

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held November 4, 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 accepted a donation of two bikes for the bike patrol unit from Chris Turner, Crank 4 A Cause Foundation and Crank Cycle and Fitness.

255 2024 11-04 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.
Approve the Agenda for November 4, 2024, as presented.
Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

256 2024 11-04 MINUTES

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.
Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 21, 2024, as presented.
Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John DeAngelis, Metamora, commented on the proposed Amendment to the Rules of the Procedures of the City Commission.

Dave Klafter commented on the annual veterans ceremony and gave an invocation.

Peter McCreedy commented on the trails in the city.

Jacob LaRoy commented on the proposed Amendment to the Rules of the Procedures of the City Commission.

257 2024 11-04 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.
Approve the consent agenda for November 4, 2024, as presented:
1. Special Event: Veterans' Day Ceremony, November 11, 2024.
2. Official 2025 Meeting Calendar.

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

258 2024 11-04 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for November 4, 2024, in the amount of \$552,188.78.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

**259 2024 11-04 RESOLUTION – MSHDA 2025 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Adopt the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Division of Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions Housing Choice Voucher Program Amendment/Extension for Housing Choice Voucher Administration 2025 Calendar Year.

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

260 2024 11-04 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STAFF CONTRACTS - 2025

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the independent Contractor Staff Contracts for 2025 MSHDA HCV Administration and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

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

261 2024 11-04 FERROUS CHLORIDE TANK

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the purchase of Ferrous Chloride Tank from Hamlett Environmental Technologies for a cost not to exceed the amount of \$29,777.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

**262 2024 11-04 AMEND - RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE CITY
COMMISSION**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Adopt the amendment to the Rules of Procedures of the City Commission, Public Participation at City Commission meetings, as presented.

Mayor Marquardt requested City Manager Womack to go through the changes. Mr. Womack commented that these are clarification of the law, and clarified the amendments suggested. City Commissioner held a discussion regarding the recommended changes. City Attorney Francis was asked to weigh in on the changes. He indicated he and his staff have worked with Mr. Womack on these changes, item seven (7) specifically is about profanity and slanderous remarks. Item three (3) gives the Mayor the tools needed in court and protects the City as long as the policy is followed. We have the right to free speech, but the City now has the right to limit what is or is not said.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Glisman, Swindell.

Nays: Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack stated the marihuana ordinance amendments will be in front of the Planning Commission at its next meeting. Hopes to bring those amendments to the December 2, 2024, City Commission meeting. Sent the Commission an email regarding a rainbow bridge project for deceased pets looking for their thoughts on such. Recently met with the Oakdale pump track group regarding board members; more than one City Commissioner would like to be on this board, will look into details, however, more than two members would be a quorum of the City Commission and that could be problematic.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The DDA Monthly Departmental Report, Quarterly Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Reports were received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jacob LaRoy, Mayfield Township, commented on the Rules of Procedures of the City Commission.

Bryan Cloutier, Lapeer citizen, commented on the Rules of Procedures of the City Commission, as he has been in government administration for over 30 years and understands the necessity of it. Understand the need for the civility at this level of government and thanked the Commission for making the changes.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Petrie: Gave reason for her no vote on the amendments to the Rules of Procedures of the City Commission. Thanked everyone for their prayers for her daughter and grandson, whom are both improving daily, appreciates the overwhelming responses.

Commissioner Glisman: Vote tomorrow if you haven't done so already. Kuddos to our Clerk Romona Sanchez, she has done an exemplary job. November 11, is Veteran's Day, pray and honor them. Read a prayer aloud. City Christmas lights downtown look wonderful, thank you.

Commissioner Swindell: Thanked City Clerk Sanchez and Deputy City Clerk Jansen, and all the election workers for their hard work during the 9-days of early voting. We had over 1,000 votes casts during that timeframe. Hopefully the early voting will keep the lines down tomorrow, appreciates staff's hard work. City has recently had several people in violation of the Rules of Procedures of the City Commission, glad for the changes. The city is turning into a tan city, business owners should have more choice in what their outer building can look like and would like the City to review the ordinance and revise it to add more color to the city.

Commissioner Atwood: Vote. Has met with the Michigan Municipal League (MML), they are rolling out how to have thriving communities, what it looks like, how can we do better. Michigan has been on the decline in a lot of areas, not attracting talent state-wide. The MML's slogan is: We love where you live. Went to Upper Peninsula rock hunting, has a yupper rock if anyone wants to look at it, also did trail riding.

City Manager Womack: Has UV light to look at yupper rocks as well in his backpack. Thanks to election workers, City Clerk Sanchez and Deputy City Clerk Jansen, they are doing an awesome job and are still working setting up for tomorrow. People are very emotional this election. Shango's odor system has been installed and approved. DDA has way finding signs and will work with DPW to get them installed. Noticed the Christmas decorations today. Congrats to Commission Petrie on the birth of her grandson. We had 1,076 people cast votes during early voting, and approximately 95% of the absentee ballots issued have been returned. Veteran's Day is November 11. Great work everyone.

Mayor Marquardt: Announced local events. Congratulations to Commissioner Petrie on her grandson. Hopes Shango's new system works. Had a skunk in her yard. MML is working on retaining talent in Michigan. Agrees with building colors which starts in the Planning area.

263 2024 11-04 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk