

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025**

A special meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held January 28, 2025, at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Smith from SMITH arenas gave a presentation on the development of the new facility at the former Polar Palace location, which will be completed in five phases with an anticipated opening date of March or April 2025, once the first phase is completed.

Fred Whitman spoke about pickleball courts.

Chris, Elba Township spoke about pickleball courts.

Alice, Elba Township spoke about pickleball courts.

John LaClair from the Lapeer Optimists Club spoke about Park Street / Parking Lot #9 projects.

June, spoke about pickleball.

2025-2026 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

City Manager Womack indicated that last year the City Commission asked to be a part of the budget discussions sooner, and this is a good opportunity to do that. This is what the department heads are looking to do over the next year. Tonight, he is asking what the Commission is interested in going forward with, and this is an opportunity to ask questions of the Department Heads. Here is a list of what has been asked for by each of the department head's budget requests. Discussion by department was as follows:

1. Building Department
 - Vehicle for Building Official
 - Office Furniture for Building Department staff
2. City Clerk
 - Agenda Management Program
 - Election equipment
3. Department of Public Works
 - ADA entrance on City Hall building.
 - Mill and overlaid asphalt On Nepessing from M-24 to Calhoun Street.
 - Remove and replace brick or replace with stamped concrete along downtown Nepessing Street.
 - Add a fuel monitoring system for our diesel tank and bring the tank to code.

- Replace 60 more faded and non-reflective street signs.
 - Obtain a new sewer camera.
 - Develop a new maintenance program for WWTP (requires software).
 - Complete Park St, Pine St. and Parking Lot #9 project.
 - Core out and level 35 manholes to match existing street level grade.
 - Complete crack-sealing on several roads.
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Electric gate.
 - Maintenance program software.
 - Flex rake drum assembly.
 - Triton aerator.
 - Oxidation ditch cleanout.
 - Boiler replacement.
 - Influent gate valve replacement.
 - Secondary effluent pumps.
 - PEW pump replacement.
 - Progressing cavity pump replacement.
 - Concrete (stairs) replacement.
 - Sludge transfer pumps.
5. Fire Department
- New parking lot and fix driveway on north side of apparatus bay.
 - Complete two-year replacement of fire hoses and associated connectors and sprayers.
 - Hire an additional full-time fire officer.
 - Add two new paid-call firefighters, plus training costs.
 - Add EMS first responder licensing.
6. Finance Department
- No requested CIP or major changes at this time.
7. Housing Department
- Demolition of 18 Nepessing/Creation of public space at 18 Nepessing.
 - 405 S. Elm new single-family home, possible duplex.
8. Parks, Recreation and Cemetery
- Add a pavilion at the Community Center.
 - Replace Community Center boilers.
 - Begin replacing downtown trash receptacles to city standards.
 - Add artwork to the M-24 Tunnel.
 - Install a cupola on the roof of the Oakdale pavilion.
 - Build a new single-track loop (1.25 miles) at the Oakdale Trails.
 - Potentially add an additional disc golf course on the Oakdale property.
9. Police Department
- FLOCK camera system
 - New police badges
 - Lobby bullet resistant glass and ballistic board
 - Body armor replacement
 - Implementation of Community Partnership Program

It was the consensus of the Commission to take a break 6:45 p.m. and return to the special meeting at 6:53 p.m.

CITY OF LAPEER – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICY

City Manager Womack presented the current Special Assessment Policy, along with a few options to discuss. The city is required to carry out the existing special assessment policy and will continue to bill the properties that still owe on special assessments. The Commission held a lengthy discussion about the options to change this policy and it was decided that Commissioners Brady and Petrie would form a subcommittee to work with City Manager Womack and city staff to develop a new Special Assessment Policy.

UPDATING THE 2021-2026 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

City Manager Womack presented the current 2021-2026 Goals and Objectives plan to the City Commission for review of those items that have been accomplished and could be eliminated going forward. Discussion was held regarding past practices versus future practices for establishing goals and objectives. Ideas generated included getting public input by means of questionnaires distributed with property tax bills, on the city website, via e-mail, and conducting public forums. City Manager Womack suggested hiring a company to conduct the survey and to compile the community responses.

Discussion was held regarding how the City Commission would move forward with Goals & Objectives going forward.

It was the consensus of the Commission to figure out a plan to conduct a survey and hold a public forum because more in-depth input is needed from the public and for staff to develop a plan on how to get the word out and the public's feedback, then develop the survey itself.

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Having no further business, Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Dana E. Jansen, Deputy City Clerk