

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held September 6, 2022, 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, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Mike Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE CHIEF**

Honorable Laura Cheger Barnard preformed the Swearing-In of Police Chief Jeremy Howe.

**188 2022 09-06 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for September 6, 2022, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**189 2022 09-06 MINUTES**

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 15, 2022, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Melissa Petrie, 728 Lincoln Street, gave an invocation; and asked if it could be mentioned where the video of this meeting can be viewed.

Mackey White, resident of Lapeer, asked questions about the lead service lines in the homes around the city; looking for clarification and wants to know the timeline for replacement of these lines.

**190 2022 09-06 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the consent agenda for September 6, 2022, as presented:

1. Special Event: Jeep Night, September 17, 2022, Noon – 5:00 p.m.
2. Special Event: Baubles and Broomsticks, October 1, 2022, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.  
Nays: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**191 2022 09-06 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Pattison.

Approve the bill listing for September 6, 2022, in the amount of \$1,327,807.52.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**192 2022 09-06 PROCLAMATION – ROY LEE, RETIREMENT**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the Proclamation for DPW Employee Roy Lee.

***CITY OF LAPEER  
Proclamation  
In Recognition of Roy Lee***

**WHEREAS**, Roy Lee, officially began his employment with the City of Lapeer on August 22, 1994, with the Department of Public Works as Groundskeeper at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and was promoted to Operator Trainee in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Roy was transferred to the Streets Department and promoted to Equipment Operator I in 2002; he was again promoted to Equipment Operator II in 2002; then in 2004 promoted to Equipment Operator III; and again, promoted to Equipment Operator IV in 2006; and,

**WHEREAS**, Roy, has given conscientious, responsible, and professional service to the citizens of the City of Lapeer and leaves those in the City of Lapeer proud to have known him and to have served with him; and

**WHEREAS**, Roy will retire on September 22, 2022, after more than 28 years of faithful service to the City of Lapeer.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that I, Mayor Debbie Marquardt, and the Lapeer City Commission wish to honor and express deep appreciation to **Roy Lee** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish him continued success in his retirement.

***Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.***

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**193 2022 09-06 PROCLAMATION – JOSEPH BLACKMER, RETIREMENT**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the Proclamation for DPW Employee Joe Blackmer.

**CITY OF LAPEER**  
**Proclamation**  
**In Recognition of Joseph Blackmer**

**WHEREAS**, Joe Blackmer officially began his employment with the City of Lapeer on September 16, 1997, with the Department of Public Works as General Maintenance Worker and was promoted to Utility Technician/Equipment Operator I in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe, has given conscientious, responsible, and professional service to the citizens of the City of Lapeer and leaves those in the City of Lapeer proud to have known him and to have served with him; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe will retire on September 30, 2022, after 25 years of faithful service to the City of Lapeer.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that I, Mayor Debbie Marquardt, and the Lapeer City Commission wish to honor and express deep appreciation to **Joe Blackmer** for his efforts and devotion to public service and wish him continued success in his retirement.

**Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.**

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**194 2022 09-06 PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the Proclamation for Constitution Week.

**CITY OF LAPEER**  
**Proclamation**  
**Constitution Week**

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2022, marks the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to read, study and preach the greatest document of human liberty and to protect the freedoms set forth in the Bill of Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognition to this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Debbie Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2022 as:

# *Constitution Week*

and encourage all citizens to recognize and appreciate the importance of the Constitution of the United States of America, and to vigilantly protect the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

***Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.***

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

## **195 2022 09-06 PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the Proclamation for National Rail Safety Week, as presented.

### ***CITY OF LAPEER Proclamation National Rail Safety Week***

**WHEREAS**, 2,148 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 658 personal injuries and were responsible for 238 fatalities in the United States during 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,151 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 528 pedestrians being killed and another 623 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, educating and informing the public about rail safety, reminding the public that railroad right of ways are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week;

**THEREFORE**, that I, Debbie Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission do hereby proclaim the week of September 19 to 25, 2022, National Rail Safety Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

***Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.***

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**196 2022 09-06 LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION – CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES FOR THE REFUGE HOMELESS SHELTER OF LAPEER COUNTY**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Cattane.

Adopt the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for The Refuge Homeless Shelter of Lapeer County.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Kerbyson commented the MEDC will be presenting the 201 Jefferson property to developers tomorrow and they will be walking the property. We received an update from GLWA indicating the new line will not be online until September 21, 2022. The Lapeer County Health Department, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services will be doing blood testing for children tomorrow. Jeep night will appear a little different, all jeeps will be behind the buildings, not parked on Nepessing Street. When the YouTube goes live, the link will be posted on Facebook. Lastly, the City of Lapeer was on well water for two weeks and switched back to GLWA August 26, 2022, pressure has fluctuated a little bit, but nothing outside of operating parameters.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**197 2022 09-06 APPOINTMENT – DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Appointment by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

To appoint Ashley Fanson to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire January 1, 2026.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**198 2022 09-06 APPOINTMENT – LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

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

To appoint Chuck Treece to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire October 1, 2027.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**199 2022 09-06 APPOINTMENT – YOUTH COUNCIL**

Appointment by Mayor Marquardt. Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

To appoint Commissioner Swindell to the Youth Council for a term to expire July 1, 2023.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The DDA Monthly Departmental Reports was received into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Stroh: Welcome to Chief Howe, looking forward to working with him. Saddened by Chief Frisch’s retirement; it has been a pleasure working with him. Exciting to watch the work being done on the Genesee Street Trail Extension.

Commissioner Swindell: Thanked all the employees who have worked hard because of the water main break that happened; worked endless hours to keep our city safe. They have worked very hard to make sure we have safe drinking water.

Commissioner Cattane: Final Bike Night is this Friday; Kiwanis’ Rubber Duck Dash will be held on September 17, 2022; a great event for families. Grilled Cheese Fest is September 24, 2022; Mustang vs. Camaro coming soon; summer is not over until September 21, 2022.

Commissioner Pattison: Congratulations to the two new retirees. The employees are the ones who make our city great. Welcome to the new Police Chief, looking forward to a great police department with him, and continuing our great tradition.

Mayor Marquardt: Congratulations and welcome to Chief Howe; congratulations to the city employees who are retiring, thank you for all you have done for the City of Lapeer; she is proud to be a resident of the City of Lapeer. Read the list of local events happening around the city. Received a thank you from the Chamber of Commerce for the donated items for the Miss Lapeer Days swag bags.

**200 2022 09-06 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk