

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LAPEER CITY COMMISSION**

MAY 4, 2009

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held May 4, 2009 at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Sprague
Commissioners Bennett, Marquardt, Robinet, Bostick-Tullius, and Farrington.
City Manager Dale Kerbyson.
City Attorney Mike Nolan.

Absent: None.

Mayor Sprague led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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Moved by Marquardt. Seconded by Bennett.

To approve the Agenda for May 4, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

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Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded by Bennett.

To approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes from the various Boards and Commissions were received into record.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Moved by Marquardt. Seconded by Robinet.

To approve the Consent Agenda for May 4, 2009 resulting in the following:

1. Approval of the Special Event Request from American Legion Post 16 for Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held May 25, 2009 and that the City co-sponsor the event by providing insurance under the City's Property and Liability Policy.
2. Approval of the Special Event Request from MARP/Amtrak for National Train Day to be held May 9, 2009 and that the City co-sponsor the event by providing insurance under the City's Property and Liability Policy.
3. Approval of Local Share Payment #4 to the State of Michigan for DeMille/Harrison Intersection Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,548.86.
4. Approval of the Resolution to Support Submission of Fire Department Grant Application for Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program.

CITY OF LAPEER

**Resolution to Support Submission of Fire Department Grant Application
For ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer Fire & Rescue Department is eligible to submit one application for funding assistance for the purchase of certain types of fire service vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has funded a grant program for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer Fire & Rescue Department would like to submit one (1) request for funding assistance for the purchase of a breathing air compressor and wildland fire protective clothing at a total cost not to exceed \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is proposed from a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 (90%) and \$8,000 (10%) from the City of Lapeer for the requested equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Lapeer City Commission authorizes submission of one (1) Department of Homeland Security grant application under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and commits up to \$8,000 of City funds to provide a match toward the grant application should it be awarded.

5. Approval of the Contract for installation of a Barrier-Free Lift at Gallery 194/Lapeer Center for the Arts to Family Building Company in the amount of \$48,800 and authorize the DDA Director to sign required documents.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

BILL LISTING FOR MAY 4, 2009

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Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Bennett.

To approve the Bill Listing for May 4, 2009 in the amount of \$258,252.55.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doug Skylis, Rowe Engineering Corporation, 128 N. Saginaw, provided an update on the Saginaw Street Reconstruction Project.

Lenny Schneider, Lapeer County 4th District Commissioner, commented on budget issues county-wide, trends, declining population, and difficult decisions ahead with possible cuts in services and personnel within the County budget.

PUBLIC PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Lapeer Elks Lodge Flag Day Proclamation

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Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Marquardt.

To approve the Lapeer Elks Lodge Flag Day Proclamation.

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Proclamation To The Lapeer Elks Lodge #2567 In Recognition of Lapeer Elks Lodge Flag Day

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was formed September 13, 1885; and

WHEREAS, The Lapeer Elks Lodge #2567's charitable endeavors help handicapped children, veterans, and the youth of today; and

WHEREAS, The Lapeer Elks Lodge #2567 has 282 active members who send handicapped children to camp, run Drug Awareness Programs, provide scholarships for students, and instill the spirit of Americanism and faith in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, William J. Sprague, Mayor of the City of Lapeer, and the Lapeer City Commission do recognize June 14, 2008 as Elks Lodge Flag Day and ask all our citizens to support the Elks Lodge in all their charitable service to the community.

Dated this 4thst day of May 2009.

MOTION CARRIED. PROCLAMATION DECLARED ADOPTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Census 2010: Anthony Turner, Partnership Specialist, Bureau of the Census
City Clerk Donna Cronce introduced Anthony Turner, Partnership Specialist with the Bureau of the Census. Mr. Turner provided an overview of the importance of a complete count during the 2010 Census including ways in which Census data is used, allocation of Federal funds, confidentiality of data, partnership program with local governments by establishing a Complete Count Committee, and that address canvass operations are being conducted at this time. Mayor Sprague asked if there were any issues regarding the address canvass operations with Mr. Turner responding that no issues had been reported.

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Moved by Bennett. Seconded by Robinet.

To approve the Resolution Designating April 1, 2010 As Census Day In The City Of Lapeer And Appointing A Complete Count Committee and authorize the Mayor and/or City Clerk to sign required documents.

CITY OF LAPEER RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 1, 2010 AS CENSUS DAY IN THE CITY OF LAPEER AND APPOINTING A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the kick off day for the 2010 Census is April 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 million per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, as a 2010 Census partner, the City of Lapeer will support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage community participation: encourage people in the City of Lapeer to place emphasis on the 2010 Census and to participate in events that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census to ensure a full and accurate count; support census takes as they help our community complete an accurate count;

and appoint a Complete Count Committee to seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, to utilize high-profile, trusted people to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor William J. Sprague and the City Commission of the City of Lapeer do hereby designate April 1, 2010 as Census Day in the City of Lapeer and joins the rest of the nation as a 2010 Census Partner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Complete County Committee is hereby appointed to assist with the 2010 Census consisting of Mayor Sprague as the Highest Elected Official Representative, City Clerk Donna Cronce as Chairperson, and City Manager Dale Kerbyson as Co-Chairperson.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget Notice

80 2009 05-04

Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Farrington.

To approve to set a public hearing on May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 City of Lapeer Budget and 2009-2015 Capital Improvement Program.

MOTION CARRIED.

Lapeer Development Corporation: Economic Development Report

Patricia Lucas, Executive Director, Lapeer Development Corporation, provided an overview of the EDC in Lapeer County including, assistance to businesses, job creation and retention, lending programs, tax abatement processing, job training, industry retention program, financing assistance, grant funding, business diversification, and thanked the Commission for its support. Brief discussion was held regarding the working partnership between the City and EDC, request for help if and when needed, HUB zone, businesses such as Lapeer Industries giving back to the community by sponsoring a "health expo" at the Community Center, empty buildings in the City with Ms. Lucas responding that there are none within the Industrial Park and some in the McCormick area, and Commission appreciation of the services EDC provides.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dale Kerbyson commented that his office has been concentrating on the budget process.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no board appointments made.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bennett thanked Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Director Ray Turczyn for the savings with Leonard Syrup. Mr. Turczyn responded that the

company provided chemicals for the pool at a much cheaper rate and provided a better service.

Commissioner Robinet commented on Lapeer Days and services that are provided back to the community. Mr. Robinet also thanked Patricia Lucas for the EDC report and would like to see a report regarding the downtown area and how retail businesses are doing throughout the City.

City Manager Dale Kerbyson thanked Patricia Lucas for taking the time to provide an update and review of the EDC to the Commission.

Mayor Sprague thanked Patricia Lucas for the EDC report and Tony Turner for the Census review. Mr. Sprague commented on Train Day this Saturday, May 9th at 5:30 a.m. and echoed Commissioner Robinet's comments regarding Lapeer Days and review of innovative ways to reduce costs during the festival.

ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Bennett. Seconded by Bostick-Tullius.

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The Lapeer City Commission returned to its special meeting at 7:39 p.m.

William J. Sprague, Mayor

Donna L. Cronce, City Clerk