



**CITY OF LINDEN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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 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 fallen military heroes.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Tom Hicks

Others Present: Ellen Glass, City Manager; Tessa Sweeney, Director of Senior Services & Community Engagement; Gwen Fannon, Travel/Special Events Coordinator; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk; Mike Gildner, City Attorney

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Armstrong excused Councilor Hicks.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment about the Loose Advisory Board topic and shared suggestions.

Public comment about the Loose Advisory Board topic; communication; TVs; locked doors; donation box; and billiard table.

Public comment about Loose Advisory Board topic; Council and staff roles.

Public comment about pool table; art and carvings; building and property plans; and Mayor.

Public comment about the Loose Advisory Board topic; shared suggestions; pool table; March activity calendar, activities for men and reasoning.

Public comment on previous public comments; Senior Services Director and Community Engagement title; Advisory Board topic and why the separate meetings end; van and community center.

Public comment about board representation; activities for men and pool room.

Public comment about Loose and city involvement.

Public comment about addition, Armstrong clarified public comment procedure. Public comment on pool table and number of televisions.

Public comment about communication and location of meeting minutes.

Sweeney and Glass provided responses to public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(A) Loose Senior Center Advisory Board

Armstrong read a written statement about the topic. Council discussed Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation's (SLPR) stance; offering different coffee times with the Director; referenced public comments made; additional evening offerings/activities; Loose Staff; shared suggestions for non-profits; SLPR contract language interpretation; Council's role and staff's role; reasoning for pool table being moved. Armstrong further discussed the topic and reasoning for calling this meeting, discussion with Attorney and clarification if we are allowed to vote on the topic.

Motion by Howd, second by Simons to not approve a Loose Senior Center Advisory Board. Discussion with Gildner about the motion. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hicks

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & REPORTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Armstrong at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____