

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE July 28, 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: Metro PD Lieutenant Mike Murphy, Betty Binder, Lori, Jeffrey E. Kelley, Belinda Wright, Scott Wright, Mark Kietzman, Jeff Kelley

Others Virtually Attended: Lania Rocha, Elana Moeller-Younger-OHM, Mgenovesi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 250728-01

(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 July 14, 2025 (2nd version) to be circulated and placed on file.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 250728-02

(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 July 28, 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. 250728-03

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks
Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of July 28, 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:

Jeff Kelley-Discussed weed clearing of sidewalks. Would like more communication from contractors so residents don't get trapped in their driveways. Mr. Zettel responded that he will speak with the contractor.

Lori- Had comments regarding downtown. Discussion ensued with council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DDA DEVELOPMENT AND TIF PLAN AMENDMENT:
Presentation for public.

Opened Public Hearing at 8:00pm

None.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:01pm

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 250728-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Michigan, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Swartz Creek, interlocal agreements in which the City of Swartz Creek is a

member, and previous resolutions of the City Council require and set terms for officers for various appointments to City boards and commissions, as well as appointments to non-city boards and commissions seeking representation by City officials; and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in such a position; and

WHEREAS, said appointment is a Mayoral appointment, subject to affirmation of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council concur with the Mayor and City Council appointment as follows:

#250728-8B1 MAYOR APPOINTMENT:

Belinda Wright

Board of Review, Resident

Remainder of Three year term, expiring June 30, 2026

Mrs. Wright thanked council.

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

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COOPERATIVE PRICING FOR PIPE LINING SERVICES

Resolution No. 250728-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker

Second by Councilmember Krueger

WHEREAS, the city finds it necessary to line approximately 275 feet for storm line on School Street to prevent further pipe degradation and root infiltration; and

WHEREAS, this process requires the services of a qualified sewer pipe restoration and lining company; and

WHEREAS, the City's Purchasing Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-406 provides for and encourages cooperative government purchasing practices; and

WHEREAS, SAK Construction, LLC is able and willing to extend their service proposal, as submitted to the City of Livonia, including pricing for such services, to the City of Swartz Creek; and

WHEREAS, the time and resources required to independently bid the services for a project of this magnitude, combined with the higher unit costs typically associated with small-scale contracts, are reasonably expected to exceed those incurred by utilizing a competitively awarded cooperative bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council accepts proposal and unit costs for pipe restoration and lining services by Sak Construction, LLC, as included in the July 28, 2025 city council packet, for the purposes of lining the storm sewer pipe on School Street as well as any other budgeted sewer work during the 2025 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager to prepare and execute a standard contractor agreement with SAK Construction, LLC.

Discussion Ensued.

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

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK RELATED TO DISCONNECTING A RESIDENTIAL FOOTING DRAIN FROM THE SANITARY SEWER

Resolution No. 250728-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Spillane
Second by Councilmember Krueger

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek owns, operates, and maintains a sanitary sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, the collection system and treatment facilities are stressed by the inflow and infiltration (I&I) of ground water into the system, especially by stormwater connections directly to the sanitary system; and

WHEREAS, residential footing drains, that were previously allowed to connect to the system, have been found to be the largest contributor to the I&I within the system; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Drain Commission, Water and Waste Services Division, as well as the City of Swartz Creek, find that removal of these footing drains is in the interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, the disconnection of such drains is the responsibility of the private owners of those drains; and

WHEREAS, though there may soon be a state mandate to require disconnection of said drains, there currently is not a suitable incentive or disincentive for owners to do so; and

WHEREAS, the city is interested in conducting a pilot footing drain removal from a private residence in order to ascertain the potential for a city-wide program for incentivizing disconnections; and

WHEREAS, the owner of 5197 Durwood is conducting a home remodel that includes new footing drains and sewer lead repair, and that owner is willing to participate in a pilot project provided the city covers the initial conversion cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council authorizes a pilot project to disconnect the footing drain from the sanitary sewer and replace it with a sump pump discharge to the available storm sewer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council approves payment in the amount of \$5,586, plus a 15% contingency to Goyette Mechanical, as included in the July 1, 2025 repair quote, for such services rendered, such payment to be made as a reimbursement to the homeowner or directly to Goyette, provided that the City is able to observe the disconnect process and affirm its completion.

Discussion Ensued.

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

NO: Gilbert. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Knickerbocker: He served on the CBDA of Flint Township for 10-12 years. If we do it right, the DDA can do a lot of good things.

Councilmember Gilbert: Questioned if we should be getting rid of the water powered sump pumps? Mr. Zettel responded that they tend to fail more.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks: The slip and slide was a great success. Shattered Chains did a great job. She thanked the fire department and DPW for helping. \$1,035 was raised for the fundraiser.

Councilmember Krueger: Concert tomorrow night at the amphitheater with concession stand.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 250728-08

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert

Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37pm

Unanimous Voice Vote.

Nate Henry, Mayor

Renee Kraft

Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC2, City Clerk