

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 20, 2020 electronically via GoToMeeting and in the Municipal Building at 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.

67 2020 04-20 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for April 20, 2020 as presented.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

68 2020 04-20 BILL LISTING FOR APRIL 20, 2020

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Osentoski.

Approve the Bill Listing for April 20, 2020 in the amount of \$470,262.99.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

69 2020 04-20 MINUTES

Moved by Osentoski. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 6, 2020 as presented.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

70 2020 04-20 RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF HB 5423

Commissioner Cattane asked how this resolution came to be placed on our agenda.

City Manager Kerbyson stated that this Resolution came through the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and we used the Resolution of another community. Initially this was to be on an early agenda, however with the COVID-19 it was pushed to a later meeting. This is moving through the legislation and seeing how our community tends to be environmentally friendly, felt it was something we could get behind.

A discussion ensued in relation to the pros and cons of HB 5423 as well as other items that are a part of this bill i.e. funding for Michigan State Police.

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

To table the Resolution in Opposition of HB 5423, as it is inaccurate.

Resolution Opposing HB 5423

Whereas Great Lakes communities are faced with new challenges daily, and contaminants of emerging concern continue to threaten our health and our environment, and

Whereas Michigan voters approved the bottle law in 1976 to reduce litter and promote responsible recycling and reuse of materials, and

Whereas the beverage industry remains a competitive and successful industry in Michigan, with revenues increasing by an average of over 9% per year from 2005 – 2014, and

Whereas revenues from unclaimed bottle deposits are currently split between retailers (25%) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (75%), and

Whereas the funds collected in 2020 support 130 EGLE staff members across the State of Michigan and funded over 120 projects across the State, and

Whereas the proposed bill and its companions would redirect funds to benefit beverage distributors and the Michigan State Police, and

Whereas we look to our leadership in Lansing to help us find ways to reduce threats to public health and the environment, not serve private, for profit interests at the expense of taxpayers and pop drinkers.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Cattane, Stroh.

Nays: Atwood, Osentoski, Pattison.

Absent: None.

MOTION FAILED.

71 2020 04-20 RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF HB 5423

Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Osentoski.

To approve the Resolution in Opposition of HB 5423, with corrections.

Resolution Opposing HB 5423

Whereas, Great Lakes communities are faced with new challenges daily, and contaminants of emerging concern continue to threaten our health and our environment, and

Whereas, Michigan voters approved the bottle law in 1976 to reduce litter and promote responsible recycling and reuse of materials, and

Whereas, the beverage industry remains a competitive and successful industry in Michigan, with revenues increasing by an average of over 9% per year from 2005 – 2014, and

Whereas, revenues from unclaimed bottle deposits are currently split between retailers (25%) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (75%), and

Whereas, the funds collected in 2020 support 130 EGLE staff members across the State of Michigan and funded over 120 projects across the State, and

Whereas, the proposed bill and its companions would redirect funds to benefit beverage distributors and the Michigan State Police, and

Whereas, we look to our leadership in Lansing to help us find ways to reduce threats to public health and the environment, not serve private, for profit interests at the expense of taxpayers and pop drinkers.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Lapeer City Council opposes the current form of HB 5423 and its companion bills as they dilute resources currently used to clean up our waters, expand profits already earned by the beverage industry and provide no benefit to the people of the State of Michigan.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Osentoski, Pattison.

Nays: Cattane, Stroh.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

72 2020 04-20 RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION BY THE HID TO UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA RD) FOR \$50,000

Housing Director Soldenski gave an update and description of the projects relating to the Resolution and Grant Application being requested.

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approved a Resolution for the submission of the Housing Preservation Grant Application by the HID to United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) by May 7, 2020. The grant application requests \$50,000 from USDA RD for the use in the City of Lapeer neighborhoods. \$50,000 will be for at least 6 Homeowner Rehabilitation projects in the amount of \$7,500 per project.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA RD)
HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT
CITY OF LAPEER HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer is interested in the continuing effort to improve the housing stock and provide affordable housing opportunities for its moderate, low and very low income residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission supports the recommendation of the City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Department to apply for \$50,000 through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) Housing Preservation Grant for City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, said City Commission authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant application form and related documents such as Environmental Review and Collaboration/Leverage Agreements as required by USDA RD and allow the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development to sign related grant documents when allowed by USDA RD as required; and

WHEREAS, said City Commission held a public comment period regarding the proposed City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lapeer City Commission supports the City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Department to submit the application for funding through the United State Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant for a City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant, authorizes the Mayor and Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development to sign grant related documents on behalf of the City of Lapeer, and held a public comment period regarding this housing grants on April 20th, 2020.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Monthly Departmental Reports: Downtown Development Authority Update; Quarterly Investment Reports; Medical Marijuana Licenses were received into the record as presented.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Atwood: Looking forward to going back to somewhat normal in the near future; hope all are staying healthy and safe; encourage citizens to stay positive; support small business owners.

Commissioner Cattane: Hope everyone is staying healthy; is donating his City Commission pay to small businesses here in Lapeer; contact Jim Alt to sign up for GoFundMe; both he and his wife are essential workers.

Commissioner Osentoski: Thanked the citizens of Lapeer for the way they have handled this crisis; social distancing is working.

Commissioner Pattison: Echo the other commissioners; keep following the guidelines and be safe.

Mayor Marquardt: City continues to work with McLaren and the RV Park beyond April 30, 2020 and going forward; happy to be a part of that and help the community; spoke to Glenn Ream regarding the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony which has been cancelled; can still take part by visiting Veterans Park or visit the monument; follow flag protocol; worked with Commissioner Stroh to put together a program for low income families to help feed their pets. Thank you everyone.

City Manager Kerbyson: This is a historical meeting as it is the first time for the Lapeer City Commission to conduct its meeting virtually on 04-20-2020; thank you for supporting the environment.

73 2020 04-20 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk

Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk