

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE 12/11/2023**

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

Councilmembers Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Lucinda Brier, Sandra Dively, Diane Campbell, Rosemary Robinson, Wanda Tyler, Mike Suchodolski, Tammy Parenteau, Ken and Sandi Brill, Boots Abrams, Autumn Jesme, Tim and Angie Buda, Roger Meier, Shirley Pittsley, Linda Evans, Jan Sulz, Ranae Hendricks, Lisa Spillane, Ryan Spillane, Jeremy Dewar

Others Virtually Attended: Lania Rocha

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 231211-01

(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 November 27, 2023, to be circulated and placed on file.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 231211-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Henry
Second by Councilmember Cramer

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as printed for the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2023, to be circulated and placed on file.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 231211-03

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Cramer
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of December 11, 2023, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Community Volunteer Recognition

Volunteer Recognition List – 2023

Joe Perrault, Mike Martin, and Jenye Keely over the past several years have spent numerous hours of their free time by volunteering at Elms Park. They routinely take care of the garden bed around the Elms Park entry sign; trim vines, bushes and other growth from the fence; and a variety of other tasks that make Elms Park a more inviting and friendly place to visit. The amount of time invested for these duties over the years is beyond measure!

The Swartz Creek Area General Federation of Women's Clubs has been the caretaker of the downtown Swartz Creek area for many years. They plant and maintain a wonderful myriad of flowers, and they also provide and place many of the seasonal decorations. Without this contribution of time and effort from the

GFWC, the downtown would not be as welcoming or have the small town feel that these additions truly add. This group has also been very active in raising and contributing funds to various community needs, including the police and fire departments as well as the parks.

Boy Scouts Troop 122 have helped the community routinely, with service to maintain the flag retirement station where they take time to recover and retire community flags. They have also contributed to the development of many upstanding and committed youths in the community who have committed greatly to enhancing our public areas. Many Eagle Scout projects have had a defining impact, such as the community dog park, Elms Park grills, Elms Park orientation course, and the flag retirement station.

The Swartz Creek Area Firefighter's Association have contributed much to the Swartz Creek community over the years. They have stepped up and volunteered many summer hours by managing the sound and visual equipment for Family Movie Nights, they've provided water and additional hands for the annual Slip and Slide, and coordinate the annual Christmas Parade. Many of the community's most beloved events would not be possible without this group.

Shattered Chains has been working with the park board and city staff over the last several years to turn a vacant lot into the Otterburn Disc Golf Park. They have donated hundreds of hours of labor and their own resources into landscaping and shaping the park, as well as raising funds and installing baskets and tee pads. They've also helped coordinate and operate the last two annual Slip and Slide events.

The Friends of Abrams Park have been volunteering at Abrams Park by maintaining the entryway sign and garden bed of the park. They've also taken up the initiative of fundraising for various additions to the park, such as a sand table, new sand digger, and toys for the sand box. This effort makes a difference.

Cornerstone Baptist Church has an annual community service project which they regularly hold in Swartz Creek. Every year they volunteer to help with projects at Elms Park such as staining the wooden playscape and picnic tables, picking up trash, and even pulling stray weeds when they see them.

The Swartz Creek Kiwanis Club has been active in Elms Park for years. In fact, the primary pavilion holds the name of the Swartz Creek Kiwanis Club, as the

construction of this pavilion is largely owed to this group. The Kiwanis are still very active in the community, hosting the annual Art in the Park at Elms Park and providing volunteers for many events.

The Swartz Creek Area Historical Society most recently has spent a lot of time and effort procuring narratives and photographs for the Historical Sign project throughout the downtown area. They also preserve the history of Swartz Creek in a variety of ways and share it with the public. In addition, they maintain and update the mini-museum located within City Hall.

The Swartz Creek Athletic Boosters have been dedicated to the youth of the community and the Swartz Creek School District for many years. Without their many hours planning, coaching, assistance with cleanup and care of fields and equipment, the community would not be as lively as it is today.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Knickerbocker: Thanked all the organizations that serve Swartz Creek. Glad they could be recognized. Questioned if Lorenzo's insurance company was done and if we would start seeing some demolition? Reply-Investigation is still ongoing.

Councilmember Gilbert: Thanked and congratulated everyone for their hard work. Asked everyone to have a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: Has been a part of the community for many years and it is still her favorite place because of the people. Thanked them all for everything they do.

Councilmember Cramer: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stated that the Christmas tree lighting was a success. Swartz Creek residents are our greatest asset

Councilmember Henry: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked them all for coming.

Councilmember Spillane: Thanked everyone in the community for their hard work. Was glad to see the fire fighters get recognized. Wished everyone Happy Holidays. Commented that Boy Scout Troop 122 has been around for a long time.

Councilmember Krueger: Stated the City Council is partners with the citizens to try to make Swartz Creek the best place to live. We wouldn't be what we are without all the volunteers. Wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 231211-08

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Henry

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

David A. Krueger, Mayor

Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC
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