

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held December 4, 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, Brady, Glisman, Petrie, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Mike Womack, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

274 2023 12-04 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the agenda for December 4, 2023, with the addition of item H-2 Discussion on Police Body Cameras.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

275 2023 12-04 MINUTES

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karina Toktobolotova, an exchange student from Lapeer High School gave a presentation about her home country Kyrgyzstan.

Austin Franzel, commented on an incident at the recreation center.

276 2023 12-04 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the consent agenda for December 4, 2023, as presented:

1. Fixed Asset Disposal – 2011 Dinkmar Leaf Vac Trailer.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

277 2023 12-04 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the bill listing for December 4, 2023, in the amount of \$962,014.72.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

278 2023 12-04 AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 06/30/2023.

Doug Detter, Rehmann Robson LLC, presented the City's Audit Report for Year End June 30, 2023. They issued an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance an independent auditor can provide, in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Swindell.

To accept and approve the Audit Report for the year ended 06/30/2023, as presented by Rehmann Robson, LLC.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

279 2023 12-04 WSP USA ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. – 18 E. NEPESSING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. proposal, not to exceed \$7,450 for pre-demolition asbestos and regulated materials survey for 18 E. Nepessing Street.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

280 2023 12-04 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Approve the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Employment Contract as approved by the DDA Board on November 15, 2023.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Swindell, Atwood, Brady.

Nays: Glisman, Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack requested Police Chief Howe give the commission information relating to Police Body Camaras. Chief Howe stated that he has been working on a body camera program for quite some time and is currently working with the Homeland Security Grant program. The program requires a subrecipient agreement, which essentially means the city would pay for the cameras up front and then would be reimbursed through the grant in approximately three months. He has worked with this program before, and in order to go forward, he would need the Commissions approval with the subrecipient agreement. Additionally, he is looking into other grant programs that would have funding for this project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

281 2023 12-04 REAPPOINTMENT TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY

Appointment by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

To re-appoint Tom LaMagna to the Downtown Development Authority, for a 4-year term to expire on January 1, 2028.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Cloutier commented about the full packet being available on the website; that the DDA should be sending their own contracts to their attorney; feels all contracts should be sent to City Attorney for review.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Petrie: Wants to have a meeting to discuss when we will use the City Attorney; wants to meet the City Attorney and have a good relationship with them; wants to add prayer to agenda before the pledge of allegiance. Stated the parade was great and would like to see more groups participate in the parade.

Commissioner Brady: Kids had a great time being in the parade; echoed comments from the public about the community center; confident the city has the ability and desire to implement changes where needed to benefit our citizens.

Commissioner Glisman: Jesus is non-partisan; congratulations to Jim Alt and she looks forward to meeting with him. She aspires to have a good relationship with the businesses in the city; wants to meet with service groups to see if there is a way for them to help one another; strong believer in networking. Looks forward to working for the residents of the City of Lapeer; challenges residents to come to City Commission meetings to get to know all of them. Loves history, American History, December 16, 2023, will be the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Commissioner Atwood: Asked if a drone for the police and fire department with thermal imaging could be of use to them. Attended Winterfest and the parade; would like to have speakers downtown to fill the dead air with floats that do not have music. Asked how we keep people downtown once we have them there.

City Manager Womack: Staff has been great the last few weeks; has been able to accomplish a lot; Genesee Street and Lapeer Road construction project is done. Leaves will continue to be picked up this week. Very aware of the issues at the Community Center; we are looking into it and will address it appropriately and professionally. Speakers and wi-fi in the downtown area are good projects for Mr. Alt. Also, a history buff and December 7, 2023, is approaching and will live in infamy.

Mayor Marquardt: We have been doing an ugly sweater contest for the last few years; please wear them for the next commission meeting.

282 2023 12-04 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brady.

To adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk