

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held September 18, 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.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**215 2023 09-18 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the agenda for September 18, 2023, with the addition of J-2 Resignation of Bailey RaCosta from the Downtown Development Authority and remove C-2 Stone Soup Food Bank from the Consent Agenda to allow for discussion.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**216 2023 09-18 MINUTES**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the minutes of the Joint meeting held August 14, 2023, and the minutes of the Regular meeting held September 5, 2023.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

**217 2023 09-18 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the consent agenda for September 18, 2023:

1. Special Event: Lapeer High School – Homecoming Parade – Oct. 6, 2023.
3. Special Event: VFW Post 4139 – Oktoberfest – Sept. 23, 2023.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**218 2023 09-18 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the bill listing for September 18, 2023, in the amount of \$1,112,480.31.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**219 2023 09-18 ZONING ORDINANCE – TEXT AMENDMENT**

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the ordinance amendment to Chapter 7 (Zoning Ordinance), Section 7-24.03 Definitions, Essential Services, of the General Ordinance of the City of Lapeer.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03**

THE CITY OF LAPEER ORDAINS:

*Changes to Chapter 7 (Zoning):*

*Section 7-24.03 Definitions.*

**Essential Services.**

The erection, construction, alteration, or maintenance by public or quasi-public utilities or municipal departments or commissions of underground, surface, or overhead gas, electrical, steam, or water transmission or distribution systems, collection, communication, supply or disposal systems. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to: mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, wires, cables, fire alarm boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, towers, poles, and other similar equipment, and accessories in connection therewith reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate service by such public utilities or quasi-public utilities or municipal departments or commissions or for the public health or general welfare. Essential services shall not include buildings other than control buildings or such buildings that are primarily enclosures or shelters of the above essential service equipment. Cellular telephone or communications towers as defined by this article shall not be considered essential services.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**220 2023 09-18 SPECIAL EVENT – STONE SOUP FOOD BANK**

City Manager Womack commented that he has some concerns about two of the intersections chosen to be used during this event, DeMille and Genesee and DeMille and Harrison, as one intersection is in the construction zone and the other is the detour route for the construction. He further suggested that the organization may seek two different intersections if they should wish to do so.

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Special Event Application for Stone Soup Food Bank, Hunger Awareness Week, October 13 -14, 2023; without the use of the intersections located at DeMille and Harrison and Genesee and DeMille.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **221 2023 09-18 ANDREW'S RIVER ESTATES NO. 2 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Adopt Resolution #1 preparing reports regarding the Andrew's River Estates No. 2 Street Improvements, Special Assessment District #2024-01.

Resolution #1

**CITY OF LAPEER  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
RESOLUTION 2023-29  
Andrew's River Estates No. 2  
Street Improvement  
Special Assessment District #2024-01**

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 11 of the City Charter and Chapter 64 (Special Assessment Ordinance) of the General Ordinances of the City of Lapeer, the Lapeer City Commission may commence proceedings for the making of local public improvements within the City and determine the tentative necessity thereof without a petition; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission deems it in the public interest, health and welfare to make certain public improvements in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Manager is directed to investigate and prepare a report in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 (Special Assessment Ordinance), Section 64.03 of the General Ordinances of the City of Lapeer for the Calhoun Street Improvements.
2. When the aforesaid report is completed, the City Manager shall file the same with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Commission.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**222 2023 09-18 RESIGNATION FROM LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

To accept the resignation of Ed Jamison from the Local Officers Compensation Commission and declare the seat vacant.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**223 2023 09-18 RESIGNATION FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

To accept the resignation of Bailey RaCosta from the Downtown Development Authority and declare the seat vacant.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Cattane: Rubber Duck Dash at Cramton Park last weekend was a huge success; thanked the community for their support; enjoys this event. Michigan State University will be sharing the results of the First Impressions Tourism Assessment of Lapeer tomorrow at 6 p.m. at The Pix. Applauds Stones Throw Theater for a great show.

Commissioner Atwood: Believes that people can register at the door for the First Impressions Tourism Assessment. Lots of things happening this weekend including the Beaver Dash Bash. Asked why the number of misdemeanors has increased. Thanked all the officers for all the hard work they do.

Commissioner Stroh: Wonderful weekend at Stones Throw Theater; will be having a retrospective art show featuring the late Ruth Lyons; Center for the Arts will be announcing their upcoming 2024 concerts. Michigan State University First Impression Tourism Assessment is like having a secret shopper come through our community.

Commissioner Swindell: Will be a busy weekend here in Lapeer; the disc golf course open house is taking place this Sunday; ribbon cutting ceremony is at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Pattison: Happy that fall begins this weekend.

City Manager Womack: Monroe Street bridge work beginning this week; Genesee Street is moving along. Spent time working on 18 Nepessing today; White Junior High Property has

been getting a lot of interest; a lot of interest in the I-69 property again as well. Working on a parking lot at the fire station. Six-month review will be taking place sometime in October.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of events. Attended the show at Stones Throw Theater which was fabulous. Looking forward to the unveiling of the First Impressions Tourism Assessment. Thankful that our firefighters are dedicated to our community.

**224 2023 09-18 ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk