



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 in for the one-year anniversary , in memory of the families and individuals present.

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; Brooke Card, City Treasurer; Tessa Sweeney, Director of Senior Services & Community Engagement; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk; Michael Gildner, City Attorney

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Motion by Link, second by Miller to excuse Mayor Armstrong from the meeting. Roll call. Motion failed 3-3.

AYES: Miller, Hicks, Link

NAYS: Dick, Simons, Howd

ABSENT: Armstrong

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) APM Mosquito Season Report, Presented By: APM Representative

A representative from APM Mosquito Control reviewed season report and explained upcoming contract. Brief discussion with Councilors regarding traps; counts and treatment area.

(B) Proclamation for ChoiceOne Bank Trail Opening

Glass explained purpose of Proclamation for the upcoming ribbon cutting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Link reviewed public comment procedure.

Public comment about fire truck approval; referenced letter provided and discussion; and procedure.

Public comment referenced past emails sent and requested update on Forest Ridge Estates.

Public comment expressed concerns with programming, activities access and lunch options during elections within Loose Senior Center. Also commented on vote during this meeting regarding the Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. City Council Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2026

b. Street Corner Collection Application - LHS Graduation Celebration: Saturday, October 3, 2026

c. Financial Reports

Motion by Howd, second by Dick to move item c. Financial Reports to New Business item (G).

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dick, second by Howd to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) Monthly Grant Updates: All Pending & Newly Applied for Grants

Glass referenced updated grant list provided and working on grants for fire equipment and fire truck.

(B) Meeting Recording

Glass requested feedback from City Council on this item. Miller requested update on microphones and use location, Kanyak responded. Brief discussion between Link and Gildner if motion is required to remove items, Council advised staff to remove.

(C) Contract Statuses - Museum and Library in Mill Building

Glass explained current active contract with Genesee District Library (GDL), draft contract presented to Historical Society for the museum and upcoming meeting to discuss.

(D) Loose Van Update

Glass updated delivery is pending from Mass Transportation Authority (MTA).

(E) Comment Cards Update

Glass requested feedback from City Council on this item. Councilors discussed and agreed to remove item and continue with implemented changes.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Ordinance No. 429 Repealing/Adoption of Chapter 111 of the Code of Ordinances: Solicitors/Peddlers

Sutter reviewed language within proposed ordinance and requested City Council set fee and shared amount recommendations.

Public comment about Shiawassee Shores and this ordinance. Sutter and Gildner explained public or non-public roads, suggested signage for private subdivisions.

Council and staff discussed permit fee amount and adding to city fee schedule; language within; suggested map for where it's allowed; and identification.

Public comment about political and religious solicitation, Sutter explained does not prohibit. Gildner suggested private developments or HOAs discuss with own attorney and reasoning.

Public comment about State rules for political signs, Gildner explained separation.

Brief discussion with Staff and Council regarding motion language.

Motion by Howd, second by Hicks to approve City Ordinance No. 429 and amend the fee schedule for \$75 and \$20, for each occurrence after that. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(B) Resolution No. 13-26 Establishing 2027 Regular Meeting Schedule

No public comment was received. Council confirmed changes with staff and discussed.

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to approve Resolution No. 13-26 Establishing the 2027 Regular Meeting Schedule. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(C) Genesee County Phase II Storm Water Management System Contract Amendment

Glass reviewed minor error corrections shared with the County, clarified no cost on utility bills and purpose of agreement.

Public comment regarding this agreement and Fenton Township, Glass explained County should address.

Council discussed contract renewal and requested stated corrections be applied.

Motion by Howd, second by Miller to approve this Amendment to the Genesee County Phase II Regulations Storm Water Management System Contract, with the corrections as listed: (1. Incorrect effective date in Section 6. The Fifth Amendment is dated October 1, 2026, but Section 6 says the amendment becomes effective on April 1, 2021. That appears to be language carried over for the Fourth Amendment; 2. Section numbering issue. The new wet-weather testing provision is labeled "2. (c)" even though it follows Sections 1(a) and 1(b) and appears intended to be Section 1(c); and 3. Typographical error in the wet weather provision. The document

refers once to "TDML" when the correct acronym used elsewhere is TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load.) Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(D) Intergovernmental Agreement for Road Maintenance with Genese County Road Commission (GCRC)

Glass explained previous meeting discussion and returning for approval.

Public comment about grading of Ripley Road, McNally responded.

Council discussed Ripley Road grading; erosion; ditching and dust management concerns.

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Road Maintenance with Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC). Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(E) City Council Rules of Procedure Revisions

Glass explained changes applied based on last meeting discussion.

Public comment about agenda format for Department Reports, Kanyak explained current format.

Council discussed revisions; past method of approval for bills; bill inquiries and financial information detail. Glass clarified Rules of Procedure being discussed and letting staff know about level of detail and confirmed understanding regarding financials. Further discussion amongst Council regarding moving forward with proposed changes.

Motion by Howd, second by Hicks to approve these changes within the City Council Rules of Procedure revisions. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(F) Resolution No. 14-26 Authorizing Application for Grant

Will explained grant opportunity and reasoning for the Resolution. Glass further explained reasoning. Council briefly discussed grant and granting submission approval.

Motion by Howd, second by Simons to approve Resolution No. 14-26 Authorizing the Application for Brian Will to sign for the Michigan Department of Treasury Fire Equipment Grant Program. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(G) Financial Reports

Howd explained reasoning for moving. No public comment was received. No comments from Councilors were received.

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to pay the bills. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Glass provided an update on the following items:

- Treasurer's Department working on utility billing and newsletter
- Election preparations in Clerk's Department
- LAFF Pathway ribbon cutting details
- Senior Services funding increase from County
- Mill building update
- Forest Ridge Estates update

McNally updated and explained reasoning for power pole being moved regarding Mill project.

No public comment was received.

Miller discussed elections at the senior center and impact on lunches, Glass explained recent elections; lunch threshold not met, as reasoning for no lunches; and programming. Sweeney clarified access to books and puzzles was maintained.

Miller referenced public comment regarding Forest Ridge Estates, Glass explained previous responses were provided. Gildner discussed previous questions asked and addressed, brief discussion with Dick about ordinance and timeline for project. Gildner further explained his response, discussion with Link.

Link referenced previous discussion about elections at the senior center and discussed.

Public comment about handicap spots and doors.

Councilors and staff discussed options for November election; confirmed doors were open; summarized concerns shared and staff will discuss to address; confirmed books and puzzles were provided; and other communities where elections are held; staff explained reducing interruptions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE

None.

Public comment about storm water agreement voted upon, Link explained provided in agenda packet.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Link acknowledged receipt of the Departments for reports. Will shared upcoming details for the Fire Department Open House and discussed new grant opportunity and update regarding fire truck. Glass referenced public comments addressed during this meeting and also referenced letter about complaint filed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & REPORTS

Simons commented on opening of the LAFF Pathway and invited all.

Hicks commented on missing last meeting and trying to catch up.

Howd commented on LAFF Pathway opening and Triangle Park and thanked community for support.

Dick commented on the LAFF Pathway, referenced Gordie Howe Bridge and positive impact and benefits Pathway will have.

Miller commented on upcoming Happening in Linden Halloween event; LAFF Pathway, as well as progress in the community.

Link shared reasoning why he can't attend the LAFF Pathway ribbon cutting.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Link at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved:_____