

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held January 4, 2022, 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, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

01 2022 01-04 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for January 4, 2022, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

02 2022 01-04 MINUTES

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2021, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Burkhart, 865 N. Wilder, gave an invocation.

03 2022 01-04 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the consent agenda for January 4, 2022:

1. Fixed Asset Disposal: 1991 Dynapac 2100 E Roller.

2. 2022 Farmland Lease Agreement – Terry Jostock, 53 Acres & 20 Acres

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

04 2022 01-04 BILL LISTING

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for January 4, 2022, in the amount of \$824,366.36.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

05 2022 01-04 2022 TRAINING POLICY (RRC)

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the 2022 Training Policy.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

06 2022 01-04 CITY OF LAPEER PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN - 2022-2027

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the amended City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan and sign the resolution.

RESOLUTION # 2022-01
CITY OF LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN
2022 - 2027 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Park Board is made up of representatives from the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer began the process of developing a plan amendment in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Lapeer were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the plan amendment for a period of at least 30 days for plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2021, at Lapeer City Hall 576 Liberty Park Street to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Park Board voted to adopt said City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lapeer City Commission hereby adopts the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson stated the grand unveiling of our rebranding signs was today and asked for Commissioner comments on it; he thought the signs turned out fantastic. Mayor Marquart thought the signs looked very nice and was amazed at the color. Commissioner Stroh always liked the design, liked the agriculture component of our City; it speaks of who we are as a community; solid design and glad we have implemented it. Commissioner Cattane likes the history of the city in the design, it is nice. Nothing wrong with the old brand; there was a lot of work and effort put into this new design and the story behind it does reflect the community. Commissioner Pattison stated the signs are attractive and really stand out; really pop.

City Manager Kerbyson also stated the cupolas are beginning to deteriorate and he has a refurbishing plan in the next CIP Budget for all of them throughout the city.

City Manager Kerbyson requested a closed session for his personnel evaluation if he could be provided a copy of the verbatim minutes.

07 2022 01-04 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

To enter a closed session after the completion of the regular meeting for the purpose of Personnel Evaluation which is exempt from disclosure as provided for under Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act and provide City Manager Kerbyson with a verbatim copy of the minutes.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan requested a closed session to discuss pending litigation:

FB Lapeer PRV LLV and 1333 Imlay City Road LLC v city of Lapeer,
New Case No. 21-054764-CZ; prior Case No. 18-051919-CA(H).

08 2022 01-04 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

To enter a closed session after the completion of the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Timothy Galbraith, 234 Law St. Apt B, was recently hired by United Way to spearhead a homeless outreach program; United Way Lapeer may be the hub for 5 counties. If anyone has any guidance or suggestions, he will welcome them.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cattane: Happy New Year everyone. Read a statement about the history of how the new brand came about. 2020 and 2021 seemed like the same year, hopes 2022 is more positive.

Commissioner Atwood: Remembers doing a presentation in Lansing to move to the next level in Mainstreet; cool to see it come to pass with the new brand. Like Commissioner Cattane said, there was not anything wrong with the former sign, but the new one stands out with the colors and the look of it. There is a lot involved in the sign, symbolically; well thought out design; something everyone can be proud of. Good kick off for the new year.

Commissioner Stroh: Happy New Year. Thrilled that we launched the new brand at the beginning of 2022. Pleasure to sit through the process of becoming a Mainstreet community and watching that growth and it is wonderful to be back on the DDA board to see the positive impact and changes that they have accomplished. Can only imagine where it can go from here; every year there are bigger and better opportunities; we can rise to the occasion. Glad to see we are expecting more from our city, our council, and our community.

Commissioner Swindell: Happy New Year; excited it is 2022; loves watching the things that have been in the works for years come to fruition. Sitting on this side of the table, able to see how the process works a lot more, even if she must ask a lot of questions.

Commissioner Pattison: Happy New Year. We have heard a lot over the last few years about our hometown heroes; those at the front lines. Time to step back and support them; time to get your vaccine. If not for you, do it for them.

Mayor Marquardt: Happy New Year. Three years ago, we went through the process of the design, and we chose this one. Announced local events.

09 2022 01-04 CLOSED SESSION

The Commission convened to a closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel evaluation at 7:08 p.m. and returned to its regular meeting at 9:26 p.m.

10 2022 01-04 RE-EVALUATION

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

To come back in three (3) months to review the status of our communication, our business, and the operating of our city business through the City Manager's office; including a City Manager assist or a PR Marketing person assist or a plan firmly in place; and the review shall take place on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Commissioner Swindell asked what this looks like; another full review in three months.

Commissioner Stroh stated the evaluation would be over the organizational management of the city and what places or plan is in place to expedite either a second in command and/or a PR Marketing campaign to help with the image of our city.

Commissioner Atwood asked if there has been significant growth income to the city to be fiscally responsible to add employees. Keeping in mind, health care. We are fiscally responsible not only for tomorrow, but for the future as well. We must keep this in mind.

Commissioner Pattison stated that is why we have a City Manager to prepare budget proposals to show us if it is fiscally possible.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: Atwood.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

11 2022 01-04 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk