

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held August 2, 2021, at 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, Osentoski, Pattison, Stroh.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

171 2021 08-02 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Osentoski. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the Agenda for August 2, 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

172 2021 08-02 MINUTES

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 2021, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gabe Parton Lee, general counsel for Northwest Confections Michigan, a cannabis infused edible product processor here in Lapeer, stated the business is about six weeks away from completing the build out. He will be in town for a week or so and would be happy to meet with any one from the commission or community that would like more information about the company and what they are going to be doing here in the City of Lapeer.

173 2021 08-02 BILL LISTING

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Bill Listing for August 2, 2021, in the amount of \$1,177,029.16.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

174 2021 08-02 MERS 2021 OFFICER & EMPLOYEE DELEGATE

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Michigan attendees Dale Kerbyson, Official Representative and Tracey Russell, Employee Delegate and allow the Mayor to sign the 2021 Officers & Employees Delegate Certificate form.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson commented that he has spent an enormous amount of time this week working to get Consumers Energy into the downtown to remove the remaining gas line to the buildings that were damaged during the fire. The City dug the hole for Consumers Energy to disconnect the gas line from the main. The demolition has not begun on the buildings yet. The Dog Park is in progress, Diamond Excavating has been doing a great job. The City has received back the ISO rating for the community. Ultimately ISO is the number that is used to base the cost of fire insurance on buildings. The City went from a 4 to a 3, which will translate into savings for both commercial and residential properties. Police Chief Frisch received a letter from the Department of State Police in Lansing, congratulating him on the LEIN Audit, we received a perfect audit, which is very rare. Chief Frisch and his staff have made great strides in achieving this accomplishment. We sent Melissa Petrie a detailed letter regarding her questions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan comment on the accomplishment of Chief Frisch's LEIN Audit; well done as that is unheard of; many local departments will not receive the same letter; this shows the professional staff you have. People often wonder what the City Attorney does, well he works with the Police Chief to work out what the signs will say for the dog park; we now have the final wording for the dog park signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Mayor and Commission discussed the vacancies on the various boards and commissions and how to reach out to resident to get more applicants to fill the vacancies.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cattane: First vacation in a year and a half with his kids. Lapeer County's numbers on COVID are holding; others neighboring counties are spiking. Speak to your doctor and get vaccinated. August 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. he will be in the dunk tank to raise money for the Family Literacy Program at Lapeer Days on Court Street.

Commissioner Atwood: Asked if there will be dedicated parking spaces available for residents and business owners during Lapeer Days. Police Chief Frisch indicated there will be no additional parking available. Progress is being made on the kayak launch just outside of town. Just wrapped up polishing the ladder truck for the Fire Department from the damage it sustained during the fire in the downtown.

Commissioner Stroh: Cultural Arts has many shows happening in the City of Lapeer; he will be judging the Ms. Lapeer Days pageant and the beautiful baby pageant at Lapeer Days. Point of interest, the Mayor, himself, James Alt and Neda Payne met last week to start formulating a discussion which is looking at the employment situation in the City of Lapeer relating to businesses that will be needing employees and how can we help facilitate that process.

Commissioner Osentoski: Attended Bike Night on Friday; it continues to be a good event for the downtown; assumes the bars and restaurants are doing very well. He has concerns about large tracks of land that are being easily convert from commercial to industrial; doesn't like the idea of a grow operation being located between a restaurant and residential area. We should do a better job on where we allow grow facility businesses to be located; maybe we can change where they can be located. Initially he thought industrial, meant they would be located out on John Connelly and McCormick, but they are popping up right next to restaurants, and it doesn't sit well with him.

Commissioner Pattison: Good news about the dog park; asked for an update on the ice rink.

City Manager Kerbyson: City Manager Kerbyson stated the ice rink has been ordered; should have it by end of August, unless that has been adjusted. Hoping to have it installed by fall.

Mayor Marquardt: Has the honor of judging on Saturday as well at the Ms. Lapeer pageant; her husband will be the emcee. Will have a table for the tea party as well.

175 2021 08-02 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk