

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Council President Mike Gregg at 7:00 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Tracy West, Mike Gregg, Marlyn Jacobson, Phillip Fett and Greg Poppenga. Absent were Mayor Wiebers and Les Noonan. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones and Public Works Director Greg Stack. Also present were Sandra and Larry DeVries, Debra and Justin Dixon, Elsie Hickey, Debbie Schmidt, and Richard Schriever.

AGENDA:

Motion by West, second by Poppenga to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

VISITORS TO BE HEARD: Larry DeVries presented complaint notices of the property at 517 West 4th Avenue of tall grass, thistles, weeds, broken windows in house, strong odor, rodents and overgrown trees in the yard. Mr. DeVries also stated that it has been 13 years that the house and yard has been in this condition and it is time to get it cleaned up. He also stated that he is prepared to contact the State because of the health hazard the property exhibits. Public Works Director Stack stated the process the City needs to conduct for the tall grass and potential condemnation of the property. Debra Dixon then addressed the Council concerning the bats that are so thick that her son cannot play basketball at times at their residence. The Council agreed to go forward with the posting of the property for mowing of the property and with condemnation process but informed the residents that the process for condemnation is a slow process and will take time to be conducted.

Old Business:

Ordinance #557 Rezone of Parcel 250.40.29.001 from NRC Floodplain/Conservation to General Business:

PWD Stack presented and read Ordinance #557 for the second reading. After discussion, motion by Jacobson, second by Poppenga to approve the second reading of Ordinance #557 Rezone of Parcel #250.40.29.001 from NRC Floodplain/Conservation to General Business. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Pay Request #1 for First Rate Excavate: PWD Stack presented the pay request #1 for the Central Basin Improvements Project from First Rate Excavate in the amount of \$250,310.39 and reviewed the line item of charges being requested. After discussion, motion by West, second by Jacobson to approve pay request #1 from First Rate Excavate for the Central Basin Improvement Project in the amount of \$250,310.39. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Main Street Improvements Project Contract with Stockwell Engineers: PWD Stack presented the contract from Stockwell Engineers for the design phase of the Main Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$150,993.00. The total cost for engineering the Main Street Project will be \$312,093.00. After discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the design phase contract in the amount of \$150,993.00 for the Main Street Improvement Project with Stockwell Engineers. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution of Necessity #2015-05-26-01: PWD Stack presented and read the resolution of necessity #2015-05-26-01 which states the need to appropriate and condemn the parcel of property to be used for the purposes of public recreation as example of public park, baseball field, nature area and/or a municipal pool. After discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the resolution of necessity #2015-05-26-01 as

presented. Upon roll call vote; West-aye; Fett-aye; Jacobson-aye; Gregg-aye; Poppenga-abstain; Noonan-absent; Motion carried.

Central Basin Project Update: PWD Stack informed the Council on the progress of the Central Basin Project and other related issues with the project.

Contract Proposal for Engineering Services: PWD Stack presented the contract proposal from the PE Group for electrical upgrade/replacement of the Main City Lift Station control panel. The lift station was hit by lightning last June and the spare electric control panel was put into service for the lift station. The panel was a 1989 version and needs to be updated to current electrical standards. Our insurance company stated that if there is a state or federal code which states that this application requires upgrading, the insurance company is required pay for the upgrade. The contract is for electrical design phase and electrical construction phase for the lift station control panel. After discussion, motion by West, second by Jacobson to approve the contract proposal from PE Group for the electrical design and construction phase for the Main City Lift Station Control Panel in the amount of \$13,980.00. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Rubble Site Compost Equipment: PWD Stack informed the Council of the recent rubble site inspection and the need to have berms around the compost area according to our permit. The compost pile has not been operated correctly thus the material not turning into compost. To compost correctly, the City needs additional equipment including a windrow turner and a skid steer loader to operate the turner. Greg also stated that the State will allow the sludge from the waste water plant to be composted into the compost mix which will reduce the cost of getting rid of the sludge from the treatment plant. To do the compost operation, the investment maybe in the \$50,000 to \$60,000 range for the equipment. Other ideas discussed were hauling the compost materials to the Sioux Falls landfill, leasing the track skid steer to help with budgeting and to look at equipment at Freeman to see if they have equipment needed for the operation.

Personnel: Motion by Jacobson, second by West to approve the per hour wage for the life guards for the 2015 season; Lauren Luther-\$10.50; Katelyn Hinker-\$10.50; Rachel West-\$10.50; Mahli Strasser-\$9.00; Megan Hinker-\$8.50; Karissa West-\$8.50; Baylee Abraham-\$8.50; Abby Abraham-\$8.50; Jordan Kruse-\$8.50; Alyssa Zirpel-\$8.50; upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West, second by Jacobson to set the wage for park summer help Grant Sweeter at \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

The Council agreed to include Russ Nelson as part time police officer at the set \$16.00 per hour rate.

Executive Session: No need for executive session at this time.

Adjournment: Motion by West, second by Jacobson to adjourn at 8:18 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Michael Gregg, Council President

