

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held March 17, 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.

41 2025 03-17 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the Agenda for March 17, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

42 2025 03-17 MINUTES

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 3, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Haggadone, Lapeer County Commissioner, provided an update to the City Commission regarding the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners' proceedings.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Lapeer gave an update on the fundraising efforts for the Inclusive Playground project.

John DeAngelis spoke about community leaders not living in this community.

Jeremy Hing spoke about streets of Andrew's River Estates.

Michael Higgins spoke about the odor from the marihuana grow facilities.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

43 2025 03-17 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the consent agenda for March 17, 2025, as presented:

1. Special Event: Run for The Troops 5K Run/Walk, Rowden Park, April 19, 2025, 8 a.m.

2. Special Event: Kiwanis Club Rubber Duck Dash, Cramton Park, September 13, 2025, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3. Special Event: Kiwanis Club Fantasy Forest, Rowden Park, October 11, 2025, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

44 2025 03-17 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for March 17, 2025, in the amount of \$1,015,083.06.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2025 MSHDA, MI NEIGHBORHOOD CDBG GRANT

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:52 p.m.

45 2025 03-17 RESOLUTION – 2025 MSHDA, MI NEIGHBORHOOD CDBG GRANT

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the resolution for the proposed 2025 Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), MI-Neighborhood CDBG Rehab Grant application.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), MI-Neighborhood Community Development Block Grant Authorizing Resolution Resolution #2025-01

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its MI-Neighborhood, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Homeowner Rehabilitation grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer desires to request \$200,000 in CDBG funds to improve five (5) or more existing homeowner-occupied homes within the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, the proposed MI-Neighborhood, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Homeowner Rehabilitation grant application is consistent with the local Master plan, Goals and Objectives, and Anti-Displacement policy as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects will focus on improving permanent residential structures, which are to be occupied by low- or moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs has been provided by the CDBG Specialist.

WHEREAS, said Lapeer City Commission authorizes City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Department to submit the application in the amount of \$200,000 for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's MI-Neighborhood CDBG Grant Program for a City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant, authorizes the Mayor to sign grant application forms, grant agreement, attachments, and grant amendments, and authorizes the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development and the Grant Administrator to sign related grant documents, financial status reports for payment, and other required reports when allowed by MSHDA as required on behalf of the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, said Lapeer City Commission held a public hearing on March 17, 2025, regarding the proposed MI-Neighborhood, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Homeowner Rehabilitation grant application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer City Commission authorizes the City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Department to submit the application in the amount of \$200,000 for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's MI-Neighborhood CDBG Grant Program for a City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant, authorizes the Mayor to sign grant application forms, grant agreement and all attachments, and grant amendments, and authorizes the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development and the Grant Administrator to sign related grant documents, financial status reports for payment, and other required reports when allowed by MSHDA as required on behalf of the City of Lapeer.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

46 2025 03-17 RESOLUTION - KIWANIS CLUB OF LAPEER DNR GRANT

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Adopt the resolution for the Kiwanis Club of Lapeer Inclusive Playground RP24-0114 DNR Grant resolution.

CITY OF LAPEER RESOLUTION #2025-02 KIWANIS CLUB OF LAPEER INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND RP24-0114 DNR GRANT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer will use the \$1,350,000 (90%) provided by the Kiwanis Club Lapeer to complete the project during the project period to match the \$150,000 grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer will maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer will construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer will regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lapeer will comply with and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lapeer, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Lapeer does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as outlined above in the resolution.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

47 2025 03-17 NEPESSING STREET – SIDEWALK AND CURB RECONSTRUCTION

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the contract with Greenleaf Masonry and Concrete, Inc. for reconstruction of the existing sidewalk and curbing along the north side of Nepessing Street from the Nepessing Street bridge over Farmers Creek eastward to the Lapeer Agency at 145 E. Nepessing Street, for an amount not to exceed \$45,172.50 and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

48 2025 03-17 REPLACE HVAC UNITS – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the contract with Warren Systems for the replacement of two rooftop HVAC units at the Public Safety Building, for an amount not to exceed \$26,356.84, and approve the corresponding budget amendment, and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented that he would like to know what topics of discussion the Commission would like to discuss at the upcoming joint meeting. Each board is being asked what concerns they have. The Planning Commission has mentioned that they have concern with the color schemes around the city.

Commissioners suggested each board becoming more familiar with the Master Plan and the details of it; having quarterly joint meetings with the other boards instead of only once a year.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

49 2025 03-17 REAPPOINTMENT – PARK BOARD

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

To confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Dianne Nordberg to the Park Board, for a term to expire April 1, 2028.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Monthly Departmental Reports were received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Petrie: Thanked the members in the audience for coming tonight. Has received complaints regarding the marihuana odor. Felt the article in the paper, regarding smells in the County minimized what the people in the neighborhoods and surrounding area are dealing with. Wants to solve the problem, not put a band aid on it. We can solve this; we are in charge.

Commissioner Glisman: Happy St. Patrick's Day; when she taught, all the kids loved this holiday, regardless of their heritage all the kids participated in this holiday. Disappointed with the Golden Arrow and the amount of loitering that takes place and its business practices. History lesson, March 17, 1776, British forces were forced to evacuate Boston.

Commissioner Swindell: Happy St. Patrick's Day. Excited to go to Cap-Con in Lansing to lobby and learn with all the other elected officials.

Commissioner Atwood: Thanked the Kiwanis for all their hard work, suggest they apply for the Community Excellence Award from the MML when the project is complete. Thanked city staff for all their hard work. Spoke about local level issues while in Washington; encouraged elected officials to look at local governments' budgets; was able to stand up and fight for Michigan.

City Manager Womack: Proposed budgets are ready and have been distributed to the Commissioners. Staff did an awesome job preparing them; parking lots, roads, and sidewalks are the major focus of this budget. Will be attending a couple classes this week. Began reading a book suggested by Commissioner Glisman. Hoping to relocate to this community in the near future.

Mayor Marquardt: Washington D.C. is a wonderful place to visit. Delivered many corn beef dinners to some needy people today who were very thankful. Golden Arrow will be holding an open house on April 25, 2025, Noon-6:00 p.m. Would like to look at joining the recycling efforts.

50 2025 03-17 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk