

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 21, 2025, at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 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.

**67    2025 04-21            AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the Agenda for April 21, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays:            None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**68    2025 04-21            MINUTES**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 7, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays:            None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

**69    2025 04-21            CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

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

1.     Special Event: Hunger Awareness Week, May 9-10, 2025, 9 am – 3 p.m., Nepessing and N. Saginaw; Nepessing and Court; Nepessing and Calhoun; and Millville and Oregon.
2.     Special Event: Flint River Clean Up; May 10, 2025, 11 am – 1 p.m.; various city parks.
3.     Special Event: Teen Scavenger Hunt, May 17, 2025, 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Annrook Park and Downtown Lapeer.
4.     Special Event: Heart Warrior 5K run/walk, May 31, 2025, 8 am, at Rowden Park.
5.     Special Event: Kiwanis 5K, June 7, 2025, 7:30 am, Rowden Park.

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

Nays:            None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**70      2025   04-21              BILL LISTING**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the bill listing for April 21, 2025, in the amount of \$412,546.85.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays:              None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**71      2025   04-21              2025 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

To adopt the 2025 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 one million trees; 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 25, 2025, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.

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

Nays:              None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**72 2025 04-21 2025 MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (MSHDA), MI-NEIGHBORHOOD CDBG REHAB GRANT APPLICATION**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

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 #2025-07

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, grant environmental review, grant 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, grant environmental review, all grant 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, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Brady.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Womack stated he would like to meet with the Special Assessment District subcommittee and asked Commissioners Brady and Petrie to coordinate with him to schedule a meeting date. At the budget workshop, commissioners were not in favor the Parks Department recommendation to place a copula on the pavilion at Oakdale Trails, and recommend another subcommittee be formed to make alternative recommendations about where the extra copula should be placed to the City Commission. Commissioners Glisman and Swindell both volunteered for that subcommittee.

City Manager Womack continued stating that we have not yet taken formal action for the proposed joint meeting, there are three dates that everyone is available, which are June 9, June 11, or June 25, 2025, all at 5:30 p.m.

### **73 2025 04-21 JOINT MEETING – JUNE 11, 2025**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

To hold the joint meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Womack announced the next budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the budget in detail, with staff taking notes on items of concern that will require future discussion and a formal vote regarding inclusion. A public hearing on the budget will be held on May 19, 2025, with formal action to set the hearing to occur on May 5, 2025, in accordance with the City Charter, which requires the budget to be finalized by the end of May. If we are unable to finalize the budget review on Thursday, an additional special meeting may need to be called.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

### **74 2025 04-21 CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

To enter into a closed session at the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss a written legal opinion from the City Attorney, which is exempt from disclosure as provided under Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **75     2025   04-21             APPOINTMENT - PARK BOARD**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dedrik Krogh to the Park Board for a term to expire April 1, 2028.

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

Nays:             None.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **76     2025   04-21             APPOINTMENT – DDA CITIZENS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

To appoint Crystal High to the Downtown Development Authority Citizens District Council for a term which is the length of the plan.

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 Glisman: Today is "Happy Dyngus Day". She explained this Polish-American Holiday which is celebrated on Easter Monday. Today in 1789, John Adams elected as the first Vice President of the United States; 1865, Abraham Lincoln's funeral train left Washington D.C.

Commissioner Petrie: Asked if staff are working on the information regarding the Emergency Preparations that she asked about at the last meeting. Also, asked if the organization chart has been corrected.

Commissioner Atwood: Going to the upper peninsula with the Michigan Municipal League in May.

City Manager Womack: In regard to the emergency plans, will meet with the Chiefs to discuss what can be made public; organizational chart has been updated and will provided. On April 9, 1865, Army of Northern Virginia under Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Count House, and President Lincoln was assassinated five days later.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of local events.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Lapeer City Commission convened to a closed session for the purpose of discussing a written legal opinion for the City Attorney, which is exempt from disclosure as provided under Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act at 7:06 p.m. and returned to its regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.

**77     2025   04-21             RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

To return to the open session.

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

Nays:             None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**78     2025   04-21             ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk