

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

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: Kerry Brungardt

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Buehler abstaining.

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

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Service Agreement – Institute for Building Technology and Safety: Councilmember Trinkle moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2-year service agreement with the Institute of Building and Safety. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DeSoto Road Speed Limit: Councilmember Majure stated I'm trying to understand. What is the speed limit now. I thought it was 35.

- Councilmember McNeill replied 35.
 - Councilmember Studnicka responded 35.
 - Councilmember Majure asked the whole distance, right.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied yes sir.
 - Councilmember Majure asked isn't it from Eisenhower all the way to 4-H, is 35.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded yes.
 - Councilmember Majure stated based on this the recommended speed limit, they are saying move it up to 40 from Ida to 4-H.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded nope. This would be the entire section of the roadway.
 - Mayor Smith asked when you say entire Mike, is that up to 4-H.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied yes, sorry from 4-H Road to Eisenhower Road.
- Councilmember Kirby asked what brought this up.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied when we opened the new roadway, they put up 45 mph speed limit sign but you can't put up speed limit signs without regulatory action to make these changes. Since we just invested the money in the north end of the roadway, we conducted a speed study just to make sure we were still in compliance with everything we were supposed to be doing. So, in order to better enhance our roadway network, the speed study shows that we do have the option, if we so choose, to change the speed limit on that section of road. It matches our plan for arterial roads. It matches the

road to the south which is 147th St south of DeSoto and really provides a more efficient operation for the roadway.

- Councilmember Kirby stated go ahead.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked Eisenhower is 40 right.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded I believe so.
 - Mayor Smith replied yes.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated 4-H Road is 40, that one would be 40, 4th Street is 40. I think we ought to put it at 40.
 - Mayor Smith stated the one at the high school is 40 also.
 - Councilmember Garvey asked it'll still be 5 miles under the study speed.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded yes, the design speed was 45 and that is actually fairly common to engineer your road 5 miles an hour faster than you intend to post it. That's a pretty standard practice in the industry. It provides an additional margin of safety.

Councilmember Buehler moved to concur with the recommendations of the DeSoto Road Speed Study and direct staff to include the recommendations into the next version of the Standard Traffic Ordinance.

Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked that makes it 40.
 - Mayor Smith stated go ahead Gene.
 - Councilmember Kirby asked so 40 on the new section.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier Mike Spickelmier replied yes.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated which I get but you're still going to get down to that bottleneck in the old bridge and that is what I sort of have an issue with raising it to 40.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded and to address that we are going to post advisory speed limits which is the yellow signs that say 35. That will advise people that we have geometry that's less than the current modern national design standard. The speed study does show that people are already driving 41 on the road which is kind of what people do and this is before today. Today, I'm curious, we might even do another speed survey.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated I drove on the part up to West Mary, coming up the hill. It was beautiful.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier replied I have not been on that yet.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall asked the new asphalt part.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated you know, where they put the new asphalt.
 - Councilmember Majure asked they just did it.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated it happened today.
 - Mayor Smith stated Mike let me ask this, did they mill the bridge down.
 - Councilmember Buehler replied they did the bridge and everything.

Condemnation Resolution No. B-2-2020 – City Project 20-04: Ward 1 Sewer Rehab Project:

Councilmember McNeill moved to adopt Resolution No. B-2-2020 as presented. Councilmember Buehler 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 wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Governing Body: Councilmember Majure wished everyone a happy 4th of July and to enjoy the weekend but stay safe. Coronavirus cases are increasing so wash your hands often, avoid crowds and keep 6ft apart.

Councilmember Studnicka, Trinkle, Kirby, Garvey and Buehler echoed Councilmembers Majure’s statement wishing everyone a happy 4th of July.

Councilmember McNeill stated DeSoto Road looks great and they did a great job on it. He has had a lot of comments of the road being open again.

Councilmember Kirby announced QuikTrip will be opening next Thursday at 6am.

Councilmember Garvey stated coronavirus cases are going up because there has been an increase in testing but there is less talk about deaths which is a positive. He is hoping we get through this and get through it in a hurry.

Councilmember Buehler also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1962, the very first Wal-Mart opened in Rogers, Arkansas. Also, on this day in 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination and segregation in public places.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Buehler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk