

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE October 28, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Krueger in the Swartz Creek City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry.

Councilmembers Absent: Cramer until 6:20pm

Staff Present: City Manager Adam Zettel, Clerk Renee Kraft.

Others Present: Metro PD Chief Bade, Walter M. Melen, Boots Abrams, Ken and Sandi Brill, Glenda Grable.

Others Virtually Attended: Lania Rocha

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 241028-01 **(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Spillane
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday October 14, 2024 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 241028-02 **(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Henry
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as printed for the Regular Council Meeting of October 28, 2024 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Spillane.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 241028-03

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of October 28, 2024, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Hicks, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Spillane, Gilbert.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Sandi Brill: Discussed the flagpole ribbon cutting ceremony.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF A MONARCH BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT ABRAMS PARK

Resolution No. 241028-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek owns operates and maintains a system of parks; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Abrams Park group has offered to donate materials and labor sufficient to install a Butterfly Garden, including irrigation, at Abrams Park; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board, after deliberation, found the garden donation to be in the best interests of the park and approved the donation at their meeting on October 15, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Swartz Creek City Council hereby accepts the Friends of Abrams Park donation of a Monarch Butterfly Garden Waystation, to be located at Abrams Park, conditioned upon the following:

1. The project shall be overseen by the Director of Public Works and not commence until the ability to ensure project completion is evidenced.
2. The Friends of Abrams Park and/or other volunteers shall maintain the gardens in a reasonable manner, with eventual replacement or removal dependent on the best interests of the city at a future date.
3. The city will own and maintain the garden irrigation system in a reasonable manner, with eventual replacement or removal dependent on the best interests of the city at a future date.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Krueger Knickerbocker, Henry, Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

ABSTAIN: Cramer

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STREET USAGE & PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT FOR THE ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Resolution No. 241028-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek issues street closure permits and public plaza usage permits for the purposes of holding public events from time-to-time; and,

WHEREAS, the Swartz Creek Area Firefighters Association has submitted an application for such a street closure for the purposes of hosting an annual Christmas parade in downtown Swartz Creek, as well as an application to use Holland Square and the adjacent streets for a Tree Lighting event; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police finds the application satisfactory and the City Council finds the time, place, and manner of the parade and related events to be conducive to the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Swartz Creek accept the Chief of Police's recommendation and approve the Swartz Creek Area Fire Fighters Association's Street Usage Application to hold an annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Fairchild to Miller, Miller from Fairchild to Morrish), route, stipulations and conditions as set

forth in the application packet, a copy of which is attached hereto, under the direction and control of the office of the Chief of Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Swartz Creek City Council hereby approves the Swartz Creek Area Fire Fighters Association's Municipal Property Reservation request to hold an annual tree lighting event for Holland Square and Holland Drive on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with lot closure and conditions as set forth in the application packet, a copy of which is attached hereto, under the direction and control of the office of the Director of Public and Community Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Swartz Creek City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to ensure quality weather, not too hot or too cold, with just the right amount of seasonal snow, for said events.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Knickerbocker, Henry, Cramer, Spillane, Gilbert, Hicks, Krueger.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Sandi Brill: Thanked Councilmembers for approving the Butterfly resolution.

Ken Brill: Complimented the clerk on a good election so far.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Knickerbocker: Thanked Dennis Cramer for his service to the community.

Councilmember Gilbert: Think spring.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: GFWC had a successful region meeting and raised \$1,270 for the Whaley Children's Center. Complimented the clerk on the election.

Councilmember Cramer: Stated it's been his honor to sit on this council. This council, as a team, has move this city forward. Thanked Chief Bade and the City Manager Adam Zettel for their work.

Councilmember Henry: Suggested the parade go by the church building. Thanked Councilmember Cramer for his service.

Councilmember Spillane: Thanked Councilmember Cramer for all he has done and all he will do in the community.

Mayor Krueger: Thanked Councilmember Cramer for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 241028-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Cramer

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 6:37pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

David A. Krueger, Mayor

Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC2, City Clerk