

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held December 18, 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.

**283 2023 12-18 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Agenda for December 18, 2023, with the removal of Item J-1.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**284 2023 12-18 MINUTES**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brad Haggadone, Lapeer County Commissioner, provided an update to the City Commission regarding the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners proceedings.

Rev. Jared Niles gave an invocation.

John Vanwagoner Oregon Township resident, commented on prayer in American history.

John DeAngelis commented on employment contracts.

Jacob LaRoy Mayfield Township resident, commented on the ordinance amendment to Chapter 15 Elections.

William Hamilton, Lapeer County Commissioner and Lapeer Township, resident commented on City Income Tax.

**285 2023 12-18 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the consent agenda for December 18, 2023, as presented:

1. Special Event – Free Family Winter Wonderland- Lapeer Community Center-January 13, 2024, 3 pm–5 pm.
2. Boundary Transfer – City of Lapeer – Headley Harris, LLC, 114 Pleasant St., 56-58 Main Street, and Pleasant St. Vacant.
3. Secondhand Dealer and Pawnbroker License – Lapeer Gold and Loan.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**286 2023 12-18 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve the bill listing for December 18, 2023, in the amount of \$334,263.89.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**287 2023 12-18 PROCLAMATION – RECOGNITION OF ERIC CATTANE, JEFF PATTISON AND TONY STROH-PIECHOWSKI**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Petrie.

Adopt the proclamations in recognition of Eric Cattane, Jeff Pattison and Tony Stroh-Piechowski for their service to the City of Lapeer and its citizens as City Commission members.

**CITY OF LAPEER  
Proclamation  
In Recognition of Eric Cattane**

***WHEREAS***, Eric Cattane was elected to the City Commission on November 5, 2019, and served the citizens of the City of Lapeer in that capacity until November 2023; and

***WHEREAS***, Eric, took an oath and gave conscientious, responsible, and professional service to serve the citizens of the City of Lapeer during his time on the City Commission; and

***WHEREAS***, Eric has devoted his time and effort in service to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Tax Increment Finance Authority, and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and has been dedicated to local community affairs and the development of projects during his tenure; and

***WHEREAS***, Eric is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lapeer; and promotes civic activism and volunteerism; and

***WHEREAS***, Eric, has given four 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.

***THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN*** that the Lapeer City Commission wishes to honor and express deep appreciation to **Eric Cattane** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish him continued success.

***Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.***

**CITY OF LAPEER**  
**Proclamation**  
**In Recognition of Jeff Pattison**

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Pattison was elected to the City Commission on November 5, 2019, and served the citizens of the City of Lapeer in that capacity until November 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff, took an oath and gave conscientious, responsible, and professional service to the citizens of the City of Lapeer during his time on the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff has devoted his time and effort in service to the Planning Commission and has been dedicated to local community affairs and the development of projects during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff promotes civic activism and volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff, has given four 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.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN** that the Lapeer City Commission wishes to honor and express deep appreciation to **Jeff Pattison** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish him continued success.

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.**

**CITY OF LAPEER**  
**Proclamation**  
**In Recognition of Tony Stroh-Piechowski**

**WHEREAS**, Tony Stroh-Piechowski was elected to the City Commission on November 5, 2019, and served the citizens of the City of Lapeer in that capacity until November 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony, took an oath and gave conscientious, responsible, and professional service to the citizens of the City of Lapeer during his time on the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony has devoted his time and effort in service to the Downtown Development Authority, Park Board, Friends of the Dog Park and has been dedicated to local community affairs and the development of projects during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony is involved in many productions at Stones Throw Theater; he promotes civic activism and volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony has given four 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.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN** that the Lapeer City Commission wishes to honor and express deep appreciation to **Tony Stroh-Piechowski** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish him continued success.

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.**

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

Commissioner Petrie commented that she would like to add prayer to the agenda after the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**288 2023 12-18 VECTOR TECH GROUP – IT SERVICE CONTRACT**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Brady.

Approve Vector Tech Group three-year agreement for IT Services for the City of Lapeer in the amount of \$71,600.00 for the first year and a one-time initial set-up fee of \$6,000.00, with an annual increase not to exceed 5% per year for years two and three.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**289 2023 12-18 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 15 ELECTIONS**

Commissioner Swindell introduced the Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 15 Elections of the General Ordinances of the City of Lapeer.

CITY OF LAPEER  
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Ordinance #: 2023-07

An ordinance to amend City of Lapeer elections ordinance by amending § 15-1 Territory included in each precinct.

THE CITY OF LAPEER, LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**ARTICLE I.**

***That Ordinance § 15-1 Territory included in each precinct is amended to read in its entirety as follows:***

***§ 15-1 Election Commission***

The Election Commission shall consist of the City Clerk, the City Attorney, and the City Assessor. The Election Commission shall appoint the Board of Election Inspectors of each precinct and shall have charge of all activities and duties required of it by the City Charter, State

law or other law or regulation relating to the conduct of elections in the City, including the setting of precinct boundaries.

**ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY**

This ordinance and its various articles, paragraphs and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any article, paragraph or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this amendatory ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**ARTICLE III. CONFLICT**

All ordinances and provisions of ordinances of the City of Lapeer in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ARTICLE IV. ADOPTION**

This amendatory ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall take effect after publication.

**290 2023 12-18 MSHDA 2024 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Adopt the resolution for the MSHDA 2024 HCV administration amended contract extension and authorize the Director of Housing to sign on behalf of the City of Lapeer.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**291 2023 12-18 MSHDA INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STAFF CONTRACTS 2024**

Moved by Glisman. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the budgeted staff contracts for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, that coincide with the City of Lapeer/MSHDA HCV Administration 2024 amended contract extension and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**292 2023 12-18 SUBRECIPIENT FUNDING AGREEMENT – 2022 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Glisman.

Approve entering into the District Health Department No. 2 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Subrecipient Funding Agreement for the purchase of body worn cameras, not to exceed \$83,000 and approve the budget amendment as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

**293 2023 12-18 ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve ROWE Professional Services Contract to provide the City of Lapeer with Planning Services for a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00, with Subpart J to include language where the parties agree that jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in Lapeer County.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Womack commented on a possible marihuana business moratorium. The current ordinance needs an update regarding odor control, enforcement, and licensure. Proposing to bring a moratorium to a meeting in January, to stop accepting any new application for marihuana business for a period. A public forum is planned for January 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. This will give the public the opportunity to express any concerns they may have in and around the city. Next, with the holiday next week, and this being a short work week, and with all the items on tonight's agenda, currently there are no items on the agenda for January 2, 2024, he asked if the commission would like to cancel the meeting.

**294 2023 12-18 CANCELLATION OF JANUARY 2, 2024, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

To cancel the January 2, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Womack continued stating that on January 16, 2024, to plan on a closed session with the City Attorney, and a presentation on a new fire truck. Looking into scheduling a Commission workshop/retreat for some time in February; the 2024-2025 budget process is in full swing. The Free Family Winterland is centered around the ice rink.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The Monthly Departmental Reports were received into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jenny Burkhart spoke about prayer.

Chris Jadach spoke about City Income Tax.

Mayor Marquardt asked the Department Heads to judge the ugly sweater contest; Commissioner Petrie was declared the winner and given the trophy.

## **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Glisman: Today is the 403<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Mayflower landing at Plymouth Rock. She has been speaking to residents, asking what they love about the City of Lapeer; spoke to high school students asking the same thing. Basic family values are what is important to many people in Lapeer.

Commissioner Petrie: Gave credit to her friend Kelly who made her ugly sweater. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Jesus is the reason for the season. Keep in mind those who are missing people this year or are worried about people.

Commissioner Swindell: Merry Christmas to everyone, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and happy holidays to everyone. Loves this time of year; check in on your friends and neighbors. Going into the new year, we will continue to work hard and move forward. Happy New Year.

Commissioner Atwood: Keep your head up and look out for those who are having a hard time this holiday season. Attended his first planning commission meeting; likes it and is learning as he goes. Attended the MML board of trustees meeting; some interesting bills are floating around that may cause increases in water bills. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City Manager Womack: Appreciates Commissioner Glisman's history facts; on this day in 1865 the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution, which outlawed slavery, officially entered into force. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year.

Mayor Marquardt: Read the list of events. Please get your cap-con information back to city staff as soon as possible. Merry Christmas, happy holidays, be safe driving, be nice and hold open a door for someone.

## **295 2023 12-18 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brady.

To adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk