



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: LOOSE SENIOR CENTER, 707 NORTH BRIDGE STREET, LINDEN, MI 48451

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Link. The meeting was held at The Loose Senior Center located at 707 North Bridge Street, Linden, Michigan 48451.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. A Moment of Silence was observed for troops overseas away from their families.

City Council Present: Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Link, Brad Dick, Tom Hicks, Pam Howd, Denise Miller, Brenda Simons

Absent: Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong

Others Present: Ellen Glass, City Manager; Scott Sutter, Chief of Police; Brian Will, Fire Chief; Patrick McNally, Director of Public Works; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Link excused Armstrong.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Don Grice, Director of Public Works - Retirement Recognition
Glass presented Grice with a plaque in recognition of his retirement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Meeting Notice
Link acknowledged receipt of item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Link reviewed public comment procedure.

Public comment about Loose Center, emailed response, a previous public comment made; also commented on class cancellations and shared concerns regarding need for instructors.

Public comment about a previous public comment made; referenced response received, no response to follow up emails; commented on City Charter language, previous opinions of City Attorney and City Council duties regarding Manager.

Public comment about Grice's retirement and read a statement.

Public comment about senior housing and reasoning, referenced plans in the past. Also commented on road project completion and condition of Tickner Street.

Public comment requested Council share duties; requested response to email; shared thoughts about City Manager, Charter, City Council and City Attorney.

Public comment explained group in place for the cemetery; timeline; training and experience. Link extended public comment time. Public comment continued regarding 501(c)(3) and purpose.

Public comment about past medical event and thanked Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2026
- b. Application to Use Public Property HIL Zombies, Scarecrows & Monsters Date Change: October 23-24, 2026
- c. Financial Reports

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to accept the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Dick, Miller, Hicks, Simons, Link, Howd

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Cemetery Board

Public comment about reasoning for cemetery board; Charter language, processes and shared suggestions.

Public comment shared experience with work and training in cemetery and 501(c)(3) creation and shared information about cemetery history.

Council discussed Department of Public Work's role in cemetery; 501(c)(3) model and benefits; shared family in cemetery and purchasing plots debating; condition of headstones; shared personal experience working with Lambert at Fenton Memorials on making stones in the cemetery; collaboration with Friends board; cemetery improvements over the years; further reasoning for friends group over city board; stone restoration efforts and outreach; discussed how to proceed, brief discussion with Councilors and Glass about public outreach with Friends group, friends group would be an independent support volunteer group, public meetings and current council approval process for cemetery recommendations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Monthly Grant Updates: All Pending & Newly Applied for Grants (Written on Regular Meeting Agendas Only)

Glass explained updated list will be provided at second meeting every month.

b. Meeting Recording
Kanyak updated all equipment is installed.

c. Contract Statuses - Museum and Library in Mill Building
Glass had no update to share.

d. Loose Van Update
Glass updated working on funding process and anticipate van in September.

e. Comment Cards Update
Glass had no update to share.

No public comment was received on any of these items. No Councilor comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Ordinance No. 428 An ordinance amending Chapter 72 of Title VIII of the Code of Ordinances (Bicycles, Scooters and Mopeds)
Glass introduced, Sutter explained and reviewed language incorporated as discussed last meeting. Council and Sutter discussed recent police activity, continued monitoring; language within; and jurisdiction.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Glass referenced emailed update and provided a verbal update on the following items:

- County Sewer meeting rate structure update
- Hosting Small Cities

Discussion with Staff and Council regarding voting on the ordinance tonight.

Motion by Howd, second by Hicks to approve Ordinance No. 428 An ordinance amending Chapter 72 of Title VIII of the Code of Ordinances (Bicycles, Scooters and Mopeds). Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Link, Simons, Howd, Dick, Miller, Hicks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

Staff confirmed ordinance publication and effective date.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & REPORTS

Howd thanked Clerk's Department and commented on August Election; progress at Triangle Park and LAFF Pathway; and shared Councilor duties.

Hicks asked about Police jurisdiction, Sutter addressed.

Simons provided an update on the LAFF Pathway progress and plans for Triangle Park, brief discussion with Hicks about Triangle Park plans.

Miller welcomed McNally, thanked Don Grice. Also commented on Loose class cancellations and instructor concerns, explained staff is working on; addressing resident emails; previous apology last meeting and respect.

Dick commented on Lindenwood driveway approach project; new ADA amphitheater viewing area at gazebo; projects; thanked Grice; and shared Council duties. Also commented on a Fenton Township development and previous Linden Planning Commission action, brief discussion with resident.

Link thanked Grice and shared Council duties; discussed issues not always brought up during Council meetings and reasoning, but discussions happen, referenced resident emails; and also welcomed McNally.

Miller commented on Grice. Simons thanked Link for running meeting and also on Council responsibilities.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Link at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____