

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 Trinkle

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Ron Dixon

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2021, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Garvey abstaining.

Audience Participation: Mayor McNeill called for audience participation on an item not on the agenda and Greg Robinson came forward. He along with his brother made a \$500 donation to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program on behalf of The Grogery. Funds were collected from customers and staff.

Presentations:

Briefing from Register of Deeds Office: Register of Deeds, Ms. Mashburn briefed the Council on current happenings. She mentioned the free community service for Property Fraud Alert. It's similar to Life Lock or Title Lock. The sooner you know something is wrong, the sooner you can contact the mortgage company, the sheriff to open a case and an attorney. She highly recommends a Transfer on Death deed. It allows you to control who receives the property, it's flexible if you need to modify it, and unlike a will, this cannot be challenged. The Register of Deeds office has started to go back and redact critical information on death certificates that can be used for identity theft. To date, over 3,000 death certificates have been redacted and they will continue until all are done. Many updates have been made to digitize office reports, files, and information. This has made it easier to handle information and paperwork between other offices Register of Deeds works with as well as for anyone coming in requesting information.

- Councilmember Kirby asked about the cemetery database. It used to be on a website where I could enter a name, but it didn't work very well.
 - TerriLois Mashburn replied it was on the old County website but that went away, and it is now at leavenworthcounty.gov under the Register of Deeds section.
- Councilmember Brungardt stated he is interested in the Transfer on Death deed. I have a trust.
 - TerriLois Mashburn responded the Transfer on Death is for individuals. In a trust, a new trustee is named when the present trustee passes.
 - Councilmember Brungardt asked so I don't need to do anything.
 - TerriLois Mashburn replied not with a trust.
- Councilmember Majure asked if he signed up for the Property Fraud Alert, is it just by the address we list or all the properties we have.
 - TerriLois Mashburn responded you would be notified by email and would need to double check the information entered to see if it was entered properly for all of your addresses.
- Mayor McNeill stated thank you. It was very interesting, and we appreciate you coming.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Resolution No. B-2-2021 – Opioid Settlements & Litigation: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve Resolution No. B-2-2021. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1077 – Rezone Request 00000 Centre Drive: Councilmember Brungardt moved to table Ordinance No. 1077. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Economic Development: Councilmember Kirby moved to recess into executive session to review economic development activities pursuant to the discussion of confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships exception K.S.A 75-4319(b)(4) for 15 minutes beginning at 7:22 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:37 PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to return to Open Session at 7:37 PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated staff is looking at events for 2022 and needing to put out information for the fireworks. He is looking at July 2nd for the fireworks show since it is the closest Saturday to the 4th. Council agreed that July 2nd would be a great day for it. KCBS reached out about our BBQ contest that we had slated for the end of April. They have another event that same weekend in Topeka and would prefer to not run two events at the same time. They were wondering if we could move ours to May 13th.

- Councilmember Garvey stated it would be warmer then.
- Councilmember Majure asked if that was the high school graduation weekend. He stated it's always the second weekend in May.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied the BBQ contest isn't open to the public though. It's more of a private event since it is sanctioned.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson let the Council know if they get a chance to watch the hearing about the Fire District, they should. There were a lot of good arguments made and it's worth watching.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall let everyone know about the Chamber's annual banquet at the Riverfront Community Center January 28th. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Tim know.

Governing Body: Councilmember Brungardt stated we have had a rough 2020 and 2021 but we have worked well together for the city. We have differing views but that hasn't gotten in the way of making the best decisions for the city. He thanked Councilmember Dixon for stepping in and said it had been a pleasure to serve with him. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Councilmember Studnicka wished everyone in Lansing and staff a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Councilmember Trinkle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Councilmember Dixon. Councilmember Kirby agreed with what has already been said and stated he was taking a vacation and you won't see him until next year.

Councilmember Majure thanked Ms. Mashburn for giving the presentation. He thanked Councilmember Dixon and can't wait to watch him play in Leavenworth. He thanked Chief Wayman and all first responders. This is a busy time of year, and they are out there serving us day and night. He said he can't thank them enough for all they provide for us. He also thanked Tim and City staff and wished them a Merry Christmas. Councilmember Garvey told Councilmember Dixon he appreciated him serving with them and the residents appreciate him serving. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He attended the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting a couple of weekends ago. The high school choir was there and announced that Brian White had been nominated for the NE Choir Director of the year and won. So, congratulations to Mr. White.

Councilmember Buehler wished Councilmember Dixon the best of luck and thanked him for helping support Ward 4. He thanked Greg for the donation to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program and let everyone know Greg lost his brother over the weekend. Condolences to you and your family. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1773, members of the Sons of Liberty disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded ships and dumped hundreds of crates of tea into the Boston Harbor to protest the tea tax. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor McNeill thanked Councilmember Dixon. You did a great job, and we were happy to have you. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Dixon thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and the citizens of Lansing. He wished all of them a very Merry Christmas as well as the citizens and finished with singing those sentiments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Dixon moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor, Anthony R. McNeill

City Clerk, Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC