

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP
WORKSHOP
JUNE 20, 2022**

A special workshop of the Lapeer City Commission was held June 20, 2022, at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.
Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.
Absent: None.
City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.
Directors Present: R. Church, D. Frisch, J. Graham, K. Hanna M. Vogt.
Others Present: T. Russell.

Mayor Marquardt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and turned the meeting over to City Manager Dale Kerbyson.

FUNDING WORKSHOP

Mr. Kerbyson commented that the Workshop was to discuss ARPA Funds in the amount of \$896,942 and the Marihuana Funds in the amount of \$338,00 that the City has received.

Mr. Kerbyson stated all the ARPA funds have been accounted for in the General Fund per the recently adopted FY2022-2023 Budget. The ARPA funds helped to off-set the General Fund transfers to the Park Fund. Mr. Kerbyson recommended that \$156,000 of the ARPA funds be allocated to the current employees for a COVID-19 Appreciation Bonus. The staff remained at full capacity during the entire Pandemic and although the City was closed to the public, all employees continued to work and service the residents.

Mr. Kerbyson opened the topic of the Marihuana Funds to the Commission to discuss what they would like to see happen with these funds and suggested several road-type projects. The Commission discussed several ideas which included but were not limited to the following:

- Something that can be touched, felt, seen, not spent on roads, as it only effects those living on the roads that receive the repairs.
- Do not want funds to exclude anyone, should benefit the whole community.
- Maybe have disc golf.
- Put together an informational packet to help expunge conviction records of marijuana related possession offenses.
- Add to the ice rink, maybe a warming tent.
- Help the Optimist put in a trail.
- Help the Kawanis with a new park.

- Give a little to the Fireworks.
- Include Park Board on decision spending.
- Research other communities to see what kind of projects they have that we could duplicate.
- Small amount to go toward sponsorship of Lapeer Days.
- Eco-tourism, divide the money into a pie chart, do not put it all in one project.
- Kayak and/or bike rentals.
- Dedicate one location for the ice rink, enhance it, include lighting, skate rentals/sharpening (put ads on skate rink walls for maintenance dollars of the rink), then in the summer remove it and underneath have pickle ball courts.
- Additional lighting to the parks and tennis courts.
- Ask Public Information Coordinator to help get the word out with a survey.
- Ask LEADER Fund to help with a grants or donations to expand the dollars.
- Request other sponsorship via Jimmy Johns, DTE, Illitch family for additional funding.
- Help expand the DDA.
- Suggested having a Town Hall meeting, not only social media survey for ideas.
- Respect all ideas whether a city resident or outside the city as a lot of spending in the city comes from people visiting our city.
- Get in touch with the MML, they may have some ideas as well.
- Whatever is selected, needs to be done right, let's do our research before anything is selected.

It was the consensus of the Commission to work with the Public Information Coordinator to coordinate an online survey of both citizens and non-citizens to determine the best ideas to put the funds towards, keeping in mind the maintenance/upkeep cost of any and all projects. Upon receipt of all survey information, a Workshop will be scheduled for further discussions on how to allocate the Marijuana funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

It was the consensus of the Commission to close the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The special meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk