# CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 2, 2020

### **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 Garvev 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.

- Mayor Smith stated the bridge has come down too. That use to be on revenue hill as the police officers use to call it, right Steve. They've milled that down quite bit too so it's a little safer. No doubt that bridge is old but that is going to be another phase.
- Councilmember Buehler responded but it's smooth, it's not up and down like this.
- Mayor Smith stated yeah, I came by there a while ago.
  - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated we fixed a lot of deficiencies with this overlay and hopefully they will be finished by 8pm tonight. That's the goal.
    - Mayor Smith responded they were out there when I came by.
      - Councilmember Kirby replied again my concern is you've got this nice wide road and then you got to narrow down and then the bridge. That's my issue and I get that it's designed to handle it. I just see trouble.
        - Councilmember McNeill asked they still have to go down speed when they get towards the school and all that right.
          - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded well the schools have their own.
            - Councilmember McNeill stated because DeSoto Road goes all the way past McIntyre for us.
              - Mayor Smith replied no that's 40 too. That's 40 miles an hour also.
                - Councilmember McNeill asked what's that.
              - Mayor Smith replied 40.
            - Councilmember Buehler stated and they do have the school zone speed limit though.
          - Mayor Smith responded yeah.
        - Councilmember Buehler stated by the high school.
      - Councilmember Garvey stated the way I look at it, we put McIntyre in and we wanted to set it a different speed limit and we didn't have any say so it seem like. We actually got some say so in this one.
    - Mayor Smith responded yeah. Any other discussion. We've got a motion and a second on the floor.

The motion was approved with Councilmember Kirby voting against the motion.

### Request to Complete Easement Acquisition - City Project 20-04: Ward 1 Sewer Rehab

Project: Councilmember Kirby moved to authorize staff to complete easement acquisition activities for the Ward 1 Sewer Rehab Project. Councilmember Trinkle seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked have you had a reasonable discussion with these people or anything.
  - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied I have talked with one of the property owners.
    - Councilmember Trinkle asked Eric.
      - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell responded yep. We're on board. I've left several messages for both of the others.
        - Councilmember Trinkle replied ok. I understand that part. I just wondered if everything, I didn't think Eric would have any problems.
          - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell responded no we're good.
            - Mayor Smith asked any other questions.
- Councilmember Trinkle asked this is just making it a formality or making it official right.
  - Wastewater Utility Director Tony Zell replied this authorizes staff to actually spend this money and actually go out and acquire the easements.
    - Mayor Smith asked we're good. Go ahead Sarah.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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		