

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held on August 5, 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.

Police Chief Howe held a Pinning Ceremony for Sergeant Brian Wenzel.

171 2024 08-05 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the Agenda for August 5, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

172 2024 08-05 MINUTES

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Russ Adams, Executive Director of Lapeer County EMS gave a presentation on the 2023 Lapeer County EMS Response Report.

John DeAngelis spoke about Lapeer County EMS.

Karen Braschayko spoke about the cleanup after the 4th of July Fireworks.

Ashley Fanson, representative of the Downtown Development Authority, provided an update to the City Commission.

173 2024 08-05 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the consent agenda for August 5, 2024, as presented:

1. Special Event: Friends of the Lapeer County Animal Control, Fall Walk: Adoption Event, September 29, 2024, 10 am – 4 pm.
2. Budget Amendments – FY2024-25.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

174 2024 08-05 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for August 5, 2024, in the amount of \$1,870,221.18.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

175 2024 08-05 RESOLUTION – USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HPG GRANT

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Adopt the resolution for a USDA Rural Development HPG Grant for homeowner rehabilitation funding.

RESOLUTION #2024-18
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA RD)
HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT
CITY OF LAPEER
DEPARTMENT HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer is interested in the continuing effort to improve the housing stock and provide affordable housing opportunities for its moderate, low and very low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission supports the recommendation of the City of Lapeer Housing and Improvement Department to apply for \$80,500 through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) Housing Preservation Grant for the City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, said City Commission authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant application, grant agreement, Environmental Review, and Collaboration/Leverage Agreements as required by USDA RD and allow the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development to sign related grant documents when allowed by USDA RD as required; and

WHEREAS, said City Commission held a public comment period regarding the proposed City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lapeer City Commission supports the City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Department to submit the application for funding through the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant for a City of Lapeer Housing Improvement Grant, authorizes the Mayor and Director of Housing and

Neighborhood Development to sign grant-related documents on behalf of the City of Lapeer, and held a public comment period regarding this housing grant on July 14, 2024.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

176 2024 08-05 REZONING B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved by Brady.

Introduce an ordinance amendment to Chapter 7 (Zoning Ordinance), Article 7.02.02(a)(37) of the General Ordinances of the City of Lapeer.

Ordinance No. 2024-06

THE CITY OF LAPEER ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 7.02 MAPPED DISTRICTS 7.02.02 District Boundaries

(a) Zoning District Amendments

(37) The following described properties formerly zoned B-1 Neighborhood Business are hereby rezoned to B-2 General Business:

- 2938 W. Genesee Street (Parcel #L21-20-900-040-00)
- 2946 W. Genesee Street (Parcel #L21-20-800-040-00)
- 2960 W. Genesee Street (Parcel #L21-20-701-040-00)
- 2990 W. Genesee Street (Parcel #L21-20-700-040-00)

177 2024 08-05 PINE, PARK AND PARKING LOT #9 PROJECT

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the engineering proposal from ROWE, minus North Street, for a cost not to exceed \$220,600, and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Brady, Glisman, Swindell, Atwood.

Nays: Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

178 2024 08-05 SALES AGREEMENT – MICHIGAN CAT DEALER (CONSIGNMENT)

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the sale of the Case Backhoe on consignment with Michigan Cat Dealer and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

179 2024 08-05 DPW – LEAN-TO STRUCTURE (CIP #22901)

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the contract with Ross and Barr, Inc. Classic Carports and Canopies for a lean-to structure at the DPW, not to exceed \$154,400.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Swindell, Atwood, Brady, Glisman.

Nays: Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

180 2024 08-05 ITC PERMANENT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT AGREEMENTS

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the permanent electric transmission line easement agreements with International Transmission Company (ITC) in the amount of \$597,163.63 and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented on the possibility of alternative work hours for the employees which could be of benefit to the public and asked for policy direction from the Commission to move forward. Commissioner Brady is in favor of the idea; Commissioner Glisman is in favor, and likes the 7:30 am - 5:30 pm; Commissioner Petrie agrees if all services are available, and agrees that flex time is good. Mayor Marquardt agrees it would be nice to have earlier hours for the building department; Commissioner Swindell likes the idea and is in favor the idea. Commissioner Atwood is in favor and is agreeable as long as the residents' needs are not slipping through the cracks.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

181 2024 08-05 APPOINTMENT TO CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF REVIEW

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

To appoint Greg Snoblin to the Construction Board of Review for a term to expire July 1, 2026.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

182 2024 08-05 APPOINTMENT TO EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Swindell.

To appoint Gerald Gaecke to the EDC/TIFA/ Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire on March 1, 2030.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

183 2024 08-05 APPOINTMENT TO EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Swindell.

To appoint Erica Ingles to the EDC/TIFA/ Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire on March 1, 2030.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

184 2024 08-05 APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

To appoint Eric Cattane to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2027.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

185 2024 08-05 APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Swindell.

To appoint Ashley Fanson to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on August 1, 2027.

MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

186 2024 08-05 APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Moved by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Swindell.

To appoint Dwayne Burda to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on August 1, 2027.

MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report, Quarterly Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Reports, and Rowden Park Spark Grant Update were received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glisman: Vote tomorrow, it is an important election. Visited Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands, South Dakota. August is Women's Suffrage Month; August 18, 1920, Congressional ratification, Harry Burn a young congressman from Tennessee, who was the deciding vote to pass the amendment, because of a note from his mother, which read "Be a good boy and help."

Commissioner Brady: Kudos to City Manager Womack for the ITC Agreement.

Commissioner Petrie: She votes no on certain things because she is trying to follow policy. She takes this very seriously, and it is nothing personal. Thanked Ashley Fanson and Dwayne Burda for wanting to be on the Planning Commission. Embarrassed by what has happened; we have two vacancies on the Planning Commission and a meeting coming up soon; asked what if we do not have enough people to have a quorum. Two people have devoted their time, and it is embarrassing and so unfortunate to not reappoint them, it is sending a message that we don't value their volunteerism; apologized to both, and feels it makes us look irresponsible.

It looks very personal; people are allowed to come and speak their thoughts and concerns at public meetings. This is a stain on this Commission. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Thanked all the employees for their hard work.

Commissioner Swindell: Likes seeing the police officers on bike patrol around the area. We do have a policy for bids; staff cannot chase down bidders. Agrees that it was embarrassing that Commissioners did not support the mayoral appointments. Has heard through the fellow Commissioners that the community wanted change; when the Planning Commission is making decisions that are causing the City to be sued, yes, it is time for change. There is a lawsuit that is directly related to a decision made by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Atwood: Asked for clarification on the terms of the Planning Commission members. Appreciates all that applied for the positions; has concerns that the actions tonight will have a negative effect on other Planning Commission members.

City Manager Womack: Introduced Matt Hart, Building Official. Lapeer Days is coming up soon; the joint meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024. We did not budget the ITC funds. Today is the birthday of Neil Armstrong.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of events.

187 2024 08-05 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Marquard adjourned the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk