

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held on April 15, 2024, 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.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

86 2024 04-15 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the Agenda for April 15, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

87 2024 04-15 MINUTES

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 1, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

88 2024 04-15 MINUTES

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the minutes of the special meeting held on April 3, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Haggadone, Lapeer County Commissioner, updated the City Commission regarding the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners' proceedings.

Susan Good gave an invocation.

Anna Pierce, Hadley Township, spoke about hand-counting ballots.

Karin Lackey gave an invocation.

89 2024 04-15 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the consent agenda for April 15, 2024, as presented:

1. Special Event: Lapeer DDA – Spring Ladies Night Out – May 17, 2024.
2. Special Event: Friends of Lapeer County Animal Control - Annual Adoption Event – June 1, 2024.
3. Special Event: Lapeer DDA - Summer Concert Series – June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 2024
4. Special Event: Lapeer DDA - Porch Fest – July 20, 2024.
5. Special Event: Lapeer DDA – Lapeer Cruise on Nepessing St. 2024 - Mondays from May 6, 2024, through September 9, 2024 (excluding May 27 & September 2).

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

90 2024 04-15 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the bill listing for April 15, 2024, in the amount of \$343,866.60.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS:

91 2024 04-15 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the 2024 Arbor Day Proclamation.

**CITY OF LAPEER
ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Debbie G. Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission do hereby declare Friday, April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day in the

City of Lapeer and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 15th day of April 2024.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

92 2024 04-15 2024 WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Petrie.

Adopt the 2024 Workers Memorial Day Proclamation.

**CITY OF LAPEER
WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, every year on April 28, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, 139⁽¹⁾ workers lives were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the memory of the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's labor force who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of workplace accidents; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's workforce and call for increased workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission seeks stronger workplace safety and health protections, better standards, and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every city workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I Debbie Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission, do hereby declare April 28, 2024, as

Workers Memorial Day

Dated this 15th day of April 2024.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

93 2024 04-15 SET PUBLIC HEARING: FY2024-2025 BUDGET NOTICE

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve setting a public hearing on May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City of Lapeer Budget and the first year of the proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and Fee Schedule.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

94 2024 04-15 CONCRETE REPLACEMENT: CIP PROJECT #22856

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the proposed estimate from WJH Concrete for Capital Improvement Project #22856 for the replacement of the concrete sidewalk and linear curb not to exceed \$24,581.00.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

95 2024 04-15 ROWDEN PARK LINEAR PATHWAY PROJECT

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve awarding Diamond Excavating LLC for the Rowden Park Linear Pathway Project and allow the City Manager to sign the contract not to exceed \$250,214.80, contingent upon completing the bonding process.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack stated he has been asked to put together information regarding the City Attorney attending meetings. He asked if the attorney could attend remotely, however, we do not have the ability to do so at this time, but we do have a quote to be able to do it. It was asked if they would charge on an hourly basis. Mr. Womack asked for direction from the City Commission.

96 2024 04-15 CITY ATTORNEY MEETING ATTENDANCE

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

Retain the City Attorney on an hourly basis to attend all the City Commission meetings.

The commissioners held a discussion on the pros and cons of the additional costs to the city for having the attorney in attendance at all commission meetings.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Petrie, Atwood, Brady, Glisman.

Nays: Swindell.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

97 2024 04-15 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CITY MANAGER

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Appoint Fire Chief Mike Vogt as acting City Manager during City Manager Womack's vacation.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Womack commented that he and Lapeer County have been working on the pavilion lease, as the Farmer's Market is eager to get started. He anticipates the agreement to be on the May 6, 2024, agenda for consideration. He will be in contact with Ms. Becker regarding the Farmer's Market in the downtown.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

98 2024 04-15 APPOINTMENT TO CEMETERY BOARD

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Swindell.

Appoint Linda Glisman to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire on 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

Susan Good asked about the funding for sidewalks.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Petrie: Asked about a Memorial Day parade and would like to help the Veterans Esteem Team to make that happen. Grateful for the ladies who came to pray and grateful for those who came to the meeting tonight. Congratulations to Clerk Sanchez on her certification, appreciates all her hard work.

Commissioner Brady: Mentioned that he has been out and about in the community and has walked around town. All of the commissioners are out in the community and want the public to know that residents can reach out to any of the commissioners regarding any concerns you have, and they can get that information to the correct departments.

Commissioner Glisman: Enjoy the weather, it is gorgeous outside today.

Commissioner Swindell: Wished her grandmother a happy 93rd birthday. The weather is perfect and nice to see so many people out and about in the parks. Lots of people are out playing disc golf. Nice weather brings the kids out, please watch out for the kids.

Commissioner Atwood: Asked about the vacancies on the TIFA Board.

City Manager Womack: Our YouTube has an issue, and we missed the first few minutes of the meeting.

Mayor Marquardt: Explained the issues with the Memorial Day Parade; it is being worked on. Money is budgeted every year for sidewalk repairs; we use that funding to shave areas of concrete or raise the slabs. Looks forward to all future meetings and partnering with the County, good to have the relationship back and doing things together.

99 2024 04-15 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk