

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 and Kerry Brungardt(arrived at 7:05)

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

All Councilmembers were present via Zoom video conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilmember Brungardt was not present for the voting; he arrived at 7:05.

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

Presentations: Waste Management COVID-19 Response: John Blessing with Waste Management presented the Council with ways the company has responded to COVID-19 for Lansing. Residential customers have had an increase in trash where commercial services have either stopped or have been reduced significantly. Service times are varying as collection times are longer and multiple trips to the landfill are being made. Service for bulk pick up has been suspended to focus on essential services. Waste Management is reminding communities now is the time to recycle and items like face masks, plastic gloves, PPE, etc are not recyclable. Waste Management had a goal of providing one million meals to those experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic. At the end of the campaign, they were able to provide 1.9 million meals to those in need across North America.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2020: Councilmember Trinkle moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing Planning Commission Appointments: Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint Michael Suozzo, Nancy McDougal, and Kirsten Moreland to the Lansing Planning Commission for a three-year term that will expire on April 30, 2023 Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1040 – City Code Amendment, Chapter 5, Article 2: Councilmember Brungardt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1040, as presented. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bid – Capital Improvements Program 2020: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the bid to Little Joe's Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$459,304.30 for Project 20-03: 2020 Capital Improvements Program. Councilmembers Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Garvey asked are we still continuing to keep track of when roads are going through and how often they are done.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded yes; we've created a schedule of how we are maintaining of that.
 - Councilmember Garvey replied ok. We'll see that list and dates when the list comes out.

- Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated I can provide that to you via email.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah, we can get that information to you guys.
- Councilmember Buehler stated I believe that they did 4-H a couple of years ago and it fell apart really bad and caused us to have to redo it ahead of schedule. Is there some sort of quality assurance to make sure that doesn't happen again?
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded yes; we are utilizing a different process now. When 4-H fell apart, we used a chip seal with a petromat, and this is a full-blown mill and overlay. It is what was used on 4-H last year.
 - Councilmember Buehler replied ok thank you.
- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated just one thing that I'll add, we do have an estimate to continue from Mary Street to 4-H Road. So hopefully that lasts until we can do the next phase of DeSoto Road. So that would be a separate motion after this one if that is something you guys want to do. Does anyone else have any questions.
 - Mayor Smith asked anyone else have any questions. We're having a hard time hearing.
- Councilmember McNeill asked are going to discuss the other options for the excess funding.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we can. That would have to be a separate motion but yeah, it's up to you guys if you want to do it. There are funds available to do it.
 - Councilmember Trinkle asked are we still looking at the alleys. Can we slide an alley in too?
 - Mayor Smith responded let's get this motion approved and then we can talk about the second one if everyone is ok with that.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated ok so, the agenda item itself says other considerations and under there it has we're proposing the following options. So, I am asking are we going to discuss those options and vote on those options or are those just to consider.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied I guess the way we envisioned it, if you guys wanted to do that, we could do a separate motion after this to add DeSoto and Kane Dr. We can do that if you'd like Tony.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked yeah, I mean, I think it was one or the other right Mike.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded yes; we've got a couple different options. DeSoto will utilize the majority of the differential between the budgeted amount and bid amount. Kane Dr. was just something to consider. We do have money set aside for alleys. The alley we've identified is the alley behind the Activity Center that runs east west is the alley we originally proposed. I'm prepared to discuss this after the motion. That would probably be more effective.
 - Councilmember McNeill replied ok.
 - Councilmember Trinkle responded ok.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall asked are we going to call roll on this one.
 - Mayor Smith stated let's get the roll on this one. Then discuss the other options.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Smith stated alright that passes. Do you want to go ahead and discuss the options?
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we can discuss the alternates.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated again, we've got approximately \$90,000 in differential between the bid and the budgeted amount. So, we did offer two options. My preference of course would be number 2, DeSoto Road simply because it makes sense at this time. The road is one of the most heavily travelled roads in Lansing. In addition, the road is currently closed. There would be no more time easier than now to do the road. It does not have any curbs on the road so the work by the contractor is more cost effective and more expeditious. So it would also pretty much complete the entire DeSoto corridor from 4-H to Eisenhower in line with the work we just done and I think it might make for a very nice product that will last us for many, many years. When the opportunity comes to make the further improvements, essentially the next phase, I do not anticipate that it's going to happen within the lifespan of this pavement. And that gives us more time to make that decision if needed.
 - Councilmember Buehler responded hey Mike, I have a question about that. The proposal says from Mary to 4-H. What about the hill. The hill is in worse shape than any part of DeSoto Road right now.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier yes, the hill was already included in the program which is why all we would do is instead of stopping at Mary from the southern limits south of Ida, we would just essentially continue all the way to 4-H. So, the hill was already identified and part of the original \$459,000 bid that was accepted.
 - Councilmember Buehler replied alright, thank you.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated you're welcome.
 - Mayor Smith asked do you want to make a motion to add this on.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to add West Mary Street to 4-H Road to the 2020 CIP. 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 let the Council know we received the health insurance renewal from Aetna at a rate increase of 4.25%. Staff is pleased with that rate. Responses from the Adam Acres survey about sidewalks are starting to come in. A more formal update on that survey will come at a later date. A rumor is circulating about the City wanting to Annex property. We are not looking at annexing any property right now.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby thanked everyone who is social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate to help with COVID-19.

Councilmember Majure thanked Public Information Officer Ken Miller on doing a great job of getting information out to the residents.

Councilmember Garvey asked everyone to stay safe and hopefully we can get our economy back on track. He mentioned the lawn care company right off of Main street has done a great job with the cosmetic appearance of the building. He also asked about the status of the company moving into the old KinderCare.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated it is going to be a daycare center, but we don't know when it will open yet.

Councilmember Garvey also mentioned the 4th of July celebration. He would be in favor if we had the firework display with everyone sitting in their cars. That would be better than nothing at all. He also mentioned residential site plans. Right now, we approve those based on the building only and not the vegetation being taken out or put back on the property. He would like to see a change because what is put back impacts neighboring residents. The commercial plans take vegetation into consideration and we

should be keeping track of what trees are coming down and what is being put back on residential properties.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall replied we can look at that and talk about it at a future meeting.

Councilmember Buehler asked if we had an idea on where the Fire Board is on hiring a new Chief.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated there is a special meeting coming up where they will appoint an interim Chief and then a game plan will be hammered out.

Councilmember Buehler also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1824, the World Premiere of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony took place in Vienna, Austria.

Councilmember McNeill gave kudos to city employees for handling this the way they have, and he is proud to be part of Lansing. He agreed with Councilmember Garvey's recommendation to consider vegetation in residential site plans.

Councilmember Brungardt also agreed with Councilmember Garvey's recommendation. He stated the site in question is worse than described and it's concerning.

Councilmember Studnicka told everyone to be safe.

Councilmember Trinkle stated a lot of people are suffering through this and he hopes we can hang in together and get it done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk