

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 16, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held July 16, 2019 at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Alverson

Commissioners Atwood, Bennett, Bostick-Tullius, Marquardt, Osentoski.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

Mayor Alverson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Standby Generator for Public Safety Building

**165 2019 07-16**

Moved by Bennett. Seconded by Osentoski.

To open for discussion the purchase of the Standby Generator for Public Safety Building.

Ayes: Atwood, Bennett, Bostick-Tullius, Marquardt, Osentoski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Dale Kerbyson indicated the Public Safety Building generator needs replacement, current use of Public Works mobile generator, bid process. Fire Chief Terry Kluge commented on Kohler input and issues with current generator, obtained list of dealers in Michigan, specifications sent out to 11 companies and received only two bids were received, Goyette as low bid however did not have all the detailed work included, met with Goyette, also requesting authorization for up to \$20,000 from the City's Contingency Fund to cover anticipated associated costs with project. Discussion followed.

**166 2019 07-16**

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Bennett.

Approve the purchase of a Standby Generator for the Public Safety Building from Goyette Mechanical in the total amount of \$54,637.00 and authorize up to \$20,000 from the Contingency Fund to cover additional costs that may be incurred.

Ayes: Atwood, Bennett, Bostick-Tullius, Marquardt, Osentoski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Building Department Update

**167 2019 07-16**

Moved by Bennett. Seconded by Atwood.

To open discussion for an update on the Building Department.

Ayes: Atwood, Bennett, Bostick-Tullius, Marquardt, Osentoski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Dale Kerbyson indicated the Commission requested to have a presentation on August 6, 2019 for different options to operate the Building Department, placement and meeting of advisory committee to review and be a liaison/buffer between Building Department and those that have issues, member responses received and presented, does Commission still feel need to bring in other groups and have meeting. Discussion held on gathering of information, having a different company do rentals, wanting of information for various reasons, set meeting far in advance to have information gathered for presentation to Commission, have presentation from State, CCA, WadeTrim, Safebuilt, etc. so that each may prepare their own proposal as to what

they would do, having committee is good, in the past have heard good/bad comments and at least Commission can say they reviewed all the information and did what was best for the community, other companies would be more than happy to give a proposal and costs, not have same service as currently provide, not give opportunity to slam department, meeting would be detrimental to department and perception to public that Commission wants to defund department, advisory members credentials and opinion that department is running well. Commission does not intend to look at changes to State codes, continue to allow committee to review conflicts in an advisory capacity to department. Chief Kluge commented on fire service, inspections and investigation, issues with CCA and why City left, current issues and where lack of inspection in past is coming into play, Vinyl example and meeting with owner and advised what was needed and still attempted to go around the rules. Discussion continued on people not understanding what to do, rentals and lack of previous inspection issues, to continue with department as is and use of advisory committee, no need to review other options, Commission due diligence to review all information and give credibility to decision made in reviewing all information towards Building Department, have committee members at August meeting to give ways on fixing department, take all information and recommendations to review and make decision at August meeting, ability for public to come and express their opinion. Mayor Alverson indicated he met with Building Official at department building, now understands ramification of codes and constant changes to code, transparency within department, feels advisory committee is working. Continued discussion on having Building Official at Commission meetings, to have Building Official share his plan of action and ways of improving department, inability to review information prior to meeting, have not seen any information on other options to run Building Department and would like to see any contracts and costs received by the City Manager, complaints received by builders and people regarding the department, original motion was to defund Building Department, Mr. Boudell with Wade Trim provided a review of the department and his recommendation to maintain department and completion of guides for various regular maintenance on items, rack in department for guides, current projects within department, what are the specific issues with the Building Department, review of fees and implementing same fees as charged by CCA and now have complaints that fees are too high, circulation of rumors that does not pinpoint any particular issue, businesses and persons submitting plans and then change things that were not submitted, to continue with August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and have companies give proposals, provide information ahead of time for review, Building Official to have ways to improve processes, receiving too many complaints, previous Mayor saying department to be cheaper and be more efficient than CCA, review all options to make an informed decision, have committee members at meeting, ability to review issues in department and ways to fix, want to review State fees.

Commissioner Bostick-Tullius commented on previously requesting a workshop to review the Goals and Objectives, no meeting has been scheduled and now it is July, will bring back up again in August if no meeting has been set.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**168 2019 07-16**

Moved by Bennett.

Adjourn the special meeting.

Ayes: Atwood, Bennett, Bostick-Tullius, Marquardt, Osentoski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Mayor Glenn Alverson

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Donna L. Cronce, City Clerk