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**APPROVED LAINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 5, 2016**

Mayor pro-tem Larry L. Sparkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilor Nickols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brian Fredline, Alan Ducastel, Marcie Nickols, David Rhodabeck, Larry C. Sparkes and Larry L. Sparkes. Absent: Mayor Micheal Culpepper.

Public comment – Marshall Wing came before the City Council to complain about a letter dated November 21, 2016, he received from the City of Laingsburg in regards to “Use without a zoning permit” for property he owns at 123 Church Street.

126-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to grant a temporary variance, until February 28, 2017, for 123 Church St. and refer the issue to the Police Committee.  
Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and L.L. Sparkes.

Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

Public comment continued with Brian Southwell who asked that the city’s police patrol vehicle not sit in front of his property, located at 603 W Grand River. L.C. Sparkes asked that this issue be referred to the Police Committee for review.

Jeff Bartz, Shiawassee County Commission, 6<sup>th</sup> District, commented on County Government.

127-16. Moved by L. C. Sparkes, seconded by Fredline to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016, as presented. Motion carried.

128-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to approve the Treasurer’s Report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

Paula Willoughby, City Treasurer, noted a detail revenue and expenditure by fund for budget & actual will be given to the City Council as a quarterly report.

Debbie Neumann, of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation on Redevelopment Ready Communities. This is the City of Laingsburg “kick off” to become a

Redevelopment Ready Community.

- 129-16. Moved by L. L. Sparkes, seconded by Rhodabeck to schedule a public hearing during the regular city council meeting on January 9, 2017, which commences at 7:00 p.m. for the following Special Assessment Roll:

**Parcel #022-40-004-003-00, more commonly known as 116 E. Grand River**  
**Parcel #022-40-006-003-00, more commonly known as 114 E. First North**  
**Parcel #022-43-002-006-00, more commonly known as 214 Church Street**

The City Council intends to assess expenses incurred by the city to the above listed parcels.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and L.L. Sparkes.  
Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

- 130-16. Moved by Ducastel, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to schedule a second public hearing during the regular city council meeting on January 9, 2017, which commences at 7:00 p.m. to hear public input for the Proposed Cemetery Ordinance: *An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control, maintenance and management of cemeteries owned, controlled or operated by the City of Laingsburg, in Shiawassee County, Michigan; to provide penalties for violation of said ordinance and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict therewith.*

Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and L.L. Sparkes.  
Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

- 131-16. Moved by Rhodabeck, seconded by L.C. Sparkes to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,112.77, General Fund checks #39065– 39114. Also electronic payments of EFPTS \$3,177.70 - Federal withholding, Social Security and Medicare for November.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and L.L. Sparkes.  
Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

- 132-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to upgrade the City Hall's computer system's server in the amount of \$2,040 for equipment and \$1,200 for labor, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and  
L.L. Sparkes.  
Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

- 133-16. Moved by Fredline seconded by L. C. Sparkes to allow eligible employees to continue to purchase Service Credit from MERS under specific conditions, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and  
L.L. Sparkes.  
Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

- 134-16. Moved by Fredline, seconded by Rhodabeck to accept the proposal between the City of Laingsburg and the Police Officers Labor Council for a pay increase for part-time police officers, beginning the first payroll in January, in which they would receive an additional \$1 per hour pay. (complete proposal attached to the minutes).

Roll call vote: Yeas: Nickols, Rhodabeck, L.C. Sparkes, Fredline, Ducastel and  
L.L. Sparkes.  
Nays: None  
Absent: Culpepper

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Lana Kaiser  
Clerk



Larry L. Sparkes  
Mayor pro-tem