

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK  
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE February 23, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Henry 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: Melen.

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

Others Present: Jeff Kelley, Kathy Knickerbocker, John Pobocik, Daneen Fick, Michelle Groesser, Jentery & Stacey Farmer.

Others Virtually Attended: Lania Rocha, Jeffrey E. Kelley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 260223-01**

**(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 February 9, 2026 to be circulated and placed on file.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 260223-02**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Krueger  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as printed for the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2026, 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. 260223-03**

**(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 February 23, 2026, 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:**

None.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**BEEMORE JENTERY PRESENTATION:** Jentery Farmer presented a check for \$10,000 in memory of son Jentery, and read a heartfelt message from his mother, Stephanie Skinner, helping us to remember the impact he had on Swartz Creek. Funds to be used for Otterburn Park.

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MS4 COMPLIANCE AND PROGRAM OVERSIGHT**

### **Resolution No. 260223-05**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek owns, operates, and maintains a system of storm water collection assets that drain to the Swartz Creek and other public water bodies of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the city is required to comply with standards pertaining to Michigan's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), which requires adherence to inspection, testing, and maintenance standards, as well as subsequent reporting; and

**WHEREAS**, the city solicited a proposal from a pre-approved engineer that specializes in storm sewer matters to oversee both MS4; and

**WHEREAS**, The MS4 program is established, but reapplication to the MS4 program is required periodically.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the professional service agreement dated February 12, 2026, as submitted by DLZ in the amount of \$10,500 and authorize and direct the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the city.

Discussion Ensued.

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

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PUBLIC PLACE PERMIT FOR THE JEEPERS CREEKERS 2026 MONTHLY MARKET**

**Resolution No. 260223-06**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**WHEREAS**, Jeepers Creekers, Inc. is a recognized charitable entity that is in good standing and that operates in Swartz Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, said organization proposes to organize and host a monthly vendor market within Holland Square and on Holland Drive, including food trucks, and they therefore seek a permit to use the city plaza from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays of May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>: and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the organization and the event to be beneficial to the public and in good standing.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Swartz Creek hereby approves the application for a public place and street usage permit to conduct a craft market and food truck event on the Tuesdays of May, 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., applicant: the Jeepers Creekers, Inc., in accordance with the application submitted.

Street and City property use subject to the following stipulations:

1. Insurance certificate naming the City as insured in the amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 (One-Million Dollars)

2. Sufficient number of portable bathrooms placed and located, and litter control program in accordance and under the approval of Director of Community Services.
3. Approval by the Chief of Police. Traffic control and pedestrian safety plan in accordance with and under the approval of office of Chief of Police.

Discussion Ensued.

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

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FESTIVAL PERMIT FOR THE SWARTZ CREEK JEEPERS CREEKERS EVENTS IN OCTOBER OF 2026**

**Resolution No. 260223-07**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Spillane  
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

**WHEREAS**, the Jeepers Creekers (JC) organization is a recognized charitable entity that operates in Swartz Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, JC is seeking permits and approvals to operate an annual festival on private and public grounds within the city, including a trunk-or-treat event, market vendors, food service, and numerous other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the Jeepers Creekers organization and the event to be beneficial to the public and in good standing; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13.01.G of Appendix A of the City Code of Ordinances provides for conditions of approval for a festival within the city, provided that the duration is less than 10 days, the operator is a charitable entity, and city council approval is required.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Swartz Creek hereby approves Resolutions/Motions 260223-07A through 260223-07C, allowing for the various permits related to the annual Swartz Creek Jeepers Creekers festival, to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, inclusive of all stipulations and conditions as specified and listed within, including the provision of valid insurance that lists the City of Swartz Creek as an additionally insured party for all events.

**Resolution No. 260223-07A**

**JEEPERS CREEKERS STREET FESTIVAL,  
GENERAL STREET & PROPERTY USE PERMITS**

**I Move** the City of Swartz Creek approve and authorize the Jeepers Creekers application for festival activities on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the following locations:

1. 5012 Holland Drive (8am to 9pm)
2. Miller Road (Morrish to Hayes) (4pm to 9pm)
3. Holland between Miller and Ingalls (8am to 9pm)
4. General Street Permit for a footrace (no street closures are required)

Street and City property use subject to the following stipulations:

4. Insurance certificate naming the City as insured in the amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 (One-Million Dollars)
5. Sufficient number of portable bathrooms placed and located, and litter control program in accordance and under the approval of Director of Community Services.
6. Approval by the Chief of Police. Traffic control and pedestrian safety plan in accordance with and under the approval of office of Chief of Police.

**Resolution No. 260223-07B      JEEPERS CREEKERS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RESERVATION PERMIT**

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve and authorize the Jeepers Creekers application for street closing / usage permit for Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. for purposes of conducting a festival, including market vendors, games, and food service in Holland Square under the following stipulations:

1. Insurance certificate naming the City as an additional insured party in the amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars).
2. General approval, and under the direction and control of the Office of the Chief of Police.

**Resolution No. 260223-07C      JEEPERS CREEKERS STREET USAGE PERMIT**

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve and authorize the Jeepers Creekers application for street closing / usage permit for Saturday, October 17, 2026 for purposes of conducting a festival on Miller Road (Morrish to Hayes: 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.) and Holland Drive (8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.) under the following stipulations:

1. Insurance certificate naming the City as an additional insured party in the amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars).
2. General approval, and under the direction and control of the Office of the Chief of Police.

Discussion Ensued.

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

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmember Knickerbocker: Bee More Jentery is a part of his and his wife's life that he will always cherish.

Councilmember Gilbert: Thanked Bee More Jentery. Reminded us to think spring.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: Thanked Bee More Jentery.

Councilmember Krueger: Thanked Bee More Jentery. Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be held tomorrow.

Councilmember Spillane: Thanked Bee More Jentery. Questioned if the arrangement we have with DLZ might be better suited to have as a line-item in GL rather than constantly approving them. AZ responded that we could change it to a multi-year contract.

Mayor Henry: Thanked everyone for coming. Questioned the bids for Otterburn Park: City Manager Zettel responded that the lowest bid was Glaser Dawes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 260223-08**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

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**Nate Henry, Mayor**

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**Amy Nichols, Deputy Clerk**