

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held October 6, 2025, at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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.

229 2025 10-06 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the Agenda for October 6, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

230 2025 10-06 MINUTES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Lederle, President of the Lapeer County Drop Off Recycling spoke about looking for a new location to operate in the community.

Ann LeClaire, Secretary of the Lapeer County Drop Off Recycling spoke about their services.

John DeAngelis commented there are no Bills that would remove local control.

Rick Schwab, pastor, spoke about the Golden Arrow.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

231 2025 10-06 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the consent agenda for October 6, 2025, as presented:

1. Traffic Control Order 314 – Two Stop Signs – Court St. and Clay St. Intersection.
2. Traffic Control Order 315 – One Stop Sign – Clay St. and Cedar St. Intersection.
3. Special Event: DDA Treat Walk, October 25, 2025, Noon – 2:00 p.m., Downtown Lapeer.

4. Special Event: Veteran's Day Ceremony, November 11, 2025, 9:30a.m.– 12:30 p.m., Veteran's Park.
5. Special Event: DDA Ladies Night Out, November 14, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Downtown Lapeer.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

232 2025 10-06 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for October 6, 2025, in the amount of \$434, 064.89.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

233 2025 10-06 PROCLAMATION – TOM WITTKKE

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Adopt the proclamation in recognition of Tom Wittke, as presented.

CITY OF LAPEER

Proclamation

In Recognition of Thomas Wittke

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tom" Wittke officially began his employment with the City of Lapeer on October 1, 1985, as a paid on-call firefighter; and

WHEREAS, through dedication and leadership, Tom was promoted to Lieutenant on June 1, 1995, then to Captain on July 1, 2001, and ultimately to Division Chief on October 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, his four decades of service have left a lasting legacy within the Lapeer Fire & Rescue Department, where his leadership, mentorship, and expertise have strengthened the department and inspired countless colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Tom's contributions have extended beyond the firehouse, reflecting a spirit of selflessness and devotion to the safety and well-being of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Tom has been an invaluable asset to the City throughout his career, serving with dedication, integrity, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Tom will retire on October 10, 2025, after more than 40 years of service to the City of Lapeer, leaving behind colleagues and a community proud to have known and served with him.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that I, Mayor Debbie Marquardt, along with the Lapeer City Commission, do hereby honor and express our deepest appreciation to Division Chief **Thomas Wittke** for his dedicated public service, and wish him continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in his retirement.

Dated this 6th day of October 2025.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

234 2025 10-06 COOPERATIVE MUTUAL AID FIRE CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH DNR

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the execution of the Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement (PR4274) with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Forest Resources Division and authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to sign on behalf of the City of Lapeer.

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

235 2025 10-06 FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEM – PROJECT #23030

Moved by Petrie. Seconded by Glisman.

To postpone the Flock Camera System (CIP #23030) to the regular meeting of November 17, 2025.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie.
Nays: Swindell.
MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

236 2025 10-06 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - RECIRCULATING PUMP AND AIR SEPARATOR

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

To approve the purchase and installation of one (1) TACO base-mounted recirculating pump and one (1) 4" TACO air separator from Johnson & Wood Mechanical Contractors at a total cost of \$30,372.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

237 2025 10-06 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – OXIDATION DITCH CLEANOUT – PROJECT #22964

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

To approve the proposal with Taplin Enterprises for Oxidation Ditch Sludge Removal and clean out of one (1) oxidation tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$162,770.59. and authorize the Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to sign all necessary documents.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

238 2025 10-06 MLCC SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMIT – 303 W. NEPESSING

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Adopt the resolution recommending Liquid Craft, LLC be considered for approval of a Social District Permit, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

239 2025 10-06 PARKING LOT #9 - REPAIR SANITARY SEWER MAIN

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Authorize the award of contract to Great Lakes Directional Boring for the repair of a collapsing 130-foot section of 12-inch sanitary sewer main, in an amount not to exceed \$19,225.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

240 2025 10-06 WATER TOWER - DEMOLITION

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the contract with H2O Towers, LLC. to provide services for the demolition of the 125 foot 750,000-gallon water tower for an amount not to exceed \$97,500. and authorize the City Manager and Director of the Department of Public Works to sign the necessary documents.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the demolition, Commissioner Brady withdrew his support. therefore, the motion died due to lack of support. No vote was taken.

241 2025 10-06 WATER TOWER - DEMOLITION

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Direct the City Manager to pursue a contract with H2O Towers, LLC that has been reviewed by the City Attorney and bring it back to the City Commission for review and approval.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Swindell.

Nays: Glisman, Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 3-1.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented on the bicycle ordinance that he has drafted for the commission's consideration. He requested feedback from the Commission on the direction they would like to proceed and on specific items in this draft.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

242 2025 10-06 APPOINTMENT – DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gerald Gaecke to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire January 1, 2026.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report was received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glisman: Hopes everyone has been enjoying the wonderful weather. Tonight is a hunter's full moon. Work is continuing on the Lilac Project; she has plants in need of planting and also has brochures. She hopes to see funding included in the next budget for the America 250 celebration. The correct term for the 250th anniversary is *Semi quincennial*. She read a famous quote from George Washington: *"It is impossible to govern the world without God. It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor."*

Commissioner Petrie: Commented on the leaf pick up not beginning until November 1, 2025, wants to do pickup like it was done before. Wants to know how the pick-up will take place this season. Thanked the individuals in the audience who spoke about recycling for coming to speak tonight.

City Manager Womack: Celebrating several birthdays, anniversaries and his favorite holiday this month. City has lighted items for children to keep them noticeable and safe on Halloween.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of local events. Congratulated T. Wittke on his retirement.

243 2025 10-06 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk