



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 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 Elizabeth Armstrong. 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 members.

City Council Present: Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong, Mayor Pro tem Brad Dick, Pam Howd, Denise Miller, Tom Hicks, Jerry Link

Absent: Brenda Simons

Others Present: Ellen Glass, City Manager; Don Grice, Director of Public Works; Tessa Sweeney, Director of Senior Services & Community Engagement; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk; Chris Stritmatter, City Attorney

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Armstrong excused Simons from the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) Presentation by: Genesee County Department of Senior Services
Lynn Radzilowski, Senior Services Director presented on the Department and discussed millage details; Loose progress and positive changes; numbers served; programs offered; and referenced information packet provided to Council.

Councilors and Radzilowski discussed qualifications for senior millage services; legal assistance; elder abuse/scam cases and education; and the transportation program. Staff shared details for an upcoming class for elderly scams.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Armstrong acknowledged receipt of a resident's written comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong read the public comment procedure.

Public comment about West Rolston road progress; speeding concerns and culvert issue.

Public comment about posting methods of city meeting schedule and requested update on Loose Advisory Committee. Armstrong explained the public comment procedure.

Public comment expressing safety concerns regarding a tree in the parking lot and requested action be taken.

Public comment about speeding concerns; Loose trash pick-up company; Sonitrol company amount and issues; concerns with event application and nature of the event; and inquired about donations.

Grice addressed comment regarding culvert, brief discussion with resident commentor. Glass and Grice acknowledged comment about the tree; and speeding and signage and will discuss with Police Chief Sutter. Kanyak addressed comment about the availability and posting methods of city meeting schedule. Glass provided an update on the Loose Advisory Committee; addressed trash and Sonitrol comments; event application details for annual event; and reasoning for temporary hold on donations.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) City Council Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2025
- (B) Eagle's Wooden Park Application - After Hours Park Use for Filming Request: September 2, 2025
- (C) Resolution No. 16-25 Authorization of Contract Extension Request to Genesee County CDBG Program
- (D) Financial Reports

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Simons

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) Linden Mill Renovation Project

Glass introduced the topic. Lindon Ivezaj, Chief Operating Office of Cunningham-Limp, provided an overview of the topic. Council, Staff and Ivezaj discussed unanticipated cost; items causing cost increases and reasoning; timeline; mussel study; lean stabilization; details and reasoning for the addition; elevator and ADA compliance elements; grant agreement and foundation's longevity.

Public comment about unanticipated cost and remedy, Glass explained.

Motion by Howd, second by Miller to approve the Linden Mill Renovation Project. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Simons

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Resolution No. 17-25 Loose Special License Application
Glass reviewed purpose of application for the annual dueling pianos event at Loose.

No comments were received from the public. Councilors commented on event positives; no past issues with event; clarified no donations and elements of the application form, brief discussion with resident commentor. No comments were received from Councilors Hicks and Link,

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to approve. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Simons

Public comment about being the fourth year of this event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Glass provided a verbal update on the following items:

- BS&A Cloud transition update
- Chicken Ordinance in September
- CDBG project extension

Grice provided updates on the West Rolston Road project, as well as the walkway project over the dam; safe routes to school; and the East Broad mill and overlay project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Armstrong acknowledged receipt of reports from the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Department of Public Works (DPW), Fire Department and Senior Services Department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Howd commented on poison ivy within Eagle's Wooden Park, brief discussion with applicant. Howd shared details of the upcoming Parks and Recreation meeting, Owl Walk event; and details of an upcoming environmental health awareness expo.

Link commented on work sessions and last meeting's discussion.

Miller commented on the tree and the Eagle's Wooden Park application, Councilors clarified. Miller further commented on dam area closure; ADA and housing classes; and shared details of upcoming hot dog event.

Hicks shared comments on work sessions; West Rolston road project success; and Special Historic District Commission (HDC) meeting details.

Armstrong commented on the Historical Society's 50th anniversary celebration; dam walkway project and thanked the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board and donors; attended this past Michigan Association of Mayors Conference and plans for the next Conference.

No comments were received from Councilor Dick. Kanyak clarified reasoning for special HDC meeting. Miller shared meeting dates and info are on Loose's sign. Councilors commented on tonight's Birthdays being celebrated.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller, second by Hicks to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Armstrong at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____