

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 6, 2020 at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.

Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

57 2020 04-06 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Osentoski.

Approve the Agenda for April 6, 2020 as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

58 2020 04-06 MINUTES

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 16, 2020 with corrections;
Minutes of the Special meeting of Closed meeting held March 24, 2020.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

59 2020 04-06 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Osentoski. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Consent Agenda for April 6, 2020, resulting in the following:

1. Special Event Request from First Baptist Church, Evening Service in the Park, Sunday, June 14, 2020 from 4pm-9pm, Annrook Park.
2. Approve scheduling the 2020 Annual Spring Clean-Up for May 4 – May 9, 2020 Annual Spring Clean-Up with Rick Rhein Disposal; authorize the City Manager and Director of Public Works to sign required documentation.
3. Approve Right-of-Way License applications for the following businesses:
 - a. Blondie's Sweet Boutique/Dagwood's Deli – 193 W. Nepessing.
 - b. Popovich Properties, LLC – 393 W. Nepessing Street (Vinyl Bar & Grill).
 - c. Tilted Axis Brewery – 303 W. Nepessing Street (Permanent Enclosure).
 - d. Tilted Axis Brewery – 303 W. Nepessing Street (Seasonal Enclosure).

- e. Woodchips, LLC – 315 W. Nepessing Street (Permanent Enclosure).
- f. Woodchips, LLC – 332 W. Nepessing Street (Seasonal Enclosure).

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

60 2020 04-06 BILL LISTING FOR APRIL 6, 2020

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Bill Listing for April 6, 2020 in the amount of \$598,299.62.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

61 2020 04-06 SECONDHAND DEALER AND PAWNBROKER LICENSE

Approved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Osentoski.

Mayor to approve a Secondhand Dealer License and Pawnbroker License for Cash For All Pawn located at 773 East Street, Lapeer.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson provided the Commission with and update on Saginaw Street elevator railroad crossing; the potential of an MDOT grant to remove the tracks; assisted Quentin Bishop reviewing the Economic Development grants; the LDC issued 49 grants; all City buildings have been closed to non-City staff including cleaning staff; youth volleyball league has been official cancelled; spring sports have been postponed. Working on a plan to get the part-time/seasonal workers going; ladder to slide at the Community Center pool has a contractor to begin repairs.

Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, April 9, there will be five attendees and City Manager will present the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This is the last step in the budget before it comes to the Commission. The budget can be sent to the Commission for review prior to scheduling it for or review in May.

This is a four day work week; continue our rotations of employees; City Hall lower level has minimum number of employees; second floor is full staff tomorrow; Police are following a seven (7) day on seven (7) day off calendar.

As this is potentially going to be the worst week coming up, in an effort to reduce staff, protect staff and protect all of you, suggested we cancel the next meeting Commission meeting. By Charter we are supposed to have two meetings a month, however, the Governor's Executive Order does override our Charter and we can cancel the April 20, 2020 meeting. There is a resolution that the Clerk prepared should the Commission wish to do so.

The special events don't begin until May, the Farmer's Market intends to start May 2, 2020 however, they may hold off until May 9. The car show scheduled for May 4 can be cancelled with 3 hours' notice; food truck rally has been cancelled; the Lapeer School Board has cancelled April and May meetings; suggest we cancel our second meeting in April; set a budget hearing for second week of May; approve the budget at the end of May.

Commissioner Stroh asked about the financial impact of cancelling all our recreation programs. City Manager Kerbyson indicated that the Recreation Center is subsidized by the general fund. Commission Stroh also asked for an explanation on where we are with the current CIP that was approved by the previous Commission; how many projects are rolling over; how many have been completed and how many have not. City Manager Kerbyson stated that he would provide the Commission with an update of the status of the current CIP projects.

62 2020 04-06 VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR CITY COMMISSION

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

To move Commission meetings to on-line (virtual) or conference calls until the Governor's Executive Order to Stay Home is lifted.

Commissioner Osentoski asked if we have that capability to do such. City Manager Kerbyson stated that we have discussed this previously to install cameras and such in the Commission Chambers. Commissioner Cattane stated that we will not be in this room anytime soon; each of us will be at our homes.

City Manager Kerbyson stated that to make an interactive meeting for example *Zoom* has limited the meetings to 40 minutes. Also, the public has to have the capability to call in so that they can comment. There is software we may need to purchase, and at this time, our IT is contracted and they will not come to City Hall. There are concerns with the issues that may happen with inappropriate language and such resulting in having to shut the meeting down which then means it is no longer an open meeting.

Commissioner Cattane stated that we would have a meeting administrator who would remove them from the meeting. He asked if our IT has the ability to remote in. If so, they don't need to come here. He continued stating that we will not be meeting in May because this will not be over. We have to pretend this is going to last for months. So let's be prepared and do some trial runs so that we are all up and running for the next meeting, April 20, 2020.

Mayor Marquardt stated she would like to see us prepared, need to figure out what is going to work for us over the next few months.

On A Roll Call:

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Osentoski, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan indicated that he has a draft marihuana ordinance that has been submitted to the City for administrative review and he will have to the Commission shortly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

63 2020 04-06 APPOINTMENT TO THE LAPEER HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

Appointment by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Atwood.

Re-appoint Kerri Roberts, Charles Dixon and Robin Chestnutt to the Lapeer-Housing board of Appeals a term to expire 05-01-2023.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

64 2020 04-06 APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Appointment by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Appoint Troy Bostick-Tullius to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire 10-01-2023; and Charles Mitchell to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for terms to expire 10-01-2024.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

65 2020 04-06 APPOINTMENT TO THE PARK BOARD

Appointment by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Appoint Tony Stroh to the Park Board for a term to expire 04-01-2023.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison.

Nays: None.

Absent: Stroh.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Hogan informed the commission that the Center Building was offered to McLaren Hospital should they need it for overflow of COVID-19 patients. In talking to the hospital today the ICU is at about half full. With the closing of the Center Building, they are in dire need of funds.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Monthly Departmental Reports were received into the record as presented.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stroh: Many of the cultural arts organizations have shuttered their doors; wants the City to create a cultural arts council that would include all cultural arts within the City or that provide services within the City; work on the collaboration of art projects, funding, educational activities and would like added to an agenda for discussion within the next month.

City Manager Kerbyson stated that we can assign this project to Donna Crounce, who created the Youth Council.

Commissioner Stroh also asked about the status of the Illuminate Lapeer, what is the time line; what are we expecting; or is this contingent with COVID-19. City Manager Kerbyson stated bids are due by middle to end of this month; the projected in budgeted for this year; we expect this project to wrap up by end of June.

Commissioner Stroh indicated that he does not feel like he is in the loop and would like more updates on the status of City business through this COVID-19 pandemic. Asked if he could have more reports indicating everything is fine or we are seeing higher rates of crimes for example. He would like to have more communication during this uncertain time.

City Manager Kerbyson stated he has been providing updates relating to COVID-19 almost daily and asked if the Commission were receiving those. Commissioner Stroh said he was not; Commissioner Cattane and Mayor Marquardt stated they were not getting the updates; at least not daily.

Commissioner Atwood: Is two weeks going to be enough time to get the meeting on line and doing it legally.

Commissioner Cattane: We need to do a test run on the on-line meeting; last time we have seen anything like this was the Spanish Flu after WWI; believes that we should prepare for worst and hope for the best. This will end and we will get our lives back and when we do we will be grateful for it.

Commissioner Pattison: Pleased that Lapeer is doing a good job staying home, staying safe; we can't relax; keep it up and listen to our government officials and our doctors because we need everyone here. Please be safe.

City Manager Kerbyson: Spoke to hospital to get a feel for their capacity; things are maintaining and not overflowing; anticipating several more this week. Updates may be coming via text.

Mayor Marquardt: Church next to Zemmer on W. Oregon St. was handing out food to people in need, however, they were not practicing social distancing; wants to make sure that everyone is safe; have police contact the church to make sure they are practicing safety and social distancing. American Red Cross Sound The Alarm Program to install smoke detectors has been cancelled; think about where we want to hold the budget

meetings; do it in sections; cannot put off. Join me in wishing Commissioner Pattison Happy Birthday.

66 2020 04-06 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk