

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 7, 2025, at the 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, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Mike Womack, present.

City Attorney: T. Allen Francis, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

51 2025 04-07 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the Agenda for April 7, 2025, with the removal of item C-8 Fixed Asset Disposal from the consent agenda and moved to G-5 for discussion; add discussion items of Special Assessments and Marihuana Tax allocations under City Manager's Reports.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Matt Wayne, Regional Sales Director with Flock Safety gave a presentation.

52 2025 04-07 MINUTES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 17, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mindy Schwab, member of the Downtown Development Authority, updated the Commission events and activities undertaken by the DDA.

John DeAngelis spoke about the Flock Safety System.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

53 2025 04-07 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the consent agenda for April 7, 2025, as follows:

1. Special Event: DDA, Lapeer Car Cruise, Monday's, May 5, 2025, through September 15, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Nepessing St. between Mason and Pine.
2. Special Event: DDA, Spring Ladies Night Out, May 9, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. downtown along Nepessing.
3. Special Event: Lapeer Chamber, Food Truck Fest, May 12; June 9; July 14; September 8, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., City Lot #5.
4. Special Event: Lapeer High School, Swing Out, June 3, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. along Nepessing.
5. Special Event: Lapeer Chamber, Annual Fireworks Show, July 12, 2025, to begin at dusk on the grounds of Roland Warner Middle School.
6. Special Event: Lapeer Chamber, Lapeer Days Festival, August 15-17, 2025.
7. Special Event: Lapeer Chamber, Annual Christmas Parade, December 5, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m., along Nepessing.
9. 2025 Spring Clean Up – May 5, 2025.
10. MDOT Local Bridge Resolutions – Nepessing Street, Fox Street, and Oregon Street.

CITY OF LAPEER
MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION #2025-04
FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF THE
NEPESSING STREET BRIDGE THROUGH
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the condition of the Nepessing Street bridge has deteriorated to such an extent that preventative maintenance is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Lapeer will not allow preventative maintenance of this bridge without additional funds from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lapeer requests Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program funding for preventative maintenance of the Nepessing Street bridge for MDOT's Funding Year 2028.

This resolution was adopted on the 7th day of April 2025.

CITY OF LAPEER
MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION #2025-05
FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF THE
FOX STREET BRIDGE THROUGH
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the condition of the Fox Street bridge has deteriorated to such an extent that preventative maintenance is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Lapeer will not allow preventative maintenance of this bridge without additional funds from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lapeer requests Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program funding for preventative maintenance of the Fox Street bridge for MDOT's Funding Year 2028.

This resolution was adopted on the 7th day of April 2025.

CITY OF LAPEER
MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION #2025-06
FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF THE
OREGON STREET BRIDGE THROUGH
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the condition of the Oregon Street bridge has deteriorated to such an extent that preventative maintenance is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Lapeer will not allow preventative maintenance of this bridge without additional funds from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lapeer requests Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program funding for preventative maintenance of the Oregon Street bridge for MDOT's Funding Year 2028.

This resolution was adopted on the 7th day of April 2025.

11. MDOT Designation of Street Administrator Resolution.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

54 2025 04-07 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for April 7, 2025, in the amount of \$293,781.55.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

55 2025 04-07 ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION - POSTPONE

Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Brady.

To postpone taking any action on this item until the next regular meeting, April 21, 2025.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

56 2025 04-07 DOWNTOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSES

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the nine (9) Downtown Right-of-Way Licenses, as presented.

1. Blondie's Sweet Boutique/Dagwood's Deli – 193 W. Nepessing Street (Seasonal Enclosure).
2. Popovich Properties, LLC (Villa Milano) – 393 W. Nepessing Street (Permanent Enclosure).
3. Popovich Properties, LLC (Villa Milano) – 393 W. Nepessing Street (Overhead String Lights in adjacent Fox Street Mall).
4. Tilted Axis Brewery – 303 W. Nepessing Street (Permanent Enclosure).
5. Tilted Axis Brewery – 303 W. Nepessing Street (Expanded Seasonal Enclosure).
6. Woodchips, LLC – 315 W. Nepessing Street (Permanent Enclosure).
7. Cheers Pub – 440 N. Saginaw Street (Seasonal Enclosure).
8. Blend Frozen Yogurt Bar – 392 W. Nepessing (Overhead Lighting in adjacent Fox Street Mall).
9. Hernandez Mexican Food – 4 E. Nepessing (Seasonal Enclosure).

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

57 2025 04-07 DEMILLE BLVD./OAKDALE GROUNDS AND MT. HOPE CEMETERY GROUNDS MOWING AGREEMENT

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the grounds maintenance agreement for DeMille Blvd./Oakdale Grounds and Mt. Hope Cemetery with Green Meadows Landscape, Inc. for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 seasons, not to exceed \$12,500 annually for DeMille Blvd./Oakdale Ground and \$32,750 annually for Mt. Hope Cemetery, and authorize the Mayor and Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to sign the agreements.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

58 2025 04-07 GENESEE STREET - MAIN STREET TO SAGINAW STREET - ROAD DIET STUDY AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARRANTS

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the contract with Rowe Professional Services for a Pedestrian Crossing Study in the amount of \$2,900 and Traffic Data Collection and Road diet study in the amount of \$5,800 for Genesee Street, between Main Street and Saginaw Street, and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ayes: Glisman, Petrie, Swindell, Atwood, Brady.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

59 2025 04-07 FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL – 2020 FORD & 2014 FORD

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

To approve Fixed Asset Disposal – 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility & 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack stated he is bringing attention to the Special Assessment Policy and the Marihuana Tax allocations. Continuing that this Commission and the previous Commission have expressed concerns with the current Special Assessment Policy and there has been changes what the Marihuana funds have been used for. He and Commissioner Brady have had discussion about ways to minimize the impact on the citizens and if the marihuana funds can be used to do so.

The City Commission held a lengthy discussion on how to address the Special Assessment Policy and how to allocate the Marihuana Tax funds. It was the consensus of the group that some written policies/proposals be presented to the commissioners for consideration.

City Manager Womack commented that May 17, 2025, is the only date that this Commission had available for everyone. Will bring back some dates for June 2025 to hold the joint meeting. Wants to move the discussion for the joint meeting towards meeting the goals and objectives; how to champion your local community; what do you think your community should be.

The first budget workshop is Monday, April 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

60 2025 04-07 APPOINTMENT – CEMETERY BOARD

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

To confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Marge Alexander to the Cemetery Board, for a term to expire April 1, 2030.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

61 2025 04-07 APPOINTMENTS – DDA CITIZENS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

To appoint Richard Schwab, Kaytlin Bollon, Aaron Dixon, Seaton Grassi, Rex Ziebarth, Ashley House, Amber Atwood, and Zach Gibson to the Downtown Development Citizens District Council for a term which is the length of the plan.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

62 2025 04-07 APPOINTMENT – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

To reappoint Kenneth Parker to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 1, 2028.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report was received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Cloutier commented about W. Genesee Street.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Petrie: Thanked Paul Parsch for serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years. Thanked Chief Howe for arranging the presentation on Flock Safety. She shared key insights from the Cap-Con event, noting the many unforeseen challenges that can arise during an emergency. She stated she is currently unaware of the City's Emergency or Disaster Plans and requested clarification on roles and responsibilities during such events. She emphasized her commitment to thoroughly reviewing agenda items and making informed decisions, noting that she was elected by constituents who expect her to act in their best interest. She ran for office to help improve the community and felt a need to step in when she saw the city heading in a direction that many residents did not support. She got involved because she felt the city was going in a direction that a lot of people didn't want it to; insulted by Commissioner Swindell's comments. She is here to make a difference and can only do so if she understands and asks questions. Read an email she received from City Manager Womack relating to marihuana complaints. Stated the email was very unprofessional. She does not besmirch the City Attorney or the City Manager. She was insulted by the email; City Manager Womack works for her, she is one of the people he works for, and she is asking that he never speak to her that way again. It is not right for him to dismiss what she has to say to the constituents that elected her. She is doing what she was elected to do to try and make a difference. She trusts and respects the staff. She asks questions because she wants to make good decisions. She trusts all staff members. She is not here to cause division. She asks that the division and playing one against the other stop here.

Commissioner Brady: As we are getting our feet under us, encourage all of us to have open dialogue. Finds himself in the middle of two-two splits often. Welcomes the conversations and we must get on the same page. We must have good working relationships here. We are doing the best we can, and there are six (6) elected officials.

Commissioner Glisman: Shared a story of Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett who after serving two terms and reaching his term limit and successfully won three additional elections for Mayor as a write-in candidate. At Cap-Con he gave a great talk about the shooting that happened at the at the splash pad. Would like to invite him to meet with our department heads and city employees. Requested City Manager Womack provide her a map of the city. Reviewing the new Commissioner's information packet, there is a correction needed; the organizational chart does not reflect the City Charter correctly; specifically, C-4.6 Administrative service. Loves the wonderful photo of the police department in front of the blue Lapeer letters; however, she hates the letter in front of beautiful historic building. Would recommend that they be moved to a different location. On this day in history, Lewis and Clark depart Fort Madden on their expedition. She is a descendant of Lewis.

Commissioner Swindell: Cap-Con was great, learned a lot of new information and new ideas.

Mayor Marquardt: Read a list of local events. Invited the Commissioner to the Community Heart and Soul Meeting on May 6th at 8:00 a.m. at the Doghouse. Social medial is not always the best place to get information out there. There were comments made that Mr. Womack who suggested and hired the Pivot Group to hire the previous library director. That is not true at all.

63 2025 04-07 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk