

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

May 12, 2009

A special meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held on May 12, 2009, at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Director of Public Works John Lyons
Director of Parks and Recreation Ray Turczyn
Director of Financial Services Paul Boucher
Director of Planning Linda Jackman
Police Chief Todd Alexander
Fire Chief Terry Kluge
Building Official Mike Darling
City Clerk Donna Cronce

The City Commission met to discuss the 2009-2010 City of Lapeer Budget and the 2009-2015 City of Lapeer Capital Improvement Program.

City Manager Dale Kerbyson reviewed the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program.

Discussion was held regarding Perkins Park fencing, costs, and City requirements.

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Moved by Farrington. Seconded by Bostick-Tullius.

To replace Perkins Park fencing with black coated cyclone fencing within the 2009-2010 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held regarding sidewalk repair and maintenance, costs, City responsibility, and property owner request for repair to be borne by property owner.

It was the general consensus of the Commission to leave \$10,000 in the Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance Program within the 2009-2010 Budget.

City Manager Dale Kerbyson reviewed the list of cuts currently within the Proposed 2009-2010 Budget.

It was the general consensus of the Commission to not eliminate the goose relocation in the 2009-2010 Budget.

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Moved by Bostick-Tullius. Seconded Marquardt.

To not eliminate the employee appreciation dinner in the 2009-2010 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Moved by Farrington. Seconded by Bostick-Tullius.

To not eliminate the Finance Department part-time salary and wages in the 2009-2010 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held regarding the reduction of hours within the Building Department and review on an as-needed basis.

City Manager Dale Kerbyson reviewed the additional proposed cuts from the General Fund Budgets including brush collection and one full-time employee, elimination of blight enforcement, holiday pay, payment to Lapeer County EMS, City-wide trash pickup savings, General Fund transfer to Park Fund, and raise TIFA 3 refund.

Discussion was held regarding additional cuts presented, proposal to be submitted to Commission for review pertaining to City-wide trash pickup, and that the raise in TIFA 3 refund has been approved by TIFA. Finance Director Paul Boucher commented on the State report for indicator scores on cities and that Lapeer City earned a zero rating which is the highest rating we can receive. Brief discussion was held on getting the State report information out to the public and providing the Commission with the information for review.

By general consensus, the Commission provided a break from 6:53 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

The City Commission reviewed the 2009-2010 Budget by Fund. Brief discussion was held on providing a pdf file of the Budget on the City's website, Cable Advisory Board, Audit services and conducting proposals for future audit services, Mott rental agreement, introducing the new K-9 to the Commission at a future meeting, general forfeitures received from felonies, drug law enforcement receipts and use, required bond payments, snow plowing in parking lot abutting Park Street and to only plow entrances with exit availability at both ends, deduction of revenue reduction relating to In Lieu of residency fees due to properties either annexed into the City or covered by annexation agreement, Detroit water rate increases which reflect increases to water rates charged by the City, sewer rate increases, and review of costs associated with a City owned water system.

Commissioner Bostick-Tullius excused herself from the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Sprague commented on follow up regarding a City-wide trash hauling proposal for review by Commission; review of health care and possible ways to reduce costs and minimize effect on employees; and to have all department heads review the sharing of expenses and elimination of waste in their own and within each other's department.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Moved by Bennett. Seconded by Bostick-Tullius.

To adjourn the special meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

William J. Sprague, Mayor

Donna L. Cronce, CMC, City Clerk