

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held September 21, 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, Robinet, Bostick-Tullius, Lyons.
City Manager Dale Kerbyson.
City Attorney Michael Nolan.
Absent: None.

Mayor Sprague led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

195 2015 09-21

Moved by Gates. Seconded by Robinet.
Approve the Agenda for September 21, 2015 as presented.
Ayes: Bennett, Gates, Robinet, Bostick-Tullius, Lyons.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

196 2015 09-21

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Bennett.
Approve the minutes from the regular meeting held September 8, 2015 as presented.
Ayes: Bennett, Gates, Robinet, Bostick-Tullius, Lyons.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes from various Boards and Commissions were received into record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Adams, Baldwin Road, gave invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

197 2015 09-21

Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Gates.
Approve the Consent Agenda for September 21, 2015, resulting in the following:
1. Fixed Asset Disposal as presented.
2. Special Event Request from Downtown Business Association to hold the Annual Downtown Treat Walk on Saturday, October 25, 2015.
Ayes: Bennett, Gates, Robinet, Bostick-Tullius, Lyons.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILL LISTING FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

198 2015 09-21

Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Gates.
Approve the Bill Listing for September 21, 2015 in the amount of \$1,212,397.65.
Ayes: Bennett, Gates, Robinet, Bostick-Tullius.
Nays: Lyons.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Public Hearing: City of Lapeer Home Improvement Program 2015 Application and other Housing Department topics.

199 2015 09-21

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Robinet.

Approve setting a Public Hearing for October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard regarding the new City of Lapeer Home Improvement Program 2015 Application and updates on the Heart of Lapeer Neighborhood Target Housing Grant, HUD \$1 Home, and Fair Housing Policy Review.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senior Parking.

Discussion was held regarding current designated spaces of 11 with 3 handicapped spaces for a total of 14, removal of designated spaces and increase of handicapped spaces that will result in a total of 19 handicapped spaces within the area, elimination of reserved parking fee of \$2,500 to County, use of designated spaces, number of current designated spaces in lot should remain the same with additional handicap spaces, not all senior citizens use handicap spaces. By general consensus, to move forward with staff recommendation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Street Millage – Ballot Proposal.

200 2015 09-21

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Gates.

Affirm the Resolution, Additional Funding – Street Millage Proposal As Affirmed September 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding use of word “maintaining” instead of “to fix roads”, intent was to not reduce current budget with additional funds from millage to be used toward street improvements, confusion by residents of what work will be completed on roads with funding, PASER report provided list of road conditions, cannot do mill and resurface or reconstruction of a road with \$500,000, the need to maintain roads from getting worse; regarding M-24 project when completed City should provide MDOT with letter praising work completed by contractor.

CITY OF LAPEER
RESOLUTION
ADDITIONAL FUNDING – STREET MILLAGE PROPOSAL
AS AFFIRMED SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission has determined the necessity for the need to generate funding for improvement, repair, construction and preservation of the street system, including bridges in the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission desires to place a street millage proposal of 2 mills on the Tuesday, November 3, 2015 General Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer estimates that the 2 mills would raise approximately \$496,451.00 of additional funds when first levied in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer will continue to seek every opportunity for funding of street improvements through Federal and State grants; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission is committed to making the repair and maintenance of its streets and roadways a priority throughout the millage term and to maintain, as best as practicable, the current level of street funding allocated to maintenance and improvements within its budget throughout the millage term should the electorate approve such millage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Lapeer City Commission will endeavor to maintain its current level of funding for street and roadway repair, maintenance, and construction and to allocate such finding within its budget throughout the millage term, if such millage is approved by the electorate.
2. If approved by the electorate, all funding received from the street millage will be utilized for maintenance and improvements for street, roadway and bridge repair only.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Bennett, Robinet, Lyons, Gates, Bostick-Tullius.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Suspend Special Assessment Process – Street Millage Proposal

201 2015 09-21

Moved by Bennett. Seconded by Bostick-Tullius.

Approve the Resolution, Suspend Special Assessment Process Street Millage Proposal.

CITY OF LAPEER
RESOLUTION
Suspend Special Assessment Process
Street Millage Proposal

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission will submit a street millage proposal on the November 3, 2015 election ballot to the electors of the City of Lapeer on the question of increasing the tax limitations of the City for street rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer Charter, Chapter 11 Special Assessments authorizes the City Commission to defray costs of a public improvement against those parcels to be specially benefited; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 64 (Special Assessment Ordinance) provides for the mechanism and procedure to effect improvements by City initiated special assessment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, If the Street Millage Proposal is approved by the electorate, the Lapeer City Commission will suspend the special assessment process as outlined in the City of Lapeer Charter and Chapter 64 (Special Assessment Ordinance) of the General Ordinances of the City of Lapeer for City initiated rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public streets and ancillary costs for street improvements within the corporate limits of the City of Lapeer for the term of the millage being a period of six years, 2016 through 2021.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Robinet, Gates, Lyons, Bostick-Tullius, Bennett.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Letter to MDOT regarding Fick Excavating – MDOT – Oregon Street Reconstruction Project.

202 2015 09-21

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Gates.

Approve the Letter to MDOT regarding Fick Excavating, MDOT, Oregon Street Reconstruction Project as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

203 2015 09-21

Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Bennett.

To appoint Elaine Gates to the Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority board.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Departmental Monthly Reports were received into record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joshua Atwood, commented on candidacy for City Commission seat.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lyons commented on bridge opening on M-24; welcome Mr. Atwood and Mr. Alverson, would like to see other candidates at meetings.

Commissioner Bostick-Tullius commented on attending Tilted Axis event, classic car cruise, Brew Fest, convention in Traverse City.

Commissioner Gates commented on being away from community last week and amazed at all the work completed upon return, great place to live.

Commissioner Bennett commented on current construction, appreciation of Rowe and the work they complete in these projects, great job.

Commissioner Robinet asked on costs of election to City, City Clerk responding about \$8,000 just for City election; ballots printed for City election that are now un-useable, additional costs incurred due to special election, County appeal to State for assistance with special election costs.

Mayor Sprague commented on upcoming events, Commission does not always agree, may go back and forth however will move beyond and continue to work together.

ADJOURNMENT

204 2015 09-21

Moved by Bennett.

Adjourn the regular meeting.

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

Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

William J. Sprague, Mayor

Donna L. Cronic, City Clerk

Tracey S. Russell, Deputy City Clerk