

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 18, 2022, 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, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Mike Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

90 2022 04-18 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for April 18, 2022, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

91 2022 04-18 MINUTES

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session meeting held April 4, 2022, and the minutes of the Budget Workshop held April 11, 2022, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Petrie, 728 Lincoln, gave an invocation.

Wes Smith, 1345 N. Monroe, read aloud a letter from the Lapeer Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, explaining their commitment to business and how they support businesses and enhance the quality of life in the community.

Clare Longoria, spoke against the drive-thru restriction in the Master Plan and was upset that the Planning Commission did not have an amendment to the Master Plan on the agenda for discussion at the April 14, 2022, meeting.

Brian Cloutier, resident, was at the Planning Commission meeting and suggested that a copy of the Open Meetings Act be provided to all boards and commission members so that each member can become familiar with it.

92 2022 04-18 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the consent agenda for April 18, 2022, as presented:

1. Special Event: Flint River Clean up, April 30, 2022.
2. Special Event: Farmers Market, May 7, 2022, through October 29, 2022.
3. Special Event: Downtown Development Authority, Porch Fest, July 16, 2022.
4. Special Event: Downtown Development Authority, Grilled Cheese Festival, September 24, 2022.
5. Special Event: Downtown Development Authority, Baubles & Broomsticks, October 1, 2022.
6. Special Event: Downtown Development Authority, Treat Walk, October 29, 2022.
7. Special Event: Downtown Development Authority, Ladies Night Out - Fall, November 18, 2022.
8. Special Event: Downtown Development Authority, Winterfest, December 2-3, 2022.
9. Traffic Control Order #304 – South Elm Street.

**CITY OF LAPEER
PERMANENT TRAFFIC CONTROL
ORDER NO. 304**

Location: Upon the south side of South Elm Street, east of South Court Street.

Order: To install No Parking Corner to Here/Tow Away Zone signage. Signage to be located on the south side of South Elm Street approximately 65 feet east of the intersection of South Court Street.

Reason: To create a clear vision area. To reduce the potential for injury or property damage crashes. The City of Lapeer Police Department has received several complaints reference vehicles parking along the southside of South Elm Street near the intersecting point of South Court Street. The parking of vehicles within this area is creating lane adherence and vision obstructions for motorists turning from South Court Street onto eastbound South Elm Street. Police observations of the area have confirmed the hazard.

10. Cheers Lapeer Bar – Outdoor Dining Area Right-of-Way License.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

93 2022 04-18 BILL LISTING

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for April 18, 2022, in the amount of \$328,334.83.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

94 2022 04-18 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve a 3% annual increase to the employment agreement for James Alt for the position of DDA Executive Director as approved by the City of Lapeer Downtown Development Authority Board at their March 23, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Cattane stated that he would like the Commission to find a way to provide benefits to Mr. Alt through the City of Lapeer in a future.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

95 2022 04-18 SET PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2022-2023 BUDGET NOTICE

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve setting a public hearing on May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Lapeer Budget, Fee Schedule, and the first year of the proposed 2022-2028 Capital Improvement Program.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

96 2022 04-18 SET PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Recommend setting a Public Hearing for May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Genesee Street Water Main Replacement project.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

97 2022 04-18 COLLABORATION AGREEMENT – CHOICE ONE BANK

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve Housing Improvement Department (HID) entering into a Collaboration Agreement between City of Lapeer and Choice One Bank and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

98 2022 04-18 MONROE STREET BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the agreement with the Spicer Group for design and construction engineering services for the Monroe Street Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project in the amount of \$56,100 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson stated he met with department heads to discuss the ice rink. It was the consensus of the group to take the ice rink down for now, which will happen this week, and convene a group or committee assigned by the Commission to determine the best place to locate it in the future; possibly erecting it on a piece of existing City property or acquiring a piece of property specifically for it and if it should be kept downtown or moved elsewhere.

Commissioner Cattane stated he has had discussions with members of Lapeer County and DDA members regarding the ice rink and would like to see a sub-committee formed with members from the City Commission and from the DDA. He wanted this attraction for the downtown and not just placed in a closet as this is a unique item that can be used year-round. He would like to serve on the sub-committee.

Commissioner Stroh agrees with Commissioner Cattane, however, that sub-committee needs to include members from the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the County of Lapeer, the City of Lapeer and the DDA. Additionally, this committee was attempted a few years back and failed miserably due to lack of participation by members; people were not willing to make time for the meetings. Let's not let this current site go off the record either, this location should be continually reviewed, and all parties involved need to understand that future development of this area may impact other events that have happened in our City for decades. We must work together and find a solution. He would be happy to serve on the committee as well.

Mayor Marquardt asked that Denise Becker from the Farmers Market be included in the committee and suggested two members from each group.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan commented that he has been surprised by the number of comments made about golf carts in the newspaper, and the criticism toward the Commission as a result. This ordinance only added protection to the City of Lapeer that does not exist in other communities.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Monthly Departmental Reports, the Downtown Development Authority Monthly Report were received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Cloutier, spoke again regarding the recent Planning Commission meeting.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cattane: Hopes this is the last time we see snow. He was taken aback that the drive-thru restriction was not on the Planning Commission agenda. After reading the article in Sunday's paper, it is important to remind people we need to govern in the light. The behavior at the meeting does not appear to be governing in the light. Asked to add a discussion of the Master Plan; specifically, the prohibition of fast-food on south M-24 to the next Commission agenda. DDA needs assistance for the many events they are holding and are looking for volunteers. The recession emptied out the downtown; now there is life again and in order to keep continued success they need volunteers for their events; please consider volunteering your time to help.

Commissioner Stroh: Cultural arts events are important; statistically students that participate in the cultural arts scholastically do far better than those that do not participate; so, imagine what it can do for the average person to simply participate. We have plenty to do in the downtown area with events at the Center for the Arts, Gallery 194 and Lapeer Art Association and Stones Throw Theater. Excited that the DDA has received funding for vitality, cultural arts, and murals, which means more will be happening in our community and that will increase commerce when people visit our downtown, everyone does better. Be present in your community and try something new.

Commissioner Swindell: Tomorrow is a spring public meeting for the Oakdale Trails; we have amazing trails in our community. The trail system needs volunteers as well. Thankful for the volunteers that do so much work to maintain the trail system.

Commissioner Pattison: Thank you for being here tonight; stay safe; and visit all the events in the downtown.

Mayor Marquardt: Asked if we have color schemes for our flower planters. Some businesses have asked if we do because they would like to do the same schemes. Read a list of local events coming soon.

99 2022 04-18 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk