

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held January 21, 2025, 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, Petrie, Swindell.

Absent: Commissioner Glisman.

City Manager: Mike Womack, present.

City Attorney: T. Allen Francis, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

01 2025 01-21 EXCUSE COMMISSION MEMBER

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

To excuse Commissioner Glisman from tonight's meeting as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

02 2025 01-21 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the Agenda for January 21, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

03 2025 01-21 MINUTES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Atwood.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2024, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, 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.

William Marquardt, Chairman of the Lapeer District Library Board, provided an update to the City Commission regarding the services and programs taking place at the Lapeer District Library.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation.

Tim Wilcox spoke about Friday Night Bikes.

Mark Waltzer from the Lapeer HOG Chapter spoke about Friday Night Bikes.

04 2025 01-21 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Petrie.

Approve the consent agenda for January 21, 2025, as presented:

1. Special Event: East Lapeer Farmers Market, May 1 – October 31, 2025, Saturdays, TSC - 1203 Imlay City Rd.
2. 2025 Farmland Lease Agreement –Terry Jostock.
3. Secondhand Dealer License and Pawnbroker License – Lapeer Gold and Loan.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

05 2025 01-21 BILL LISTING

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for January 21, 2025, in the amount of \$2,308,524.64.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

06 2025 01-21 DDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT SECOND ADDENDUM

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Employment Contract Second Addendum, effective February 1, 2025.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

07 2025 01-21 SPECIAL EVENT: FRIDAY NIGHT BIKES

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the Special Event: Friday Night Bikes, May 30 through August 22, 2025, and authorize the City Manager to work with Steel Patriots to address the commission's concerns.

The Commission held a discussion regarding concerns they each had with the event taking place in the downtown, which included, having food trucks at this event, lowering the volume of the radios when event goers are coming into the town, and the large amount of street closures. Also, there are concerns about how businesses feel about the event, the impact that this event has on the business owners, both the positive and the negative; the cost of porta johns should not be at the full expense of the DDA.

At the request of the Mayor, Tim Wilcox and Ron McDougal answered Commissioners' questions on behalf of the Steel Patriots.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Swindell.

Nays: Petrie.

MOTION CARRIED 3-1.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Womack commented on the workshop session scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025, to address the first year CIP for the budget. Goals and Objectives will be discussed and possibly special assessments for the roads. The project of Park St., Pine St. and Parking Lot #9, will be pushed to next year as the city did not receive the MDOT funding that was anticipated for this project. However, potentially the projects for First Street and Second Street can be addressed this year in place of the others.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

08 2025 01-21 APPOINTMENT - EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD

Moved by Atwood. Seconded by Swindell.

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of John LaClair to the EDC/TIFA/Brownfield for a term to expire on June 1, 2027.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

09 2025 01-21 APPOINTMENT - LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Moved by Brady. Seconded by Swindell.

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Stanley to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire October 1, 2029.

Ayes: Atwood, Brady, Petrie, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Monthly Departmental Report were received into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brady: The weather was nice this past weekend, he went riding on the groomed mountain bike trails; there are a lot of activities you can do on those trails all year round. Also, recently went to see the newly installed carports at the Public Safety Building; good to see the projects getting completed and is looking forward to setting goals and CIP information and is glad to be a part of the process.

Commissioner Petrie: Wants to have the bikers here; wants to be fair; wants to represent all parties involved. Asking department heads for assistance with the snow removal in the DDA on the sidewalk; wants to make it more accessible for entering the stores. The fires in California directly affected her family; as elected officials the buck stops here and we are responsible for the safety of the people, and it opened her eyes, and she has more questions to protect our people. Expressed her condolences to Jim Alt and to the family of Bill Bryers.

Commissioner Atwood: Went to Lansing this morning, MML President was unable to attend, and he had the opportunity to stand in for him. This was the MML's legislative kick off committee meeting and they shared the MML's priorities for the upcoming year. Foster relationships and try to remain as non-partisan as possible.

City Manager Womack: Thankful he works in a nonpartisan environment. Sidewalk snow removal, staff do a great job, yet ultimately the snow must go somewhere. There have been several watermain breaks and DPW has been out addressing those.

Mayor Marquardt: Thanked all the DPW workers who are working out there in the cold and wind. Regarding the snow in the DDA, it can be hard and troublesome, some of the store owners are able to go out and shovel. Thanked everyone for being here tonight. Next meeting is next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

10 2025 01-21 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk