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 TrinkleWard 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don StudnickaWard 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse GarveyWard 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 6, 2018, as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Lansing Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Appointments: Councilmember Brungardt moved to appoint Eric Caldwell, Tom Farris, Roy Foster, Gahvin Frey, Kevin Gardner, and Steve Lillard to the Lansing Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term that will expire on December 31, 2020. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Kirby asked who all is here Jason. I see Kevin, I know Kevin; sit down Kevin. I've been wanting to ask you this so don't take this wrong, but I think about it all the time. We always ask for references, does anybody ever check those?
 - o Parks & Recreation Director Jason Crum replied no, we don't.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated okay, I figured if I didn't ask you tonight, I'd forget until next time. That's it, thank you.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated Dave Trinkle is a reference on one of them.
 - o Councilmember Garvey stated Jason Crum is a reference on one.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Lansing Tree Board Appointment: Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint Barbara Eikmeier to the Lansing Tree Board for a term that will expire on December 31, 2021. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1014 – Amending Text of Chapter 13 Article 3: Councilmember Trinkle moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1014. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:03 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:18 PM. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to return to Open Session at 7:18 PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Renewal of Special Use Permit - 330 Highland Road - More than 4 Animals: Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the special use permit for more than 4 animals at 330 Highland Road. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Trinkle asked no objections, nobody complained.
 - o Animal Control Office Wendy Burr replied no.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Renewal of Special Use Permit - 401 Fairlane - More than 4 Animals: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the special use permit for more than 4 animals at 401 Fairlane. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Pawlowski asked are there any issues with any of these.
 - o Animal Control Officer Wendy Burr replied no.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Renewal of Special Use Permit – 128 E. Kansas Avenue – More than 4 Animals:

Councilmember Brungardt moved to approve the special use permit for more than 4 animals at 128 E. Kansas Avenue. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Award of Bid - NW Relief Sewer Project (City Projects 17-04 and 18-02): Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the Grand Total Base plus the Bid Alternate A from Linaweaver Construction Company. Inc. of Lansing, Kansas for the construction of City Project 18-02 Northwest Relief Sewer, in the amount of \$1,739,718.40. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion.

- City Attorney Gregory Robinson asked Mr. Mayor are you going to give them the opportunity to speak.
 - Mayor Smith replied yes I am. We have a motion and second on this one, gentlemen.
- Toby Hausner, Attorney for Site Rite Construction stated thank Mayor, thank you Councilpersons, my name is Toby Hausner, I represent Site Rite Construction. I am joined tonight with Danny Anderson, one of the owners of Site Rite Construction. First off we appreciate the opportunity to be heard on this issue, as you're aware this was an invitation to bid from the City to construct this sewer project and they asked for competitive bids. Site Rite was the low bidder on that and the City engaged an engineer to review those bids, and they reviewed Site Rite's bid and the bid itself was responsive and that Site Rite was a responsible and competent contractor to perform the construction work for the project. It came to Site Rite's attention that the Council and the City was entertaining the idea of awarding the contract to another contractor that also bid the work that was not the low bid. They found this out about two weeks ago before the December 6th Council Meeting. First, Site Rite wants to alert the City that if it were to chose to award the contract under the local preference policy to another contractor, it would be bad business for the City. It will discourage regional contactors upon which the City relies to bid public works projects from bidding future projects: it has implications that transcend the issue of this specific award and will effect regional contractors interest in bidding on future projects here in Lansing. That will cost the City money and therefore cost the taxpayers money. In additional to these practical implications, there are legal implications. Using this local preference policy is illegal in this instance, for reasons I have outlined in my communication with the City Attorney, Greg Robinson and its my understanding that he shared those insights with you, and so you should all be aware of the legal implications, not the least of which is an infringement of Site Rite's constitutional right's protected by the United States Constitution under the privileges and immunities clause. It's also not permitted and would be a circumvention of Kansas Statute and the local policy itself specifically excludes it's application from these types of construction projects. Obviously Site Rite wants to partner with the City, work with the City and build this project, but if the City elects to utilize this defunct local preference policy. Site Rite would be within its rights and is prepared to file suit against the City, and its prepared to seek injunctive relief and a temporary restraining order to prevent work from occurring on the project until the legal issues can be determined. The City basically has a choice, they can award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Site Rite, or we can sort through the legal issues in front

of a judge and resolve those issues. The City will expend legal fees and they will be subject to the liability of paying Site Rite's fees as well. Like I said, that's up to the City. The City can do what's right and award to the most responsive bidder, Site Rite, who has an immense desire to work and partner with the City and hopefully prove itself and be awarded future projects with the City. I'll turn it over to Danny Anderson to add anything else.

- Danny Anderson of Site Rite Construction stated I'll be brief, Mayor and Councilmembers thanks for hearing us. The long and short of it we want to do the job. We're the low base bid, we're really good at this kind of work; Linaweaver is good at this kind of work too, we've been competitors a really long time. We're the low base bid on this particular size of public works project and we don't think your local preference policy ought to apply, so that's it.
- Mayor Smith stated just to let you know a little something, we've got another motion coming up too. We decided to look at this a little bit and we thought we could save the City of Lansing taxpayers some dollars, so we broke it out to three different bid phases. The first two, which you just heard is to Linaweaver Construction. The next bid, I'm going to ask for a motion, a motion to is coming to your company. So that's the way we're proceeding with this right now. If you listened to my motion there are only three bid elements on this, and we only spoke on two of them. If you'll sit down for just a second and you'll hear the other one, then you'll hear the other motion that we're awarding to Site Rite Construction.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated and we're not using the 2% in this.
 - Mayor Smith stated we're not using that whatsoever. If you check the numbers, you'll notice that 1 and 2 are lower from Linaweaver than yourself, but the other one Linaweaver is higher, and we're going to award that one to you, if you decide to take it. That's the direction we're going. So I appreciate you coming and talking; I've got a motion and a second, can I get a vote on that part of it.
- Councilmember Buehler asked could you refresh that, that's the one point seven.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied one million, seven hundred thirty-nine thousand...
 - Mayor Smith stated seven eighteen dollars forty cents.
 - Councilmember Garvey stated phases 1 and 2.
 - o Councilmember Buehler stated which was the cheapest.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied which was the low bid.
- Mayor Smith stated I've got a motion let's go.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the Golf Course Relief Sewer Total Base Bid from Site Rite Construction of Kansas City, Missouri for the construction of City Project 17-04 Golf Course Relief Sewer in the amount of \$299,092.50, on the condition that Site Rite agrees to an amended start time as determined by project engineers. If this condition is unacceptable to Site Rite, the City asserts its right to reject any and all Golf Course Relief Sewer Total Base Bids. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. B-9-18 – Project Authorization: Councilmember Buehler moved to adopt Resolution No. B-9-18. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. B-10-18 - Authorizing Sale of GO Bonds: Councilmember Kirby moved to adopt Resolution No. B-10-18. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Notice of Intent to Terminate: Mayor Smith stated this document provides notice of the City's intent to terminate the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Establishment of a Joint Board, a Fire District Board of Trustees and the Funding and Operation of Fire District No. 1, County of Leavenworth, Kansas, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 10(b) of the agreement. This notice supersedes the notice provided earlier this year and changes the transition date from January of 2020 to June of 2020. I need a motion to

approve the Notice of Intent to Terminate, but before we go there is there anybody that wants to address the Council on this.

- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane, Leavenworth Kansas stated I am the Treasurer for Delaware Township, I just have a couple of questions for the record, first off, Mr. Mayor, I don't want to put you on the spot, but do you believe this action is in the best interest of the City and the Townships to opt out.
 - Mayor Smith replied let me tell you, I know I've kept kind of guiet on this issue because one Councilmember has always said that the Mayor doesn't have any voting power except for ties, I see that in the paper all the time, but when I first came back to the Council, I thought and suggested that maybe we take a year to look at this; but I'm not a voting member and the Council decided not to go that way. And after saying that let me make it very clear that I think Jeff, Jim, and Marcus are outstanding people, well educated and did a great job for us, but this was never designed to last forever. When the late Mayor Bernard put this together it was for 10 years and I think we're on 14 or 15 years right now. The City of Lansing, through elected officials, has chosen to go this direction. Do I think in the long run this was going to happen, you betcha; so the Council has elected to do this, we're moving forward with it, and the only thing that I can see, do I support it, yes, we're on board with it now. The only thing I see that's bothersome is I don't want to look like the County Commissioners from the last few years, this is old, not the new ones coming on, I don't want to see the districts or the City paying thousands, tens of thousands of dollars to attorneys to try to fix something that I don't think is fixable. I think there is a way for the people to get together and make this where we may not be happy with each other, but make it work for everybody, but the bottom line is we are moving forward with this. I hope that answered your question.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied it does, it's interesting that you say you don't want to do something again without a lawsuit, when we just heard about a lawsuit. The Townships have said that they will fight this and we will go to court, the City is the one who does not want to work with the Townships. Now I'll give it to Tony McNeill, Tony came to the Townships and just got the hell beat out of him, but Tony had the balls to come in and stand up and try to convince people this was right, and it's not. One, the way you went about it the first time was wrong; apparently you have recognized that since you're starting the clock over with the eighteen month time frame.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated that has nothing to do with that.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated I'm not talking to you.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated he talks for us.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated you're incorrect, you don't tell us what we do. We do it based on legal advice and we're doing it because that is the end of the term of the contract, sir, and that is it.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane 0 stated that's not the end of the term
- Mayor Smith stated let me make something very clear, I've been at these meetings also and I know the City Administrator has been up there, he's taking a beating for things we directed him to do, so look this way if any of the Townships or anybody that is not happy about it, because these are the people that made the decision and I'm up here with them now. The bottom line is we've heard a lot of this stuff before, and I appreciate you coming out today, I really do, I had a long talk with Marcus the other day on some of these issues, and I appreciate you giving us some more points, but if we're going to re-hash, and we're not going to sit down and we're going to call each other liars, we're not going to get anywhere folks. Let's get together and see if there is anything on the table, but the City's intent is to move out. For us to keep bickering back and forth and saying he's lying or he's not telling the truth, I'm sure there is miscommunication all over the place, and I'll be honest with you Jeff and Jim, and Marcus are real good friends of mine, and I think they would be willing, at least that share because I talked to Marcus the other day, I think they'd at least be willing to sit down and lets discuss it. But when we go back and attorney's doing this and attorney's doing that and we're not going to be civil and not have that conversation, folks, we're not going to get anywhere. You can

come up here and beat us up and you can say things that you think we're saying, but it's not going to go anywhere, we really need to have that communication. And I know all these councilmembers up here think they are doing what is absolutely right. There's a bunch of bright people up here, just like on the Fire District, but this is what they've decided to do, so what's the next step? Do we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars for attorney's or do we come to the table, find a mutual place to sit down and talk and let's try to see if there is any common ground that we have. These letters going back and forth saying that one thing is saying something or something like that, folks, that doesn't work and that's not how you do business. This is never going to get over with, and I'm not here to lecture everybody, but I've seen this, I've been in the City for 40 years, we don't work this way. I have all the respect for the Townships, I swear I do, I know most of the people out there, I've been in the City for 40 years, but this back and forth, addressing the Council or us going out there making them mad is not going to fix it. You need a group, you need to talk about it and see if there is any common ground that we can get together on, and that means coming in and being civil with each other and not coming in and saving okay he said this or he lied like this, that's not going anywhere. put that behind us; let's go forward with this.

- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated Mr. Mayor, I agree with you 100%, the Townships have wanted to work with the City, the City is the one that doesn't.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated we've offered to meet
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated we have evidence of this, let him speak.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated Andi Pawlowski has said this is a done deal, there was no talk.
 - Mayor Smith stated I know what you're saving, but isn't this going back to what I just said; he said, she said, they said. I'm not saying who did or didn't, I'm saying we have to go forward now and what's the best way to do it. So lets drop all this other stuff, I'll gladly be part of the, or any of these Councilmembers, or whoever, our City Administrator, whoever, to sit down and see if there is any common ground. The City is going forward now, now is there anyway we can work this out or are we going to continue this conversation with each other.
- Councilmember Brungardt stated Mr. Mayor I'll tell you, I'm tired of hearing we won't come to the table and speak because that is not true and you can vouch for that.
 - Mayor Smith replied Kerry I'm not disagreeing with that, but what I'm saying is that has to get behind us in order to go forward, that's all I'm saying.
- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated let's get the Townshisp and get around a table and do this, who said that.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson asked who said what.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied who has said lets go to a table to discuss.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we sent you a letter on September 28th at 2:01 p.m.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied I have not seen a letter.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied you need to talk to your attorney then.
 - Roberta Ready of High Prairie Township stated I have not either.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated play the video and show them.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated play the video.
 - Terry Bartkoski stated I'd like to see it.
- Councilmember Buehler stated the question at this point is can we get together and talk about continued fire support for the future without Fire District No. 1.

- o Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated yes, and in a letter we sent to the City we said.
 - Councilmember Brungardt stated could you hold on please and listen to the tape.
 - Mayor Smith stated the tape is running sir.

The following video was played: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djHOyqKW3F0 of the November 19, 2018 Fire District No. 1 Board Meeting starting at 0:55 and ending at 2:18.

- Councilmember Buehler stated he's got the letter right there in his hand. We have the letters to your attorney.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we have the letter right there.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated so you can continue your discussion about how we haven't replied to anybody and here is a 4 page letter to your attorney's, both of them, inviting them to the table for talking points, and you're at that meeting telling that you haven't received anything and we are not reaching out or doing anything.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated and you said the City Administrator told a bold faced lie.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated, and I got an email back from Mr. Colgan and Mr. Orrick that said got it, I'll discuss it with my clients. Then I recently, when I found out about this video, I sent another email and said please pass this on, and I got scorned and rebuked by these attorney's saying I keep my clients informed. Well, it doesn't seem you're very informed tonight before this audience sir.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied no apparently our attorneys did not, and we will check into this.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated that's all we're asking you to do.
- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated but let's just make sure that we all do want to agree, but at the breakfast with the City Administrator he said that we did not want to cooperate.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied you never responded to the letter, what was I supposed to think.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated that's with your lawyers, you did not respond.
- Mayor Smith stated listen we're going back again folks, we're not going to get anywhere, lets go forward please.
- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated lets work together, let's have a meeting.
 - Councilmember Brungardt stated that's what we've wanted Terry.
- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated we don't need lawyers.
- Councilmember Kirby stated that's all we've been asking for.
 - Mayor Smith stated that's what we want. We appreciate you.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied Mike, I appreciate you and Councilmembers who are willing to work together with the districts, no doubt in my mind we're willing to work.
 - Councilmember Kirby stated it should have been this way the whole time
 - Councilmember Garvey stated any special meeting you want to get together, we're right there.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied Thank you Mr. Mayor
 - Mayor Smith and Councilmember Brungardt stated thank you Terry.
- Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road and of High Prairie Township stated Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, give me a date and give me a time we'll be there.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I think we tried that in the past.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated when I reached out in September I had follow up conversations with the attorney's I was told that Mr. Orrick was heading it up. I was told when I kept trying and pressing for these meetings, they said they were advised that, meaning the attorneys were told by their clients, that they wanted to wait until after the elections. Well then about a month after the elections I reached out saying I haven't heard from you, what do you want to do. That's when I found about this and I went back and checked all my emails and said we're not the ones stonewalling.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated Tim had tried to reach out before anybody got attorneys to get together.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I sent 6 emails.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied and nothing, so the Council has tired, honestly, to sit down and talk. You know we have Kansas Open Meetings Act we have to be cognizant of and make sure we don't violate the law, so our offer was to get enough people that wouldn't violate the law together that we could sit down and talk about the issues and what we saw as far as going forward. Then, everybody lawyered up.
 - Mayor Smith stated I okayed all those emails that went out, so I saw every one of them. The point is we're going back now. Tim how do you want to go about setting this up.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated I'm fine setting something up in January, we've been fine from the beginning.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated but we have to keep moving forward.
 - Mayor Smith stated so our City Administrator Tim will be in contact, is that what we're doing, to set up the dates and get your parties and make sure we have dates that work for everybody.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall replied yeah I'm fine setting this up.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road stated please CC everybody and everybody needs to respond not just a lawyer.
- City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated from my perspective, the legal representative, the problem we run into is that you guys have lawyers, so they generally work through me, then I send to them this information, and if its not disseminated to you, I have no control over that.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road replied absolutely.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated however, you as an individual want to have communication with Tim, then you can have all the communication you want, but when you are a board entity, then you're represented by Counsel and that becomes a problem to have this communication, in my opinion.
- Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road stated I feel that there needs to be open arbitration with everyone and have an open mind.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated I would say the word arbitration has a legal meaning, but you're saying that we get together and discuss issues.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road replied yes, everybody brings their wish list to the table, calmly, firmly, but don't be so closed minded that you cannot negotiate.

- Mayor Smith stated that's one thing this will decided, if there isn't no room for negotiation, at least we sat down at the table and talked about it civilly, and we decided we couldn't come to any conclusion, then everybody goes their way or whatever else has to happen, but at least lets have that one meeting, and I think Tim can get that set up.
 - City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated for a final point on this just so they understand it, when we reached out the response was from the Townships, and I'm not saying this lady here personally, but from their legal representative said if the discussion is not to remain in the fire district and fix the fire district issues, then we're not coming, basically.
 - Mayor Smith stated I think we're going back, but the thing is now let's look at it forward and the forward way we do it is get the time set up and see if we can get this meeting set up and go forward and then we take it form there. Is everybody okay with that.
- Councilmember Brungardt stated we are. Mr. Mayor, if I could say one other thing...
- Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane stated the letter from our attorneys to the City said if the purpose of such a meeting were to discuss whether the three partners could continue to work jointly improving the existing district, we would be willing to consider attending.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated read the following paragraph.
 - Terry Bartkoski from 16228 Dana Lane replied that is the following paragraph.
 - Mayor Smith stated guys listen, hey Terry, we're going back again, we're not getting anywhere. If we're going to come to a meeting and talk this way, we will not accomplish anything. We made a decision, everybody's in agreement, let's get that meeting date set up and let's see if we can come to common ground. If we can't, then that's the way it goes. Kerry, did you have something?
- Councilmember Brungardt stated I just wanted to say about going to the meetings the Townships had. We as a Council did not all show up, we had our representatives that we picked that showed up. It wasn't that we didn't want to go or shirking our responsibilities or did not want to listen to you, we as a Council chose the people that we wanted to attend these meetings.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road stated I think it's important that everybody puts their 2 cents in and everybody be heard in a calm atmosphere.
 - Councilmember Brungardt replied we have an Open Meetings Act, laws, that we have to abide by too.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road replied so do we.
- Mayor Smith stated and again, there may not be any ground that we can come together, I don't know that, I'm not going to speak ahead, but at least let us let the citizens who we represent, know we tried to come together, instead of this back and forth and paying for attorneys. So let's have this meeting, I don't think we need to go any further with this, we've made it all clear to each other and I think we're all on board. Are we good?
- Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road replied I know for a fact for High Prairie that we are open minded, we want to work with you, we want everybody to be happy, and we want the best for everybody in the district. Not just High Prairie, not just Delaware, not just the City, but everybody.
- Councilmember Garvey stated we can't have a meeting like the last one. I went to the High Prairie meeting with Tony, the Mayor, and Tim and we could barely walk after we were so beaten up after that meeting, you know. We can't have a meeting like that again, that's for sure.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road stated I apologize that you guys were treated that way by the citizens and the way it went down, but I think there is room to improve.
 - Mayor Smith stated it's a passionate issue and we understand that, but we've got to go forward.

- City Attorney Gregory Robinson stated to Mr. Garvey's point, it was the City's suggestion that representatives would not invoke the Open Meetings Act, so we didn't have that beat up the representative thing. We'd get together have our talking points, and let's say for example if you were there, you would show up with your legal representative, they would show up with their legal representative and we'd sit around a table discuss issues, and then you'd go back and brief your folks. Then we could all get together.
 - Mayor Smith stated that hasn't worked for whatever reason, I understand that that was the suggestion. We're re-hashing stuff and this is not going to do any good until we sit down. There might not be anything we can do together, I don't know, but at least we owe it to the taxpayers that we sat down around a table and decided that in the best civil way we could do it in a common way, so I think we're ready to move on.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated just to make it clear, because of the dates and time and legality issue, we have to go ahead and do the legal stuff we plan to do tonight, right Greg?
- Mayor Smith stated we're going through the motion, but this Council can do whatever they chose to do legally down the line, but we're going through some things tonight that we've been advised to do. That doesn't mean we aren't going to sit down and see what happens.
 - Roberta Ready from 24309 Tonganoxie Road stated right, you've got to do what you've got to do. I'm glad to hear that because I think it will be a win-win for everybody.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated Greg I just made the point that we needed to proceed with this.
- Mayor Smith stated I hesitate to ask but is there anybody else that would like to speak on this.
 - Rick Huhn from 601 N. 2nd Terrace, Lansing stated most of what I'm going to say has already been hashed but I spent a lot of time writing this up. I would ask you to do some more re-thinking on the subject of breaking up the Fire District, your actions so far have led to thousands of tax dollars going to lawyers, which has been mentioned already and fees, and there is no end in sight. If this goes on as planned, many more thousands of tax dollars will be spent on challenges, audits, who owns what, who owes what, it just won't stop. Four of you all have attended the open meetings the Townships had with their constituents, as did I. And we all heard from those folks as did the Township representatives that they were not at all happy with the decision the City made, and that they were not going to go with what the City planned for a City operated fire department. These are the people that elect the Township representatives and they made their voices well heard, as you all attended those meetings, as I did. You cannot expect the Townships to be able to negotiate with a gun to their heads and that gun being the breakup that is going to happen no matter what they say. As things stand at this time, and I admit I've been out of the loop for three months, but the Townships are not willing to enter into an agreement with the City operated fire department. That means the City will have to fund the entire fire department on its own, and that means there will be an increase in taxes or a decrease in service. It also means the two Townships will have to fund another separate department on their own and increase their taxes. This is a loselose for all of us taxpayers. I would like the Council to take a step back and table this action until such time that they meet with the two districts, the two Townships without a gun to their heads of a looming breakup and let the opportunity of true negotiation process to begin, thank you.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated well written Rick.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated Rick, retirement is treating you well, you look relaxed.
 - Mayor Smith stated that's what I told him when he came in. Now do we have a motion and second.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski replied we do not.

Mayor Smith asked can I get a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Terminate, as presented.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Terminate as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. B-11-18 - Kansas PRIDE Program Support: Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adopt Resolution No. B-11-18. Councilmember McNeill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1015 - Codification of Ordinances: Councilmember Kirby moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1015. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember McNeill stated so Chapter 1, I had an issue with the residency thing. I recommend that we add the additional requirement so that any of the division heads that have been here for 5 years, I don't think that should apply to them. Meaning if you maintain your residency here within the school district boundaries that we said for 5 years, I think that it shows your commitment that you might be staying in the City, after that they should be free to go wherever they want in Leavenworth County. That was one of the things that we brought up in the meeting but there was some confusion.
 - Mayor Smith stated I think Sarah, correct me if I'm wrong, the way it stands, that it is just the school district, that we had, anybody that lives in USD 469 for department heads. So is there any, do we want to backtrack that to discuss that.
- Councilmember Kirby asked Tony just wants to add that one piece.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated these changes have already been passed, we're just codifying them now.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated this top one has not been codified.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated no, the top one has not been passed.
- Councilmember Pawlowski stated I'm not necessarily in agreement with that.
 - Councilmember McNeill asked what do you want.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski stated I just wanted them to stay in the City, so, so much for that.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated you can work for Leavenworth County and actually live in Platte City. I've heard from several staff members, and I think if you're here for 5 years as a division head, you're pretty much committed to the City and you should be free to move wherever you want.
 - Councilmember Buehler stated I thought we had that discussion at the work session about that too, about the time, so I'm okay modifying it to say that.
 - Councilmember Brungardt stated I'm okay with it.

Mayor Smith asked and received consensus from the Council regarding addition of the modified language.

- City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated I can make that change, so are you ready to vote?
 - Councilmember Buehler asked do we need to vote as modified.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked do we need to undo the motion.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied no, this just approves the codification ordinance. When I go in to make the actual change, I will incorporate the timeframe.
 - Councilmember Pawlowski asked so we have to vote on that separately.
 - Mayor Smith stated so we don't have to withdraw, we just need to vote.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner stated correct, it doesn't affect the ordinance itself.

- o Councilmember Pawlowski asked so you can make it up as you go.
 - City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner replied yes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney Gregory Robinson presented a donation to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program Fund with funds raised by the business in Lansing he co-owns with his brother Gary Robinson, The Groggery. Mr. Robinson presented the City Clerk funds in the amount of \$182.00.

City Engineer: City Engineer had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall had nothing to report.

Governing Body: Councilmember Kirby stated that he had the opportunity to assist with distribution night of the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program. It is rewarding to see the faces of the people when they come to pick up the foods, gifts and bikes, and how grateful they are for the assistance, and he wanted the people who donate items or get angel tree tags to know the affect they have by helping. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Buehler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1860 South Carolina became the first State to secede from the Union. All of the Governing Body wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Trinkle moved to adjourn. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST:	Michael W. Smith, Mayor
Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk	