upon.
      - Councilmember Studnicka asked was that because of him or because of us it didn't get acted on.
        - City Inspector Rebecca Savidge responded I believe the property 0 owner had some issues in Florida and she went back to Florida. She is here tonight.
          - Councilmember Studnicka stated I'm just curious.
            - My name is Ruby Eisenring, and I am speaking about 1101 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. With COVID and illnesses, it was all put on hold but because of the water seeping, the foundation off of the road that hasn't been looked at through the city, that house has to come down. And I am here to see that that is done.
              - Councilmember Studnicka replied ok, 0 thank you.

Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the structure removal cost share application and bid for 1101 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1061 – Future Land Use Map: Councilmember Studnicka stated makes sense.

- Mayor McNeill stated I've got one comment which is I'd like to ask the Planning Commission to at least identify where the multi family housing be done in the future since this is being taken off the table on that corridor. Where do they foresee that going and I know that might not have been in the original land use map, but we do need to consider where we would put more multi families.
  - Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied so I brought that up during the meeting and asked that question of them after they made the motion to approve this as it is stated. The viewpoint I got from the Vice Chair was that they would rather see or believe multi family would make more sense on the southern end along K-7 somewhere. Just because that's, they feel like that is where it would be best suited.
    - Mayor McNeill asked so are they going to identify some areas out there in the future.
      - Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded we can. I was going to ask, hopefully with Tim's blessing, if we want to do some sort of joint work session between the Council and Planning Commission so that we can look at those areas and try to get a consensus between both bodies on what makes sense. So that we can make one more modification of this and hopefully have it laid out well for everybody.
        - Councilmember Studnicka replied that makes sense. I think that 0 makes sense.
          - Mayor McNeill stated I think that would be a good idea.
            - Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated I will work with Tim on that then and the Planning Commission and we'll get something set up.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to accept the modifications to the Future Land Use Map and adopt Ordinance No. 1061, Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **REPORTS:**

**City Attorney:** City Attorney Greg Robinson stated the lawsuit referring to drainage has been dismissed. City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall reported the Aetna health insurance renewal came back with a 6% increase which is approximately a \$20,000 increase.

- Councilmember Garvey asked if there had been any complaints about Aetna.
  - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we were with a different provider the first few years 0 he was here and there were several complaints but there really hasn't been with Aetna.

The Council agreed the 6% increase was acceptable since there hasn't been many complaints. City Administrator Tim Vandall let the Council know there were old clay pipes installed in the West Kay, West Kansas, West Lois Street area near Towne Center back in the 1950's. Some of the sewer main is within 3 feet of existing homes so we had discussed creating an updated sewer system for max capacity at Towne Center. This would allow the area to already be updated if or when someone is ready to build at Towne Center. It would be similar to the one just finished in Mr. Trinkle's neighborhood. It's a type that wouldn't create debt and we could handle in house. Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell will bring that forward at the next Council meeting or two.

**Governing Body:** Councilmember Majure thanked the three library volunteers. He also thanked Greg Kaaz for the presentation. He thanked Jason for the Master Plan discussion and said he knows his pet peeve with traffic at Bernard Park will sort out as it gets developed.

Councilmember Garvey stated he would like to have a work session about dog kennels and placement on properties. There was a dog kennel built in Rock Creek that he has some concerns about it. He knows there are no codes/regulations on it so they can do whatever they want.

- Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated there are no regulations that would prevent someone from putting a kennel near a fence. It's not right on the property line but is within 1-2 feet of the property line. If we want to review to modify those regulations or add regulations where kennels are allowed.
  - Mayor McNeil stated we can add it to a work session. 0

Councilmember Garvey asked about the status of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

- Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied one musician is signed and we are moving full steam ahead.
  - Councilmember Garvey asked if it was still planned to have it at Bernard Park. 0
    - Community and Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied the only way we will do anything different is if it happens to rain.
      - Councilmember Garvey responded I just want to make sure we are enjoying our freedom with our firework display.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Garvey moved to adjourn. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## ATTEST:

Mayor, Anthony R. McNeill

City Clerk, Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC