

**CITY OF LENOX**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 9, 2024 · 5:30 p.m. · City Hall

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on December 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members answering roll call: Peterson, Nelson, Hodges and Cruz; Tull was absent. Staff present was City Administrator, Allison Kitzman and City Clerk, Dawne Bowman. Visitors were Colleen Larimer, Mary Riley, Daysen Gregg, Becky Smith and Cindy Cox.

Cruz made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Nelson, all ayes, motion carried. Nelson made a motion to approve 11/25/24 meeting minutes, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried. Hodges made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried. Nelson made a motion to approve November 2024 Clerk Treasurer Report, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried.

Cindy Cox, Leading Ladies of Lenox presented the council with engineer drawings of the proposed Baby Pool Renovations. Cox mentioned the Leading Ladies of Lenox has worked the pool into 3 phases. Phase 1 was the murals, Phase 2 is to renovate the baby pool, adding splash pad features and Phase 3 is bathhouse renovations. The approximate cost for Phase 2 is \$400,000. Cox stated their goal is to utilize public funds for 1/3 of the project, donations and fundraising for 1/3 of the project and grants for 1/3 of the project. The Baby Pool Renovations would begin after closing of the 2025 pool season and open for 2026 pool season. Cox stated the decking would be expanded and possibly the fence area. Kitzman added that the grant writing process is easier when you know how much is being contributed and it shows the support from the City. Kitzman discussed cutting costs on the project by in-kind donations, such as tearing out concrete. There would be a zero entry with the depth remaining the same, some shaded areas and splash features. Kitzman has discussed this project, and other upcoming projects with the Finance Committee and mentioned there is a significant balance in LOST Funds and as those funds can only be used for certain items, the pool is one of those items. Nelson stated this project could bring others to our pool, as well as keep our residents here. Peterson made a motion to approve \$100,000 to Baby Pool Renovations with Leading Ladies of Lenox, seconded by Nelson, all ayes, motion carried. The council agreed that this could be re-visited if needed.

Hodges made a motion to approve Resolution 24-50 Designating Authorized Signatures for Depositories, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried. This will be effective January 1, 2025 and will change from Lynn Christensen to Blake Horton.

Becky Smith was present to discuss the request of an additional extension for the Catalyst Grant. A 6-month extension was granted in June, which is expiring December 31, 2024. Smith stated there are still a couple items that are not completed, such as the patio area and the HVAC. Smith also stated there is still some wiring left to do in the kitchen. According to the items listed on the grant, it is possible that an extension is not needed, as the project is 90% complete; however, we want to make sure it is completed by the deadline. Nelson made a motion to approve the request for 6-month Extension for the Community Catalyst Grant for Café Sign, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried.

Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cruz seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Mayor

City Clerk