

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE March 10, 2025**

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: Jared Oginsky, Tim Turner, Jeff Kelley, Sandi Brill, Susan Mesack.

MOTION BY KNICKERBOCKER, SECONDED BY GILBERT TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER MELEN.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No. 250310-01

(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 24, 2025 to be circulated and placed on file.

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

APPROVAL OF CLOSED DOOR SESSION MINUTES

Resolution No. 250310-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Krueger
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Closed Door Session held Monday February 24, 2025 to be circulated and placed on file.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No.250310-03

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as printed for the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2025, 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. 250310-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of March 10, 2025, 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:

Susan Mesack: 1) Hometown Days-April 12 from 11:00am – 4:00pm, will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 5086 Morrish Rd, the Kincaide Property. Rain day is April 13. 2) Suggested a non-profit is not compliant with MCL450.2911.

Jared Oginsky: Dragon's Cruise is now a 501(c)(3).

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FORESTRY SERVICES BID AWARD

Resolution No. 250310-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek sought sealed bids for the removal of five large maple trees on Maple Street, inclusive of an hourly rate for future work; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Tree Co. is the low bidder at a price of \$5,750 and an hourly rate of \$185/hr; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Tree Co. is found to be of sufficient capacity and experience to perform the services to expectations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby awards the contract for tree removal services to the low bidder, Lynch Tree Co., per the specifications set forth in the bid documents, and further direct the City Manager to prepare and execute a standard contractor’s agreement with Lynch Tree Co.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby authorizes additional use of Lynch Tree Co. for budgeted forestry needs at the rate of \$185 per hour.

Discussion Ensued.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARK FEE/DEPOSIT WAIVER FOR USE OF ABRAMS PARK FOR A NON-PROFIT EVENT

Resolution No. 250310-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Spillane
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek requires park usage reservations and fees in accordance with adopted rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Abrams Park, in conjunction with other local partners, seeks a park use reservation for two pavilions at Abrams Park on June 14, 2025 for the purpose of holding a publicly available Flag Day event for children; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Abrams Park is a recognized non-profit operating in Swartz Creek that meet the requirements for an expanded use reservation; and

WHEREAS, the city park rules and regulations states that “fees may be waived in full if reservations by a non-profit are found to result in a public benefit directly or if proceeds from the reserved event are found to be a benefit to the city.”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the Friends of Abrams Park to be qualifying groups with a qualifying activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby waives all fees for the June 14, 2025 expanded use reservation in Abrams Park.

Discussion Ensued.

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

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FESTIVAL PERMIT FOR THE DRAGON’S CRUISE CAR SHOW

Resolution No. 250310-07

Motion by Councilmember Krueger
Second by Councilmember Knickerbocker

WHEREAS, the Dragon’s Cruise (DC) organization is a recognized charitable entity that operates in Swartz Creek; and

WHEREAS, DC is seeking permits and approvals to operate a car show on public streets and grounds within the city, including a car show, DJ music, market vendors, and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the Dragon’s Cruise 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 250310-8C1 through 250310-8C3, allowing for the various permits related to the annual Swartz Creek Dragon’s Cruise festival, to be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, and Saturday, September 27, 2025 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.

Discussion Ensued.

Motion rescinded by both Councilmembers Krueger and Knickerbocker. No vote.

MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION No. 250310-07 UNTIL RESEARCH COMPLETE.

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker
Second by Councilmember Spillane

Discussion Ensued.

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Sandi Brill: Thanked Council for passing the resolution for Abrams Park. Discussed upcoming events in the works.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Knickerbocker: Dragon's Cruise needs to work with Adam to make sure paperwork is complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: Cappy Lane looks rough.

Councilmember Spillane: Flint is working their way into Swartz Creek. Empty lot owned by school has become a dumping ground and a place for vagrants to stay. Stated that when the city was called, the person on the phone didn't handle the complaint properly.

Mayor Henry: Chili cookoff at American Legion this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 250310-09

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

Nate Henry, Mayor

Renee Kraft

Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC2, City Clerk