

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

**AUGUST 10, 2009**

A Workshop meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held August 10, 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.

**Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donna Cronce, City Clerk; Tracey Russell, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk; Paul Boucher, Finance Director; Terry Kluge, Fire Chief; Pam Reid, Water and Sewer Superintendent; John Lyons, DPW Director; and Linda Jackman, Planning Director.

**Others Present:** Jeff Hogan, Lapeer County Press; Nick Abdelnour, 770 West Street; Ed May, 780 Whitney Drive; Rip Beam, 814 W. Nepessing Street; Dave Heckman, 725 DeMille Road; Larry May, 780 Whitney Drive; Rowland Putchuck, 780 Whitney Drive; Jim Harrington, 3200 John Conley Drive; Mike Coulter, 681 Southshore Drive, Oxford; Maria Virga, 351 N. Squirrel, Auburn Hills; Angie Heckman, 725 DeMille Road; Brian Trombley, 3333 John Conley Drive; and Bob Morningstar, 644 Jefferson Street.

Mayor Sprague led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Workshop Meeting was held in an informal setting with discussion flowing between the Mayor, Commission, Staff, and Others present.

**FLOODING UPDATE**

City Manager Dale Kerbyson provided an update on the flooding situation within the City of Lapeer, that it has nothing to do with opening a damn gate by the County Drain Commission; approximately 13 families affected by the flooding of which 2 families accepted the offer of help to relocate until the flooding dissipated; and that the Waste Water Treatment Plant was at capacity. Water and Sewer Superintendent Pam Reid provided a map of the flood area.

**WORKSHOP**

Mayor Sprague commented that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss increased fire hydrant and sprinkler fees being charged to business owners. After a brief explanation, the floor was open to a general forum of discussion that included the following topics:

- Hydrant and Sprinkler Fees
- Comparison fees to other cities
- How the hydrant and sprinkler fees were calculated
- A scientific study of the hydrant and sprinkler systems
- Spreading the cost of fees amongst all city business, not just the 50 represented
- Possibilities of additional options other than the original increase in fees

**ADJOURNMENT**

After lengthy discussion on the above topics, it was the general consensus of the commission to adjourn the meeting. The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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William J. Sprague, Mayor

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Donna L. Cronce, City Clerk