

LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 7:00 P.M.
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.

Members Present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Ty Serr, Darin Olson, Mike Gregg. Staff present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer, Roger Almond, Streets Superintendent, Greg Stack, Public Works Director, Tim Odland, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Others present: Wayne Peterson, Mitch Mergen of Stockwell Engineers, Marlyn Jacobsen, Alan Bolte of Scott Bolte Sanitation, Debbie Schmidt of *The Independent*, John Gesling, Don Kniffen.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Orville Wiebers called the meeting to order and everybody present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Gregg second Olson to approve agenda. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Gregg second Poppenga to approve November 26, 2012 minutes. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Poppenga second West to approve November 2012 payroll report. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Gregg second Serr to approve November 2012 expense report. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No visitors sought to be heard.

Finance Officer reported on the financial status of the city. Motion by West second Olson to approve finance officer's report. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the sale of land and appraisals. Consensus of council to have the appraisers leave a street run adjacent to the railroad tracks on the north side of the tracks. Discussion also of potential vacation of a portion of Railroad Avenue.

Discussion led by Ty Serr regarding the potential hire of a new police officer. Motion by West second Olson to hire Will Erikson at \$13.50. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Ty Serr regarding hiring Steven Erikson as a part-time officer. Motion by West second Gregg to hire Steven Erikson. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Glenn Nelson reported that the ordinance clarification on Mobile and Manufactured Homes is a work in progress.

Mayor Wiebers led discussion on the status of the old football field purchase. Advised that the attorneys of the three parties are meeting to discuss some preliminary items to hopefully find an amenable solution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on the changes to the travel and expense reimbursement process and rules for city representatives. Advised that he is working on a draft to the ordinance amendment.

Discussion led by Mayor Wiebers on alcohol license renewal applications. Schonhardt advised that it was reported that no complaints or violations had come against any of the facilities following the attention last summer. Motion by Nelson second Poppenga to approve renewals. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Poppenga second Serr to approve garbage collection license renewals for Novak and SBS. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Mayor Wiebers regarding the appointment of nine Lennox citizens (Nicole Olson, Laura Welch, Chad Wulf, Cara Dainauski, Megan Clark, Robbie Sweeter, John Kirchner, Sam

Bowers, Darin Musser) to a Park and Recreation Board. Motion by West second Serr to approve recommendations. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.
Motion by Poppenga second Nelson to approve Meadow re-plat. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Building Inspector Tim Odland on the Fyllum house at 601 Main Street. Discussed several of the problems that exist that were readily apparent. Made the recommendation that the shower problem be solved within two weeks and other cosmetic and construction issues would be addressed within three months. Discussion followed. Odland advised that many of the issues raised he is not permitted to inspect by state law, that only a licensed electrical inspector and plumbing inspector can inspect several issues. Motion by Serr second West to take care of all issues according to timeline and necessity as required by Tim Odland. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Ty Serr regarding questions about the Planning Commission's activities and conduct. Following some preliminary discussion, it was decided that the discussion would be further discussed in executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mike Gregg reported that little has been done by Street/Water/Sewer. Meter installation project is moving forward and Roger is working on some water line issues. Greg Stack is continuing to pursue grants. Stack advised that Lennox may be eligible to the Community Planning Grant which had previously been reported as not eligible, that a US Forestry grant is being pursued, and according to the LWCF pool grant, no work can be done until the Federal approval process is complete and the notice to proceed is received, which means that some of the items to be done at the pool may not be able to be done prior to the pool's opening.

Glenn Nelson reported that all that needed doing was being discussed.

Ty Serr reported new hires, discussing with Tom the possibility of regionalization of the police.

Orville Wiebers reported no activity in Park/Rec. Reported that the ice rink will be flooded.

Tracy West reported meeting with library to discuss situation. Advised that he had a discussion with the county regarding mill levy, and the levy is a month behind. Discussed progress on utility regionalization. Reported that the development corporation meeting was attended and that Greg Stack will be attending those meetings going forward.

Greg Poppenga reported that little had been occurring.

Darin Olson reported that the ambulance squad has been looking at ambulances.

Motion by Poppenga second Olson to approve committee reports. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Serr to enter executive session for personnel at 9:05 p.m. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor declared meeting closed.

Motion by West second Serr to leave executive session at p.m. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor declared meeting open.

Motion by West second Serr to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Mayor declared meeting adjourned.

Mayor Orville Wiebers

Attest:

David Schonhardt, Finance Officer