

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 6, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held on May 6, 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.

City Attorney: T. Allen Francis, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**100 2024 05-06 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the Agenda for May 6, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**101 2024 05-06 MINUTES**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 15, 2024, with correction to motion 96 2024 04-15 Moved by ~~Brady~~ Glisman (corrected on 05-06-24).

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Boris and Yana Yakubchik gave a presentation on traffic calming.

Mindy Schwab, a member of the DDA, gave an update on events and happenings of the Downtown Development Authority and gave an invocation.

Michael Higgins, 334 Old Farm Lane, spoke about a marihuana odor petition that residents of Andrew's River Estates have signed.

Iselda Esquivel, Wayne State University's AmeriCorps Urban Safety Program, spoke about their water filter education project for residents of the city.

Tim Denney spoke about the marihuana businesses.

**102 2024 05-06 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the consent agenda for May 6, 2024, as presented:

1. Special Event: Lapeer Community Schools – Swing Out – June 4, 2024.

2. Downtown Development Authority Operating Budget FY2024-2025.
3. City of Lapeer component Units FY2024-25 and FY2023-24 Amendments (LDFA, TIFA, EDC).

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**103 2024 05-06 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the bill listing for May 6, 2024, in the amount of \$316,000.14.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**104 2024 05-06 PROCLAMATION – RECOGNITION OF DR. MARK BRANIECKI**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

Adopt the proclamation in recognition of Dr. Mark Braniecki for his dedication to the City of Lapeer and the Lapeer Community.

**CITY OF LAPEER  
Proclamation  
In Recognition of Dr. Mark Braniecki**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mark Braniecki, has dedicated 35 years of his life to the Lapeer Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Braniecki has been practicing medicine in the City of Lapeer since 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Braniecki has served the community as a pediatrician and that time was marked by exemplary and energetic leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Braniecki has provided conscientious, responsible, and professional service to his patients and leaves those in the Lapeer community proud to have known him and where his presence in the community will be missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Debbie Marquardt, and the Lapeer City Commission, on behalf of the people of the City of Lapeer express gratitude and deep appreciation to Dr. Braniecki for his efforts and devotion to our community and wish him continued success in his retirement.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**105 2024 05-06 FY2024-2025 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

There being no comments from the audience, the public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Adopt the Budget Resolution of the City of Lapeer for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and make appropriations therefore, and the first year of the proposed Capital Improvement Program FY 2024-2025 through FY 2029-2030.

**RESOLUTION #2024-10  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET  
OF THE CITY OF LAPEER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2025  
AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter requires: That the City Manager submit a budget proposal with his recommendation to the City Commission; that a public hearing be held on said budget proposal; that the City Commission by resolution adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year, making an appropriation of the money needed therefore, and designating the sum to be raised by taxation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has submitted said budget and recommendations along with the proposed tax millage to be levied and a public hearing has been held thereon:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as provided in the City Charter, and in conformity to Public Act 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, that the budgets attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference are hereby considered and adopted, to be administered on fund level, as the budgets of the City of Lapeer to cover the operations and expenditures thereof for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in addition to the levy of a City Income Tax in accordance with the State’s Uniform City Income Tax Act, the sum of \$3,452,000 be raised by taxation from the levy of 9.8000 mills on the ad Valorum tax roll and 4.9000 mills on the IFT tax roll for operations on the assessed value of all real and personal property in the City as follows:

General Operation.....	9.8000 mills .....	\$3,440,000
General Operation.....	4.9000 mills .....	\$ 12,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager be authorized to transfer necessary amounts between activities (departments) within a fund and up to \$5,000 between funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this budget resolution be furnished to the City Assessor, who together with the City Treasurer, shall then proceed to assess and collect the taxes in accordance with the City Charter and State Statutes.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**106 2024 05-06 CITY OF LAPEER FEE SCHEDULE**

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the City of Lapeer Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**107 2024 05-06 MT. HOPE CEMETERY ROAD REPAIR**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the proposal from T.G. Priehs for the repair and re-pavement of several roads at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for a cost not to exceed \$98,900. and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery to work on the project agreement.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**108 2024 05-06 COUNTY PAVILION LEASE AGREEMENT**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the lease agreement with the County of Lapeer for the County Pavilion for a five-year term, May 2024 through May 2029, and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign on behalf of the City of Lapeer.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**109 2024 05-06 SPECIAL EVENT: HISTORIC FARMERS MARKET**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Special Event for the Historic Farmers Market to be held on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9 am - 3 pm from May through October 2024.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Womack commented that he has been returning emails now that he has returned. Chief Vogt did an excellent job along with all City staff in his absence. He and the City Attorney work great together and have been working together on several items. Appreciates the passage of the budget tonight; it's a solid budget invested in infrastructure. Feels the City is heading in the right direction.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Francis stated that there will be items in the near future that he will be providing updates on, however, he does not have any this evening. Communication with the City Manager and Department Heads is going well. Asked if the Commission had any questions this evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report, Quarterly Financial Report, and the Quarterly Investment Reports were received into the record.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bryan Cloutier spoke about planning, zoning, and code enforcement relating to marijuana businesses.

## **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Glisman: Looking forward to working with Director R. Church and all the members of the cemetery board. She visited Mt. Hope Cemetery, and it certainly does need road improvement, thanked all those involved in increasing the budget for the repairs. After the winter it could use some sprucing up and hopes the community will get involved in helping. She takes historical preservation seriously and feels the cemetery can reflect on the heritage and families of Lapeer. Hopes to find graves of American Veterans and honor the commitment they made to the community.

Commissioner Petrie: Welcomed City Attorney Francis, glad to have him here. Welcomed the members of the audience for coming tonight. Thanked Boris Yakubchik for bringing his ideas to the Commission. Thanked Chief Vogt for all the extra he has done. Always says a prayer for everyone involved when she hears sirens. Wants to set the record straight regarding a comment made in sound off, it is not a waste of money to have the City Attorney in attendance at Commission meetings.

Commissioner Swindell: The weather is warming up and more and more people are outside; many people are downtown at the car show; be careful and watch for pedestrians all around. Loves the beautification idea that was presented this evening. May is Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome month, which both she and her son have. Recently met with a group of kids at the high school who have the same thing, they asked that people be aware of this syndrome and want to bring awareness to it.

Commissioner Atwood: Thanked Chief Vogt for stepping in while Mr. Womack was out. Thanked the staff for working so hard on the budget together. Thanked the audience for their public comments. This is the first time a resident brought a project to the commission who is willing to do the work.

City Manager Womack: Road diets are something he is interested in, not sure if the suggestion tonight will work because of the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD), however, there are certainly ways to make the city more pedestrian-friendly and slow down traffic. We love art and recommend Mr. Yakubchik introduce his wife to the DDA director. Stated that he believes Mr. Cloutier is correct that the city has some work to do on planning and zoning especially related to marijuana. Recommends Commissioner Glisman visit the City of Brighton's cemetery as they have a self-walking tour. He visited Japan on his vacation and appreciated having the time off.

Mayor Marquardt: Rowden Park will be closed until May 22, 2024. Read the list of local events taking place around the community. Congratulated Clerk Sanchez on her advancement to Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk (MiPMC) Level 3 with the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; thanked her for dedication to the City of Lapeer and appreciates all she does. Wants everyone to be aware that steps are being taken regarding the marijuana grow facilities.

Thanked Chief Vogt for all he did while serving as acting City Manager during Mr. Womack's vacation. Feels the budget and CIP were well done and happy that both were adopted.

**110 2024 05-06 ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk