



**CITY OF LINDEN  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 military overseas.

**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; Brian Will, Fire Chief; Patrick McNally, Director of Public Works; Brooke Card, City Treasurer; Tessa Sweeney, Director of Senior Services & Community Engagement; Nicole Weissenborn, Deputy Clerk; Mike Gildner, City Attorney

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Link excused Mayor Armstrong.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Link reviewed public comment procedure.

K.C. Baran, 67<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge candidate, discussed campaigning, shared background, experience and community involvement and thanked for and requested support in Primary and upcoming election.

Public comment regarding city charter language and hiring process; social media posts; and made a request for motion and reasoning.

Public comment regarding social media posts; referenced public comment last meeting; and requested response to previous email.

Public comment about recent City Hall closure; requested update regarding water funding; anonymous comment procedure and previous hires, referenced minutes; and Charter and budget item inquiry; and teamwork.

Public comment requested follow up on speed study and reasoning, Link shared suggestion for follow up.

Public comment regarding previous public comment during a recent meeting; social media posts; content; Fire Department and concerns.

Public comment requested update on re-seeding after Hyatt Lane sidewalk project.

Public comment regarding Loose building maintenance and shared concerns about trees on property.

Public comment regarding recent Loose activity log and emailed response; class cancellation notifications; programming and lunches during voting; and class cancellations and instructors.

Public comment regarding parking spots and employees of local business parking; requested update on possible removal of six spots.

Glass addressed public comments regarding parking spots; Loose activity log including cancellations and instructors, tree and lawn maintenance, will follow up on seeding and DPW Director; and will speed study inquiry with Police Chief. Referenced previous responses provided to some comments.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. City Council Special Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2026
- b. Financial Reports

Glass explained items for approval.

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Armstrong

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

- a. Interlocal Agreement for Road Maintenance with Genesee County Road Commission
- Glass reviewed and discussed language with City Council, no changes proposed. No public comment was received.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

b. Meeting Recording  
Glass had no update to share.

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

d. Loose Van Update  
Glass explained this item is pending date of receipt and working with MTA.

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

Councilors discussed removal of city's funding request from State budget; grants and requested update on not receiving funding. Glass explained PFM annual rate reviews; recent presentation to Council and recommendation; explained what the funding could have been used for no effect on rates as of right now; can sustain until spring and another review and will make recommendation.

Link suggested next meeting having Council discuss removal of meeting recording and van items. Glass further explained meeting recordings projects. Link requested further explanation on comment cards included in packet, discussed with Glass.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- Mill Building
- Office closure
- Triangle Park/LAFF Pathway Project
- Upcoming Hogan Road kayak launch ribbon cutting
- Small Cities event
- CDBG Gazebo Overlook project
- MDOT Category B Grant for Rolston Road
- Shiawassee Water River Trail Coalition Grant fiduciary extension

Howd requested soil erosion fixture for gazebo area and reasoning, Glass explained can put on list to explore.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Gildner discussed and reviewed Council's Rules of Procedure regarding contact with Council. Discussion with Gildner and Councilors regarding anonymous comments; previous opinions given about DPW hire and Charter and reiterated. Councilors further discussed agreement regarding hiring; referenced Charter language.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Councilors acknowledged receipt of Department Reports. Link further discussed Senior Services Department report.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS & REPORTS**

Dick stated, regarding the hiring of Patrick McNally as our DPW Director, Council has received all requested documents now. I think a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. McNally as DPW Director by City Manager Ellen Glass, at this time. Motion by Dick, second by Howd. Motion carried 6-0.

Dick explained purchasing policy regarding recent technology upgrades at Loose and funding; clarified no violation of purchasing policy. Further explained purchasing policy; tractor purchase, previous purchasing resolutions approved and error. Referenced social media post about City Manager regarding Lindenwood project bill; contacting City Hall with questions; city employee support and social media.

Miller commented on contacting City Hall with questions; social media posts; thanked City Departments; kayaking and parking.

Simons commented on classes for SLPR; the water grant; gazebo soil erosion, and trust and unity.

Hicks commented on parking and safety concerns for pedestrians crossing locations and Department processes.

Howd comment on recent surgery; social media posts; grass maintenance; cyber security training, and growth and support.

Link requested that everyone be treated with respect and requested no personal attacks; social media posts and civility.

Miller shared upcoming Hot Dog Event details. Link also commented on Grice's retirement staff get together.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Howd, second by Simons to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro-Tem Link at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nicole Weissenborn, Deputy Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_