

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 7:00 P.M.  
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.**

Mayor Wiebers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Mike Gregg, Greg Poppenga, Ty Serr, Tracy West, Darin Olson, Glenn Nelson. Staff Present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer, Rich Schriever, Planning Commission chairman, Roger Almond, Water Superintendent, Dawn Reif, Administrative Assistant, Greg Stack, Public Works Director, Frank Jacobsen, Planning Commission, Russ Nelson, Police Chief, Dave Tipton, Streets Superintendent. Others Present: Wayne Peterson, Justin McNeil, Mitch Mergen of Stockwell, Marlyn Jacobsen, Rich Holland, Paul Jacobsen, Ed Hansich, Lila Hanisch, Art Ringen, President of LADC, Mrg Simon, Troy Larson of Lewis & Clark, Lee Cook, Cathy Fickle, Virgil Debbie Schmidt, *The Independent*.

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

Motion by Serr second Poppenga to approve minutes of July 9, 2012 regular meeting and August 1, 2012 Special Meeting. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Gregg to approve July 2012 claims pending investigation on LCEDA dues appearing in both City and LADC rolls, upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Rich Holland presented a budget request by Lennox Transit. Inquiries were made regarding funding from the school district. No action taken.

Virge Musch addressed the Council to announce his resignation from LCEDA and his request to be replaced by Verlin Schmidt, no action taken. Consent of council to put item on next meeting's agenda.

Motion by West second Serr to accept Finance Officer's report. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second Gregg to approve Fodness Plat. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiebers reported to council that Worthing's mayor told him that they had no need for utilities regionalization, but will discuss the matter at next meeting, had not heard from Chancellor.

Mike Gregg reported that Stockwell had provided the best option for a sanitary sewer survey, and recommended that the contract be approved. Motion by West second Serr to approve the Stockwell contract. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson second Gregg to approve the Rural and Urban Services Ordinance amendment. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Mayor Wiebers declared second reading and adoption of Ordinance #528.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrg Simon, from the Lennox Area Community Fund presented a budget request to the Council.

No action taken.

Troy Larson of Lewis & Clark addressed the council regarding capacity. No action taken.

Discussion by council regarding mobile home park licenses. No report had yet been received by the Code Enforcement Officer. Motion by Serr second West to table license renewals for next meeting with continued permitted operation. Discussion also regarding a past due water bill at Central Mobile Home. Consensus by council to allow Central to have continued water access until the end of the month, when all of the past due balance is to be paid.

Discussion led by West regarding the LADC. Proposed that three members of the council, the chairs of the finance, zoning and public works commissions be added to the board of the LADC. Also proposed that finance officer be the primary point of contact with potential businesses and the public works director be the primary point of contact for businesses once they've begun the process to come into the city. Mayor Wiebers declared Aldermen West, Nelson and Gregg as the representatives to the LADC, with Ty Serr as alternate. Motion by West second Gregg to approve appointment. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson second Gregg to adopt resolution#2012-08-13-01 to transfer funds from general fund to sewer fund to pay SRF Clean Water#1 and SRF Clean Water#2, pending state approval. Upon roll call vote, five voted aye, one voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second Gregg to pay the note on the police station with funds from the collateral CD. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Streets/Water/Sewer: Mike Gregg reported that the street department has been cleaning up after the chip sealing process, that new meter installation has been delayed by Midcontinent's needs for water and sewer locates, discussed also the possibility of purchasing another used truck. Also looking at painting crosswalks and stop bars. Greg Stack reported that LWCF grant application has been submitted and low- to moderate-income survey is under way.
- Zoning: Glenn Nelson reported that this upcoming meeting will be a public meeting for ordinance amendments.
- Police/Fire: Ty Serr reported that budget meeting was held. Discussed attempts to mitigate stop sign violations.
- Park/Recreation/Pool: Orville Wiebers reported that pool will be closing after the 17<sup>th</sup> of August.
- Finance/Library: Tracy West reported that the budget process is proceeding.
- Buildings/Solid Waste/Recycling/Weeds: Greg Poppenga reported that the weeds situation around town is being addressed and that the rubble site is operating well.
- Health/Ambulance/Goals/Accomplishments: Darin Olson reported that there was a budget meeting held regarding the needs of the ambulance.

Motion by Serr second West to approve the committee reports. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Serr to go into executive session for personnel and to review legal communications. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.  
Mayor Wiebers declared executive session open at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by West second Gregg to close executive session. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried, Mayor declared executive session closed at 10:30 p.m.

Motion by West second Olson to approve hiring Priscilla Bushkohl at \$7.25 as a part time assistant librarian. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by West regarding creation of organizational chart. Consensus of council to create an org. chart that places Greg Stack at the head of Streets, Water and Sewer and David Schonhardt at the head of all else.

Consensus by council to counter retainer agreement.

Motion by Olson second West to adjourn, mayor declared meeting closed at 10:50 p.m.

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Mayor Orville Wiebers

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David Schonhardt, Finance Officer