

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE May 27, 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, Henry.

Councilmembers Absent: Knickerbocker, Melen.

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

Others Present: Sheri Sprygada-TMCPA, Jeff Kelley

Others Virtually Attended: None.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Hicks to excuse Councilmembers Knickerbocker and Melen.

A unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 250527-02

(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 May 12, 2025 to be circulated and placed on file.

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

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 250527-03

(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 27, 2025, to be circulated and placed on file.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 250527-04

(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 May 27, 2025, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CITY BUDGET

Resolution No. 250527-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

WHEREAS, the Swartz Creek City Council is required to approve a budget in accordance with the General Appropriations Act and Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was posted and held in accordance with the city charter on May 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Swartz Creek City Council finds the following Fund-based budget to be an accurate and desirable instrument to appropriate funds to serve the needs of the City of Swart Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Swartz Creek City Council desires the budget to be accompanied by additional illustrative, narrative, and data materials to make the budget more transparent and useful to staff, officials, and the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby adopt the following 2025-2026 fiscal budget based upon the following tax mills:

General Operating Levy	4.6515	mills
Public Safety SAD	4.9000	mills
Street Levy	4.0649	mills
Sanitation Levy	2.6270	mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the 2025-2026 Budget Book as included in the May 27, 2025 city council packet.

Discussion Ensued.

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

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS DELINQUENT CHARGES TO THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Resolution No. 250527-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Spillane
Second by Councilmember Krueger

WHEREAS, the city, by virtue of enforcing certain ordinances and charter provisions, incurs expenses related to the improvement, maintenance, demolition, and/or replacement of private and public property; and

WHEREAS, the city also provides utility services, of which some recipients of said services have outstanding and overdue balances related to the same; and

WHEREAS, the city's ordinances related to the provision of water and sewer services, as well as those pertaining to the maintenance of sidewalks, noxious weeds, blight and fire cost recovery provide for the collection of expenses and related fees; and

WHEREAS, such outstanding expenses, service charges, and fees are able to be assessed to real property per Chapter 10 of the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Swartz Creek directs the Treasurer to prepare an audit of all outstanding debts owed to the City for delinquent sidewalk snow removal, utility services, blight and fire cost recovery, and further, to cause such debts to be assessed against the property owner of record, in accordance with City Ordinance and State Statute, said debts to be placed against the summer 2025 tax collection roll.

Discussion Ensued.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AFSCME LABOR AGREEMENT

Resolution No. 250527-07

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Krueger
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek City Council approved the agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees on June 13, 2022 to provide for conditions and provisions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement, set to expire on June 30, 2025, was negotiated by the city manager and the AFSCME unit in order to establish terms for a new three year agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City and AFSCME have tentatively agreed to terms that include among others, alterations to wages, post-retirement health care, holidays, vacations, uniforms, and other miscellaneous provisions; and

WHEREAS, components of the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement generally reflects and establishes expectations for employment conditions with unrepresented staff.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Swartz Creek approve the Agreement between the City of Swartz Creek and the AFSCME Michigan Swartz Creek City Employees Union Local 1918-Chapter 23 bargaining unit as included herein, less review comments/notations, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.
Discussion Ensued.

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Spillane: Consumers Power-He received a "buy insurance" postcard from them. Questioned if CDBG funds would cover cross-walk warnings? Adam Zettel responded that if they were ADA compliant, they would be. Mr. Zettel stated a flashing

light would cost around \$13,000. Thanked the people that helped with the cemetery clean up-stated it looks better than it has in years.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: Discussed the median stop signs being run over. Asked if there is an update on the Fortino store. Adam Zettel responded that due to unfortunate circumstances within the family, there is no change in status. Stated the fence around Mary Crapo is gone. Questioned the Green Photography building. Mr. Zettel responded that he is trying to work with them. Stated she agrees with the fire department doing the rental inspections, rather than building officials. Mentioned that the Swartz Creek Area Fire Department has served our community for 100 years-celebration for it will be Saturday at the fire hall, right after the parade.

Councilmember Gilbert: Questioned if we do fire inspections on businesses. Adam Zettel responded that we do not.

Councilmember Krueger: Hometown Days starts this Thursday. Believes the Consumer's Energy postcard would not benefit any of our residents.

Mayor Henry: Congratulated the Swartz Creek High School class of 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 250527-08

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

Nate Henry, Mayor

Renee Kraft

Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC2, City Clerk