



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, JULY 14, 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 troops overseas.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Don Grice, Director of Public Works; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk; Michael Gildner, City Attorney; Dave Richmond, ROWE Professional Services

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong reviewed the public comment procedure and how comments pertaining to Lindenwood would be addressed.

Public comment on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Family 119, shared details, background and significance about featured guest for upcoming River Roast event. Regarding her property, still no access to land, no curb cut, but existed before and spoken on issue numerous times. Suggested more surveys and comment cards on topics to submit.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2025
- b. Loose Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2025
- c. Resolution No. 15-25 MDOT Performance Resolution for Municipalities

Motion by Howd, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Lindenwood Project Update - Dave Richmond, ROWE Professional Services
Armstrong requested public comment card for this agenda item if speaking for follow up reason.

Public comment shared their frustrations regarding tree removal; various yard issues and repairs needed; grass; dirt; tree replacement and requested tree removal reimbursement; and contractor needs to return and complete job.

Public comment on paving; project timeline; curbs and replacement; landscaping and dirt used; referenced steep curb drop-off near Dentist.

Public comment shared their thoughts on project cost to residents; water line replacement; refunds; grass issues and requested resolution for issues.

Public comment shared their frustrations with project; driveway accesses; curbing; shared images of drop from driveway. Shared images and comment on flooding being a new issue. Requested driveway accesses; address flooding and drainage issues on properties and fill in holes; crumbling asphalt; and appreciate follow up.

Public comment on contact with Grice; provided images of curb and how camper bottoms out of driveway and associated repair costs; curbing issues; yard issues; and offered contractor. Shared their negative experiences with project; bill and amount; and need to fix.

Public comment on curbs and lawns; dirt used; tree removal; no answers from city officials and requested an update; more people not here that are upset; requested lawns be restored right.

Public comment shared their frustrations with project; not all got new curbs and approaches; dirt used; crab grass; frustrated residents not here and reasoning; and something needs to be done.

Grice discussed unfinished landscaping; referenced punch list items and plan for contractor to correct. Shared reasoning for water line project and not being part of cost to residents. Updated on what happened with the tree removal; reasoning for shifting water mains; tree replacement and reasoning residents not plant trees in right of way. Acknowledged receipt

of residents' photos and updated on flooding and curb entrance; and driveway approaches. Clarified reasoning for the project not being a total curb replacement.

Richmond discussed looking into curb issues and options; driveway approaches; original plan to only replace curbs on Lindenwood and reasoning; revisiting missed areas needing repairs; the project is not done. Grice further explained reasoning for not replacing all curbs.

Councilors discussed residents should contact City Hall and Council and shared contact methods; being made aware of issues; tree replacement; contractor's deadline and plan for outstanding issues; topsoil; correcting landscaping and yard damage where equipment was; hydroseeding. Dick referenced information given to Grice and Richmond and need for fixing. Councilors discussed all concerns need to be addressed; project cost; type of grass; requested residents give us time to fix; items discussed this evening being on the punch list; requested Grice to share updates when available; on curbing, driveways.

Grice and Richmond reviewed and discussed images provided by resident. Armstrong and Grice discussed topsoil issues and requested residents reach out. Brief discussion amongst Grice and Councilors about grass seed.

Public comment on time limit and plan for curbs and driveway.

No comment was received from Councilor Hicks.

Public comment requested punch list letter go out to residents about satisfaction and reasoning for and include if satisfied with right of way work, drop in drop box at City Hall, for Grice.

Simons shared project updates available on city website. Armstrong confirmed with Council and requested adding comment suggestion system to the next agenda for those displeased.

b. Councilor Comment Procedure

Kanyak reviewed the topic and reasoning. Councilors discussed and referenced current rules and following procedures; experience level with meetings; Mayor's meeting roles; and confirmed with Kanyak not to amend the rules for this topic.

c. Receipt of Anonymous Public Comments

Kanyak provided background on and reviewed topic reasoning. Gildner further explained and discussed with Council; suggested consideration of policy to clarify anonymous comment acceptance, with name requirement to act on; confirmed with Kanyak few instances of anonymous comment receipt. Council discussed including within Rules of Procedure and origin of the topic. Kanyak confirmed will work with Gildner on language to add within the rules for next meeting. Councilors clarified the referenced anonymous comments were not about Lindenwood project.

Public comment was made sharing thoughts on anonymous commentors.

Public comment was made about comment during meetings or in writing, anonymously.

Public comment was made about online comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Kanyak confirmed Councilors received the City Manger's update. Councilors thanked Glass and discussed the length and items, with Kanyak. Armstrong commented on recent discussion about the dam with Drain Commissioner, Jeff Wright and thanked him.

No comments were received from Councilor Link.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Armstrong at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____