

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held November 1, 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, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW FIRE CHIEF

City Clerk Romona Sanchez performed the Swearing-In of Fire Chief Michael Vogt.

231 2021 11-01 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the Agenda for November 1, 2021, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

232 2021 11-01 MINUTES

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 2021, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Howard, 265 Charbridge Drive, founding member of the Youth Council spoke about the negative comments made by the Commissioners at the last meeting and being in favor of reducing the membership number of the Youth council.

Bryan Cloutier, resident, continues to be disappointed by this administration and their actions.

233 2021 11-01 BILL LISTING

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Bill Listing for November 1, 2021, in the amount of \$522,034.86.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
234 2021 11-01 PROCLAMATION – LESLIE SCEORD

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the proclamation for Leslie Secord who is retiring November 12, 2021.

CITY OF LAPEER
Proclamation
In Recognition of Leslie Secord

WHEREAS, *Leslie Secord began his employment with the City of Lapeer on October 22, 2001, with the City of Lapeer as Equipment Mechanic 1 and rose through the ranks to be promoted to Chief Mechanic on March 18, 2013.*

WHEREAS, *Leslie Secord has given conscientious, responsible, and professional service to the residents of the City of Lapeer; and*

WHEREAS, *Leslie Secord has been an invaluable asset to the City of Lapeer during his career and has served the City of Lapeer with dedication, integrity, and distinction; and*

WHEREAS, *Leslie Secord will retire on November 12, 2021, after more than 20 years of service to the City of Lapeer and leaves those in the City of Lapeer proud to have known him and to have served with him.*

THESEFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, *that I, Mayor Deborah Marquardt, and the Lapeer City Commission wish to honor and express deep appreciation to **Leslie Secord** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish his continued success in his retirement.*

Dated this 1st day of November 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

235 2021 11-01 PROCLAMATION – RODNEY CHURCH

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the proclamation for Rodney Church for his work on the Lapeer Dog Park.

CITY OF LAPEER
Proclamation
In Recognition of Rodney Church

WHEREAS, *during the 2016-2017 Goals and Objectives workshop the Parks and Recreation Department was tasked with researching dog parks so as one might possibly be added to our park system; and*

WHEREAS, Rodney Church, visited over 15 dog parks in and around the thumb area, as well as southeast Michigan to gain knowledge and help formulate a design for the City of Lapeer: and

WHEREAS, Rodney met with engineers to develop a concept design and cost estimate; held a public meeting and gathered a list of 10-15 community members who were interested in helping make the dog park a reality; and

WHEREAS, Rodney applied for and was awarded non-profit 501c3 status for the Friends of Lapeer Dog Park, where he served as a liaison between the City of Lapeer and the Friends of Lapeer Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, Rodney not only assisted but spearheaded many fundraising efforts, which included bus trips to casinos, Detroit Tigers games, Detroit Red Wings games, dinners, expos, dog walks, and raffles; raising nearly \$50,000.; and

WHEREAS, Rodney also utilized an opportunity to raise funds through a crowdfunding campaign with Public Places Community Spaces and set a goal to raise \$50,000., then in the fall of 2020 he launched a 45-day campaign to raise an additional \$50,000., which would activate a matching grant from the M.E.D.C. for \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, all of Rodney's efforts of the last four years have come to fruition, the dog park was built and officially opened on October 2, 2021, with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Lapeer City Commission wishes to honor and express deep appreciation to **Rodney Church** for his efforts and devotion to the creation of the Lapeer Dog Park.

Dated this 1st day of November 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

236 2021 11-01 PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL SALUTE DAY

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Adopt the proclamation for National Salute Day, National 11, 2021.

**CITY OF LAPEER
Proclamation
National Salute Day**

WHEREAS, World War I ended on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in the year of our lord 1921; and

WHEREAS, Congress approved resolution 67 of the 66th Congress on March 4, 1921, establishing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Nation Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, Since the burial of an Unknown American Service member from World War I in 1921, additional declarations have occurred but the desire, hope and intent of the American people have not changed; to honor those who gave their life in defense of the American Democracy; and

WHEREAS, The American people, young and old, from every walk of life, visit the Tomb of Unknown Soldier, which demonstrates its unshakeable commitment to never forget those who “gave their tomorrow for our today” and experience the power of a united America; and

WHEREAS, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is not recognized as this nation’s national shire; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 2021, the United States and nations around the world will mark the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Deborah Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission do hereby proclaim November 11, 2021, as:

National Salute Day

and encourage all citizens to celebrate National Salute Day and to support the efforts to commemorate and remember the Unknown Soldiers buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Dated this 1st day of November 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Dale Kerbyson stated that he has applied for a Community Foundation Grant which will subsidize a Public Place Making item. He has also applied for a CMAQ Grant for the last section of the trail extension. He requested an executive session to discuss a real estate matter.

237 2021 11-01 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

To enter a Closed Session after the completion of the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan wanted to reiterate a line that was just read, “gave their tomorrow for our today”; it is a great line and something we should all take with us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Burkhart, 865 N. Wilder, spoke about her involvement with the Youth Council and the family Sam Howard mentioned who needed immediate housing and how her family was able to assist them.

Bryan Cloutier, resident, has been reading a lot about the vote tomorrow as it relates to recreational marijuana and inquired if the city was insured; stated that settlements take a long time. It is disturbing that the city is advocating one way, when it should not be advocating either way at all. The city is pushing one agenda and it's appalling, because it's a false agenda.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cattane: Tomorrow is a big day, and the resident will vote on this topic of marijuana once again; and we will not debate this topic again. The will of the people was heard and ignored, so let them vote again. When it's over, it's over. Had a fantastic Halloween.

Commissioner Atwood: Get out and vote tomorrow, practice your right, that is your voice. Won't tell you how to vote, it is up to you to vote; no matter the outcome, his actions will remain the same.

Commissioner Stroh: The arts are alive and well here in Lapeer, things are moving along; Lapeer Art Association has a show opening tomorrow. Best of luck to the candidates tomorrow. He believes that voters have already made up their minds; this do over is unsettling.

Commissioner Swindell: Today is the end of her appointment; has learned a lot. Excited that there are things going on again downtown. Happy that Mr. Howard came to the meeting tonight and spoke; if more adults were as involved as he is, it would be a better city; thanked Sam for his service; very proud of the work he and the youth council have done. Go vote tomorrow; every vote counts; excited for it to be done tomorrow.

Commissioner Pattison: Please vote; set your clocks back, and the "s" word is in the forecast for tonight.

Mayor Marquardt: Thanked Sam Howard for coming to the meeting tonight; when there is trouble in an organization, sometimes it's a breakdown of communication that causes discord. We want to improve the Youth Council; want to know the interests of the Council and need their support; moving forward we want to work more closely with the Youth Council. Provided a list of upcoming events. Lapeer Area Elks is hosting a dinner for veterans on November 7, 2021.

238 2021 09-07 CLOSED SESSION

The Commission convened to a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a real estate matter at 7:05 p.m. and returned to its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

239 2021 11-01 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk