

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016  
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 6:00 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Mayor Wiebers, Chad Wulf, Greg Poppenga, Phil Fett, Alan Ratliff, and Mike Gregg. Joining the meeting in progress was Tracy West. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones, Public Relations Director Amanda Anglin, Water/Sewer Supt Jeremy Gulbranson, Street Supt. Dave Tipton, Building Inspector Tim Odland and City Engineer Mitch Mergen. Also present were Dan Roeman, Wendell Potratz, Paul Korn, Gil Haugen, Kelli Bultena, Brock Rops, Todd Shuman, Marie Klingbile, Mary Brass, Rhoda Strasser, Gail Strasser, David Strasser, Sheryl Ledoboer, Angela Zirpel, Brian Zirpel, Julie Hinker, Katelyn Hinker, Marne Strasser, Todd Running, Robin Luther, Lauren Luther, Rich Luther, Michelle Abraham, Todd Abraham, Dustin McLouth and Wayne Peterson.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Gregg, second by Poppenga to approve the agenda with the addition of Zipper asphalt machine.  
Motion carried.

**VISITORS TO BE HEARD:** Several of those in attendance addressed the Council concerning the operation of the pool and if the lifeguards would have a job this summer. Numerous issues were discussed and if at all possible, the City employees will do everything they can do to get the pool in operation for the summer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at his time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sunshine Project:** City Engineer Mitch Mergen opened discussion on the Sunshine Store Project and the comments for the plan review. Wendell Potratz of Pro Group Inc, Paul Korn of Sayre Engineers and Dan Roeman of Sunshine Foods and Gil Haugen commented on the general comments from the City Engineer and answered questions from the Council.

**Pool Project:** Councilman Wulf addressed the issue of the new pool project and process to go forward with a new pool. The Council agreed to continue to proceed with obtaining a funding package and Stockwell Engineers will help in providing further information for the project.

**2016 Pickup Purchase:** The Finance Officer informed the Council on the state bid for the new Chevy pickup that was ordered in December through Billion Motors in Sioux Falls and Billion was approved to back out of the state bid agreement in which now Jerry's of Beresford has the new bid. The new bid for the pickup has increased by \$2,094.00 to a total bid of \$29,439. After discussion, motion by Ratliff, second by Gregg to approve the change in the state bid and authorize payment to Jerry's in Beresford in the amount of \$29,439 for the 2016 Chevy ¾ ton pickup. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**WWTF Final Inspection and Certificate of Completion:** The Finance Officer presented the final inspection report and certificates of completion of the waste water treatment facility. After discussion, motion by Gregg, second by West to authorize Mayor Wiebers to sign the certification of completion for the WWTF. Motion carried.

**Surplus Resolution #2016-05-31-01:** The Finance Officer presented and read the surplus resolution 2016-05-31-01 for the surplus of equipment at the Lennox Ambulance Service. Motion by West, second by Gregg to approve surplus resolution #2016-05-31-01 as presented. Motion carried.

**Pool Discussion:** Mayor Wiebers revisited the pool discussion from earlier in the evening and pool manager Dustin McLouth reported on the issues that need attention for pool operation. Also addressed was the lifeguards and the non commitment of some of the guards as to the concern of the pool may not be in operation and they may all be out of a job for the summer. The Mayor and Council commented on concerns that the communication concerning the items that need attention had not happened with the city personnel. The Council agreed to have any city personnel to help get the pool in operational condition as soon as possible.

**Asphalt Zipper:** Councilman Gregg discussed asphalt zipper and a demonstration will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 AM on Elm Street.

**Personnel:**

**Head Librarian Position:** Audrea Buller met with the Council to discuss the head librarian position that she has accepted and discussed the direction and activities she is planning for the library. Audrea asked if the hourly pay could be revisited by the Council and would greatly appreciate if the pay could be increased by \$.50 per hour. Mayor Wiebers stated that the Council would be going into execution session to discuss other personnel issues and would consider the request. Motion by West, second by Ratliff to hire Audrea Buller for the head librarian position at \$14.00 per hour and \$.50 per hour increase upon a satisfactory 6 month review and receive full time benefits. Motion carried.

**Ambulance Positions:** The Council discussed the three applications for part time paramedic positions for the Lennox Ambulance Service. After discussion, the Council agreed not to approve the applications until questions and concerns can be addressed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by West, second by Wulf to go into executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared executive session ended at 10:12 PM.

**Head Librarian Position:** Motion by West, second by Gregg to set the head librarian position hourly wage at \$14.50 and no recommendation of an increase at the end of 6 month probation period and to receive full time benefits. Motion carried.

**Part Time Police Position:** Motion by Gregg, second by Wulf to authorize Police Chief Jorgenson to hire part time police officers at the rate of pay of \$16.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn at 10:20 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

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Orville Wiebers, Mayor