

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK  
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE May 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 Jacquie Forrest, DPW Director Rob Bincsik, Sheri Sprygada.

Others Present: Fire Chief Plumb, Karl Opperthausen

Others Virtually Attended:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 260511-01**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Spillane  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday April 27, 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. 260511-02**

**(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 May 11, 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. 260511-03**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Hicks  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of May 11, 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:**

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ENSUED.**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL LAND USE FOR 5256 MORRISH ROAD, COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR STORAGE**

**Resolution No. 260511-04**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**WHEREAS**, the city received an application to affirm commercial outdoor storage on a piece of land zoned Light Industrial (I-1), that parcel being 5256 Morrish Road, parcel ID 58-02-200-029, and;

**WHEREAS**, the parcel was previously granted special land use approval in 2007 to permit outdoor storage under specific terms and conditions, said approval being granted under a prior zoning code, and;

**WHEREAS**, the previously granted special land use approval has expired, and the owner desires to continue the practice of outdoor storage, and;

**WHEREAS**, the planning commission, in reviewing the application materials and review criteria in Zoning Ordinance Section 22, among other sections, found the proposed site plan for Commercial Outdoor Storage meets the intent of the zoning ordinance, and;

**WHEREAS**, a public comment session was held on May 5, 2026, and input by city staff has been received, and;

**WHEREAS**, the planning commission found that the site plan in conjunction with the special land use, would meet all other general and specific standards applicable if the following conditions are met:

1. Storage of boats, RV's, automobiles, and similar vehicles that are operable and insured only
2. Maintain frontage landscaping in perpetuity (three pine trees)

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Swartz Creek City Council approves the special land use for commercial outdoor storage per the site plan and application as included in the May 5, 2026 planning commission packet, subject to the conditions in this resolution

Discussion Ensued.

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

Mayor Henry called to recess at 7:08 p.m.  
Mayor Henry called into session at 7:18 p.m.

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2026-2027 FY BUDGET**

**Resolution No. 260511-05**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker  
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek observes a fiscal year, beginning on July 1 of each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter requires a public hearing on the proposed budget and encourages adoption prior to the third Monday in May; and,

**WHEREAS**, city staff have prepared budget revenues and expenses in draft form in the timeliest manner practical based upon determinations available for taxable value.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Swartz Creek hereby sets a Public Hearing, to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at or soon after 7:00 PM, at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard, to hear public comments and needs regarding the Proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget, and further, post a notice of the public hearing in the View News, with a copy of the proposed budget to be available in the Clerk's Office beginning May 12, 2026.

Discussion Ensued.

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PICKUP TRUCK UPFIT PURCHASES USING MIDEAL STATE-WIDE PRICING**

**Resolution No. 260511-06**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Spillane  
Second by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek purchasing ordinance encourages the use of cooperative extended purchasing programs, and;  
**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek desires to upfit two 2026 GMC Sierra 4x4 pickup trucks with plows, bulk head light bars, and toolboxes, and;  
**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan MiDEAL extended purchasing program allows local governmental units to cooperate with the State to benefit from cooperative pricing on specified vehicle types, and;  
**WHEREAS**, the MiDEAL prices for supplies and installation for a Western Plow, BackRack, running boards, tool boxes, and lighting is \$17,410 for a regular cab and \$17,701 for a crew cab, and;  
**WHEREAS**, pricing submitted by Vehicle Accessories and Knapheide totals \$14,158.14 for a regular cab pick-up truck upfit including snow plow, lighting, running boards and tool boxes. A crew cab pick-up truck upfit \$4833.39 for lighting, running boards and tool boxes only. Total of both upfits \$18,991.53  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Swartz Creek recognizes the MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program pricing as an acceptable threshold for competitiveness and approves the purchases from Knapheide and Vehicle Accessories, as included in the May 11, 2026 City Council Packet, funds to be appropriated from 661 Motor Pool.

Discussion Ensued.

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BID TO INSTALL CONCRETE AT THE AMPHITHEATER USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

**Resolution No. 260511-07**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Krueger  
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek has \$24,633 of Community Development Block Grant Funds to spend on eligible improvements by August 31, 2026; and  
**WHEREAS**, the city bid concrete improvements related to ADA access for the Pajtas Amphitheater, in partnership with the Swartz Creek Fine Arts Association, and one bid was received; and

**WHEREAS**, the successful low bidder, BP Surface Solutions, has conducted acceptable CDBG concrete work for the city in the recent past; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission finds this project is fundable with CDBG funds as prepared and bid.  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approves the low bid by B.P. Surface Solutions LLC, a company in good standing, as included in the May 11, 2026 city council packet, as a unit cost bid of \$12/square foot of concrete, estimated to cost \$16,800 for the project as designed; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager or his designee to execute any and all agreements, forms, reports, and related compliance documentation as required to complete this project.

Discussion Ensued.

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

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT**

### **Resolution No. 260511 -08**

Motion by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Hicks  
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

**WHEREAS**, the city finds it necessary to control ice and snow accumulation on public streets and parking areas with the application of road salt during winter months; and  
**WHEREAS**, this process requires approximately 1,100 tons of rock salt during a winter season; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City's Purchasing Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-406 provides for and encourages cooperative government purchasing practices; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Genesee County Road Commission bid out and awarded a contract to Detroit Salt Company for the purchase of rock salt for application to public right-of-ways during those relentless and invasive Michigan winters; and  
**WHEREAS**, the GCRC negotiated a salt price for the coming winter, with year over year increase, with Detroit Salt Company of 12841 Sanders St., Detroit, at a unit cost of \$78.65 per ton, and a cooperative purchasing invitation has been extended to the City from the Genesee County Road Commission in April 2026; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City finds the per-ton cost of \$78.65 to be competitive.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Swartz Creek City Council accepts the Genesee County Road Commission's cooperative purchasing agreement and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$86,515, plus 10% contingency, for the purchase of rock salt from

Discussion Ensued.

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

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR HYDRANT PAINTING**

### **Resolution No. 260511-09**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**WHEREAS**, the City of Swartz Creek owns, operates, and maintains a water distribution system, which includes approximately 400 hydrants; and  
**WHEREAS**, the hydrants on the system are of various ages, makes, and models, all of which should have an operating life of approximately 75 years; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City maintains hydrants each year by operating the valves, flushing barrels, and lubricating nozzles; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to add functional longevity to the hydrants and approve their appearance by stripping previous layers of paint and applying new coats of paint in a professional manner; and  
**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance Section 2-406 enables the city council to approve negotiated contracts if the economic interests of the city are best served by such a negotiation for said services; and  
**WHEREAS**, the prior award for hydrant painting that the City awarded via a cooperative bid extension was largely unfulfilled, and the City seeks a reputable company to finish the job; and  
**WHEREAS**, Giant Maintenance and Restoration, Inc. is a hydrant painting specialist that has quoted a price below that of the prior contractor.  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Swartz Creek hereby approves the proposal by Giant Maintenance & Restoration, Inc., as submitted on April 28, 2026 and included in the May 11, 2026 city council packet in the amount of \$120 per unit, with approximately 125 units to be completed, subject to completion of a standard contractors agreement by the city manager.

Discussion Ensued

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

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Dennis Cramer – Human trafficking awareness and America 250 Concert

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmember Spillane: Failing storm sewers, flag and paint markings.

Councilmember Gilbert: Glad his fire hydrant is being painted.

Councilmember Knickerbocker: none.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: Railroad tracks on Morrish road are bad.

Councilmember Krueger: Glad the budget workshop was done in a timely manner.

Mayor Henry: Yard waste was late 2 weeks in a row.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 260511-10**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert  
Second by Councilmember Krueger

**I Move** the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

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**Nate Henry, Mayor**

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**Jacque Forrest, City Clerk**