

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held March 2, 2015 at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sprague.  
Commissioners Bennett, Gates, Bostick-Tullius, Lyons.  
City Attorney Michael Nolan.  
City Manager Dale Kerbyson

Absent: Commissioner Robinet (excused).

Mayor Sprague led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**35 2015 03-02**

Moved by Gates. Seconded by Bostick-Tullius.  
Approve the Agenda for March 2, 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Lyons, Bennett.

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinet.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

**36 2015 03-02**

Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Gates.  
Approve the minutes from the regular meeting held February 16, 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Lyons, Bennett.

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinet.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Georgeann Courser, Fish Lake Road, gave invocation.

Bruce Smith, Lapeer County Emergency Medical Services (LCEMS) commented on City of Lapeer service calls, training facility that is open to the public at no cost, provide Commission future updates.

Jim McLoskey, Caro, attending on behalf of Senator Mike Green, plans to attend future Lapeer Development Corporation meetings, if need Senator Green's help please call the hotline.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**BILL LISTING FOR MARCH 2, 2015**

**37 2015 03-02**

Moved by Gates. Seconded by Bennett.  
Approve the Bill Listing for March 2, 2015 in the amount of \$1,788,019.46.

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Bennett.

Nays: Lyons.

Absent: Robinet.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### Resolution In Support Of Proposal 1 For Safer Roads.

#### **38 2015 03-02**

Moved by Gates. Seconded by Bennett.

Approve the Resolution In Support Of Proposal 1 For Safer Roads.

CITY OF LAPEER  
Resolution In Support Of  
Proposal 1 For Safer Roads

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state- and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state- and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short-term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capital in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost us; and

WHEREAS, in addition to threatening public safety, Michigan's crumbling roads hurt our economy; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot is Michigan's last, best chance to finally fix our roads with funds that politicians can't divert somewhere else – while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Lapeer supports Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Commission knows the 1-cent increase in the sales tax will benefit local communities and help ensure drivers' safety on the roads; and

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City commission formally supports Safe Roads Yes! Because if it passes, every penny we pay at the pump in state gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2015.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Gates, Bostick-Tullius, Bennett.

Nays: Lyons

Absent: Robinet.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### Saginaw Street Reconstruction Project – N. of Oregon to Linear Trail. Local Share Payment #7.

#### **39 2015 03-02**

Moved by Gates. Seconded Lyons.

Approve Local Share Payment #7 to State of Michigan of \$14,676.28 for the Saginaw Street Reconstruction Project – N. of Oregon to Linear Trail.

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Lyons, Bennett.

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinet.

MOTION CARRIED.

Saginaw Street Corridor – Traffic Signal Upgrade (Job #116717AA).  
Local Share Payment Requests #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6.

**40 2015 03-02**

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Gates.

Approve Local Share Payments #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #6 to State of Michigan totaling \$32,180.54 for the Saginaw Street Corridor – Traffic Signal Upgrade (Job #116717AA).

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Lyons, Bennett.

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinet.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Dale Kerbyson requested clarification on what type of forum the Commission is expecting for the March 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing on water options. Mayor Sprague indicated he expects representatives from Karegnondi Water Authority and Detroit Sewer and Water Department to be present. The public will be allowed to ask questions. The public will be informed that is not a debate, there would be no back and forth banter and that there is a specific format to be followed. Commissioner Bennett questioned what notification was give to the public for this meeting. Mr. Kerbyson indicated stickers were placed on the water bills, it is posted on Channel 190, it is on the City website and is posted in the City Hall lobby.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Mr. Nolan commented that it is a good idea that the public should have a limited timeframe for questions for the March 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing; updated the Commission regarding Pines of Lapeer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Sprague commented on Cable Advisory Board appointment, based on City Ordinance it is supposed to have the City Treasurer and City Manager as members. Commissioner Bennett indicated that he will let his seat expire, however will try for an empty seat when one becomes available and did not understand why an appointment of the Treasurer needed to be made.

**41 2015 03-02**

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Gates.

Appoint the following board member:

Kerry Helmick, Cable Advisory Board, term expiration March 1, 2018.

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Lyons.

Nays: Bennett.

Absent: Robinet.

MOTION CARRIED.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

County Commissioner Lenny Schneider commented that the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 287 of Lapeer County will host a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam Commemorative event at the American Legion Post 16 March 6-8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Georgeann Courser, Fish Lake Road, commented that she received her water bill and saw the notification of the public hearing and appreciates the invitation to be there.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bennett commented he was glad LapeerNow.com was taping the March 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing as he will not be attending; citizens are being short changed with the Cable Station not being used properly.

Commissioner Gates commented on attending the Pix Disaster Training.

Commissioner Bostick-Tullius commented on attending the Lapeer County Bank & Trust re-grand opening.

Commissioner Lyons commented on crowd control for the March 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing, hopes ideals, solid numbers and costs will be presented, would like to hear about potable water, a funding mechanism, will this be a SAD, and what about the 72" line?; GLTA replacing the Director and Treasurer; attended the Michigan Downtown Association meeting in Lansing; proud of City employees.

Mayor Sprague thanked Commissioner Bostick-Tullius for attending the Lapeer County Bank and Trust opening on his behalf as he was sick; attended the PIX disaster training.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **42 2015 03-02**

Moved by Bennett.

Adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: Bostick-Tullius, Gates, Lyons, Bennett.

Nays: None.

Absent: Robinet.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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William J. Sprague, Mayor

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Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk