

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held September 19, 2022, 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: Dale Kerbyson, Absent.

City Attorney: Mike Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

201 2022 09-19 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the Agenda for September 19, 2022, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

202 2022 09-19 MINUTES

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the minutes of the Workshop held August 30, 2022, and the regular meeting held September 6, 2022, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Roodvoets, Chairman, Lapeer DDA, spoke to the City Commission regarding health care benefits for the Executive Director of the Lapeer Main Street DDA. The DDA had requested that the Executive Director be added to the City of Lapeer's health care policy at a previous commission meeting. Currently, the DDA is providing a \$200 monthly stipend, for Mr. Alt to purchase health insurance; and they would continue to provide this if the city added him to their policy. Public Act 57, states that employees of DDA's are eligible to receive benefits by law. He continued stating that the DDA has combed through their budget looking for items to cut so that they could cover the cost of health care, however, there is nowhere the budget can be cut to provide more funds to pay for health care. Also, the DDA Director is a contract employee and is currently working without a contract.

Mr. Roodvoets commented that the DDA has been valuable to the city over the last several years, as they have secured numerous grants for the city in the downtown area. He stated this is a top level DDA and it is in the Main Street Program, as well as being a well thought of DDA statewide, which reflects favorably on the city as well. In the information provided to the Commission, the DDA gathered information from other DDA's around the state, in which 19 others do pay for benefits for the Executive Director. Also, he stated the DDA did a lighting

project downtown, which now saves the city \$27,000 per year. The DDA has both, brought in money and saved the city money. For the DDA to remain at a top-level and to have a top-level director, we need to pay for benefits. If the DDA were to look for a new director, we would not be able to find a top-level person without providing them benefits.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

Kim Hodge, Steward of the Teamsters Union, spoke against the City of Lapeer paying for the benefits of the DDA Executive Director.

203 2022 09-19 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the consent agenda for September 19, 2022, as presented:

1. Special Event: Lapeer Community Schools, Homecoming Parade, October 14, 2022.
2. Special Event: Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Parade, December 2, 2022.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

204 2022 09-19 BILL LISTING

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the bill listing for September 19, 2022, in the amount of \$758,733.37.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

205 2022 09-19 PROCLAMATION – DAVID W. FRISCH, POLICE CHIEF

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Stroh.

Adopt the proclamation for David W. Frisch, Chief of Police.

***CITY OF LAPEER
Proclamation
In Recognition of David W. Frisch***

WHEREAS, David W. Frisch, officially began his career with the City of Lapeer Police Department on July 1, 1990, as a Patrolman; he rose through the ranks to be promoted to Patrolman I in 1995; and Patrolman II in 2000; and, then promoted to Sergeant I in 2001; promoted to Administrative Sergeant in 2002; and was again promoted to Sergeant II in 2005; then promoted to Lieutenant I in 2007; promoted to Lieutenant II in 2015; and was promoted to Chief of Police on July 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Frisch, in performance of his duties serving the citizens of the City of Lapeer, has received two Life Saving Awards; two Meritorious Service Awards, is a two-time recipient of the MADD Life Savor Award; a Departmental Commendation; all while safeguarding life and the innocent in the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Frisch, has devoted his time and effort being involved in the Prison Liaison Committee, Civil Defense Coordinator, Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault,

Lapeer Education & Athletic Development Expenses Resource Fund, Police Training Academy, Emergency Management Training Council, Lapeer County Chiefs of Police Association, and created the Lapeer City Police Officers Charitable Fund; and

WHEREAS, *Police Chief Frisch, has brought a vast range of skills and expertise in the aspects of police administration and a wealth of experience from proudly serving this community for over 32 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Police Chief Frisch, will retire on September 23, 2022, after having given conscientious, responsible, and professional service to the citizens of the City of Lapeer and leaves those in the City of Lapeer proud to have known him and to have served with him.*

THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, *that I, Mayor Debbie Marquardt, and the Lapeer City Commission wish to honor and express deep appreciation to **David W. Frisch** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish him continued success in his retirement.*

Dated this 19th day of September 2022.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Marquardt stated if the Commissioners had any questions relating to water that have not been answered by City Manager Kerbyson, our DPW Director Graham is here and could answer them.

Commissioner Cattane stated he has relatives that live at the north end of town who received the letter dated September 2, 2022, on September 12, 2022, along with a filter. He has concerns that the original number of 500 is growing; or were some of the 500 homes missed and we are playing catch up. DPW Director Graham indicated that it was discovered there was a small area that was not addressed in the initial round; once discovered it was immediately addressed. He also stated the number of homes possibly effected was lower than the 500 initially listed.

Mayor Marquardt asked about the homes that were checked a few years ago, do they need to be rechecked. DPW Director Graham indicated that there are 408 services that are unknown, and they are excavating between 15-20 per day to find what their service is.

Commissioner Pattison stated that Great Lakes Water Authority has pushed back the date to complete the repair to the water main to October 5, 2022. DPW Director Graham stated the City of Lapeer is still under restrictions and we are watching the water pressure regularly.

Commissioner Cattane stated that he and the public do see that the DPW employees are working hard every day, thank you. Yet, because of what happened in Flint, our best course of action is transparency, transparency, transparency. He would like the city to notify the public immediately, via our website, Facebook, etc., this way the public always has access to the information.

Mayor Marquardt asked about the businesses, schools, and churches and how they enter into this issue. DPW Director Graham stated the services have been confirmed at all the schools. Additionally, as soon as the service type has been determined at each location, regardless of what type of service is identified; the resident of the property is issued a letter immediately indicating what type of service was found. If the service was identified to be a lead or galvanized line, a filter is given along with the letter. Bottled water is available from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm at the DPW building, 217 Bentley Street and at the Lapeer County Health Department, as well.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan stated it has been his great pleasure to have worked with Police Chief Frisch over the years. The input that he has given on thousands of cases that have passed through his law office has been invaluable. The Chief is the Rock of Gibraltar, the definition of steady, but still has a compassionate heart. The opportunity to collaborate with him, to put people into programs, instead of a throwing the book at them, redefines how things should look. Chief Frisch has put this community in a much better place as he is a pro-active part of the community and does not hesitate and acts appropriately. It has been such a pleasure to work with Chief Frisch and he hopes to be able to call on him in the future for his counsel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Hodge, spoke against some of the bullet points made in the document provided to the Commission regarding the accomplishments of the DDA Director.

Melissa Petrie, read a quote. Watched the commission remove Commissioner Atwood from the Youth Council. Asked what the Commission's goal of the Youth Council is.

Denis McCarthy, Kohl, Harris, Nolan, McCarthy, commented that Police Chief Frisch is top notch and said at the beginning of his tenure that he would be the best Chief ever.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Atwood: Mentioned the Beaver Dash and the Grilled Cheese Festivals are both taking place this weekend. It has been an honor to serve with Chief Frisch, and you will be missed.

Commissioner Stroh: Sad, because Chief Frisch was one of the first people to welcome him when he came back to Michigan; he has opened his office, opened his phone line, opened his line of communication to offer assistance when needed. He has always been willing to lend support, provide tools to assist all of us; he is reassured with the new leadership. Stunned that they are both the same age, and he is retiring. The cultural are alive and well, it's a remarkable time in our city.

Commissioner Swindell: Will always take your words to heart, that no matter what we are doing, we all have something in common; we all have some common ground. Chief Frisch has been wonderful for our community; we really appreciate you. Thank you, Mrs. Frisch for letting us have him; that must not have been easy. Ms. Petrie, the Youth Council ordinance spells out exactly what the duties are; that is the guide.

Commissioner Cattane: Requested that the cameras be turned on for all board meetings. If there is a meeting happening in this room, it should be recorded. Also, he would like to make a request of decorum for interactions between board members and employees during meetings, when public comment is being made. We should be treating one another the same, there was a lack of decorum last week at a meeting. The Duck Dash was this past weekend, great turn out. Chief Howe, everyone says we are very lucky to have you here. Like Commissioner Stroh, he was very sad when we got the word about Chief Frisch's retirement, and happy for your motivation, and wishes you a very happy retirement.

Commissioner Pattison: Chief Frisch, it has been an honor to call you Chief, and will be a pleasure to call you Dave; thank you for leaving us in good hands. Tomorrow is National Voter Registration Day, good day to get registered. Lapeer County Health Department is supposed to be getting the new COVID vaccine soon.

Chief Frisch: Presented each Commissioner with the Department Challenge Coin, which are given out to individuals who render service above and beyond what is expected. That is what each of you do at these meetings; when you volunteer time; very proud to know all of you. This is a sign of respect and how much we appreciate you. He also presented one to a person who goes above and beyond for this community and gets very little recognition, Mr. Jeff Hogan.

Mayor Marquardt: Duck Dash was great and well attended; read the list of local events; Commissioners look at the City Manager evaluation and have it submitted by Friday, September 23, 2022. Thanked Chief Frisch for all he and his team has done for us. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with him.

206 2022 09-19 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk