

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 15, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held May 15, 2023, 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: Mike Womack, present.

City Attorney: Denis McCarthy, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**119 2023 05-15 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the Agenda for May 15, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**120 2023 05-15 MINUTES**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Kevin Ashbaker, 826 E. Mt. Morris, Mt. Morris, MI, spoke about the lack of traffic calming measures along M-24.

Ashley Fanson, 637 Rolling Hills Lane, secretary of the DDA, wanted to welcome the City Manager Womack and looks forward to the new partnership.

Brandon Edwards, 853 Dewey Street, spoke in favor of the comments made by Kevin Ashbaker.

Angela Bollman, 4327 Payne, Attica, asked that the commission approve the Charitable Gaming Resolution for the Lightning Wrestling Boosters.

**121 2023 05-15 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the consent agenda for May 15, 2023, as presented:

1. Special Event: Memorial Day Parade – May 29, 2023
2. Special Event: Great Lakes Music 2023 Spring Recital – June 4, 2023.
3. Special Event: Timberly Renshaw Lupus Walk – May 21, 2023.
4. Fixed Asset Disposal – Four (4) Challenger Truck Lifts.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**122 2023 05-15 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the bill listing for May 15, 2023, in the amount of \$604,579.35.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**123 2023 05-15 FY 2023-2024 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Kevin Ashbaker proposed increasing the budget for pedestrian infrastructure.

There being no further comments from the audience, the public hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

To adopt the budget resolution of the City of Lapeer for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and make appropriations therefore, and the first year of the proposed Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through Fiscal Year 2028-2029.

**RESOLUTION #2023-11**  
**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**  
**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET**  
**OF THE CITY OF LAPEER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**  
**JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024**  
**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 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, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

**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 \$3,030,000 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 .....	\$3,010,000
General Operation .....	4.9000 mills .....	\$ 20,000

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**124 2023 05-15 CITY OF LAPEER FEE SCHEDULE**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the City of Lapeer Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**125 2023 05-15 DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the addition of the delinquent Special Assessment installments which will be delinquent as of May 20, 2023, to the 2023 Summer Tax Roll as authorized by the City Charter.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**126 2023 05-15 DISC GOLF COURSE – CRAMPTON PARK**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the agreement with Above Par Disc Golf LLC for design and installation of an 11-Hole Disc Golf Course at Cramton Park and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery to sign all necessary documents.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**127 2023 05-15 CHARITABLE GAMING – LIGHTNING WRESTLING BOOSTER**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the Local Governing Body Resolution for the Charitable Gaming License for Lightning Wrestling Boosters.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**128 2023 05-15 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) – BYLAWS**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the amended Downtown Development Authority bylaws, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Womack commented that he has had a very busy week; talking with staff and department heads; met with Representative Green today; has met a few times with James Alt; met with several business owners here in town; eaten at many of the downtown restaurants and check out to see what Lapeer has to offer.

**129 2023 05-15 APPOINTMENT TO KAREGNONDI WATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Atwood.

Adopt the resolution for Mike Womack to fill the vacant seat on the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) board.

RESOLUTION #2023-12  
CITY OF LAPEER  
KAREGNONDI WATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2023, Mike Womack began his employment with the City of Lapeer as City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mike Womack will fill all board seats as a result of his position as City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) has a vacant board seat and accepts the appointment of Mike Womack to fill this board seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I Debbie Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission, do hereby approve Mike Womack to fill the vacant board seat.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney McCarthy has been working with the department heads on a variety of items.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **130 2023 05-15 APPOINTMENT TO EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD; LOCAL FINANCE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

To appoint Mike Womack to the EDC/TIFA/Brownfield for a term to expire June 1, 2027; Local Finance Development Authority for a term to expire August 1, 2025; and Planning Commission for a term to expire November 10, 2025.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **131 2023 05-15 APPOINTMENT TO LAPEER BUILDING AUTHORITY**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

To appoint Mike Womack to the Lapeer Building Authority for a term length of 3-years with an expiration date of June 1, 2026.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The Monthly Departmental Reports and the Marihuana License Update were received into the record.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Ashbaker asked if the disc golf course would be open to everyone.

## **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Cattane: Excited for all the new businesses that have opened and will be opening soon; visited the new Shoe Sensation; looking forward to the new restaurants that will be opening soon.

Commissioner Atwood: Asked for an update on the building department position; City Manager Womack stated we are accepting applications through Friday, May 19, 2023. Thai restaurant will be doing a pop-up type thing during Ladies Night Out.

Commissioner Stroh: Thank you for excusing him from the last meeting; currently there are 112 cars at the car cruise event tonight; many cultural arts events happening around the city.

Commissioner Swindell: End of the school year is nearing; Seniors will be done soon; weather is warm, be mindful and lookout for kids, motorcycles, and pedestrians all around. Nice to see people out in the warm weather. Has not received any application for the Youth Council.

Commissioner Pattison: If you would like to serve the community, we need volunteers for the boards and commissions.

City Manager Womack: Thanked staff for helping make his job a little easier. Thanked the two young men for speaking here tonight; pedestrian infrastructure is not easy or cheap; believes in making pedestrian access easier. Will be doing a bike trip soon with Mr. Church, to see the city from a 5-mph angle.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of local events going on around the city.

**132 2023 05-15 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk