

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 6:00 P.M.  
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.**

Mayor Orville Wiebers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Mike Gregg, Greg Poppenga, Ty Serr, Tracy West, Darin Olson. Members absent: Glenn Nelson. Staff present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer. Others present: Brett Lovrien of Cadwell, Sanford, Deibert & Garry, LLP.

Motion by West second Gregg to enter executive session for legal and personnel. By voice vote, all members present voted aye. Council entered executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Serr second West to leave executive session. By voice vote, all members present voted aye. Council entered executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Mike Gregg, Greg Poppenga, Ty Serr, Tracy West, Darin Olson. Members absent: Glenn Nelson. Staff present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer, Orville Jorgensen, Chief of Police, Earl Fischer, Fire Chief, Greg Stack, Public Works Director. Others present: Debbie Schmidt, *The Independent*, Wayne Peterson, John Kniffen, Mitch Mergen of Stockwell Engineers.

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

Motion by Poppenga second West to approve November 12, December 10, and December 27 minutes. By voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Poppenga second Olson to approve December payables report as consent agenda, with fire reimbursement contingent on Chief Fischer's explanation. By roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Gregg to approve December payroll report as consent agenda. By roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Poppenga second Gregg to approve finance officer's report as consent agenda. By roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion led by Greg Stack regarding an amendment to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave project. Motion by Poppenga second Gregg to approve. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion had regarding the school district land. No action taken.

Discussion had regarding possible vacation of Railroad Avenue. Motion by Serr second Gregg to table. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second West to table discussion on trees. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Consensus of council to get information from Tim Odland regarding the status of the Fylling House.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion led by Mayor Wiebers regarding summer employees. Motion by West second Gregg to advertise for those positions. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Consensus of council to set public hearing date for planning commission for 1/28/12 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion led by Earl Fischer regarding the requests for training reimbursement. Consensus of council to accept explanation and pay reimbursements.

Discussion led by Greg Stack regarding the generator project. Advised contract would be ready for 1/28 meeting.

Discussion led by Ty Serr regarding snow removal ordinance# 6.0301 and possible amendment. Consensus of council to amend ordinances.

Discussion led by Mitch Mergen regarding the status of Safe Routes. No action taken.

Discussion led by Greg Stack regarding Feimer Construction. Motion by West second Olson to approve final contract amount. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Mike Gregg regarding capacity of Lewis & Clark water. Motion by Gregg second West to reject additional capacity. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Mike Gregg to set fee for city labor to repair damage done by citizens or contractors to utilities due to negligence. Consensus to set fee by resolution at 1/28.

Motion by West second Gregg to reimburse Greg Stack \$40/month for personal cellular phone. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Mike Gregg to have Greg Stack design and proceed to look at a public works internship program. Motion by Gregg to look at hiring interns at \$11/hr. Discussion followed regarding budget constraints. Motion died for lack of second.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ty Serr led discussion regarding police report, Chief Jorgensen reported that vehicle towing during snow event went smoothly. Reported also that police department and other emergency response has been looking at school emergency response scenarios and drills.

Mike Gregg reported that the street, water and sewer has had little activity. Total number of automatic meters installed is at 490, and that more meters will have to be purchased. Greg Stack reported that the citizen's parks committee has discussed a need to get sidewalks repaired and expanded.

Tracy West reported the library committee discussed the budget process. Discussed some possible repair work to the face of City Hall

Orville Wiebers reported letter for baseball team use of the field and booster club's use of the concession stand. Motion by Serr second Gregg to permit use. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Greg Poppenga reported nothing on weeds/waste/pests. Greg Stack reported some need for attention for renewing the permit.

Darin Olson reported the ambulance is looking at new ambulances.

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

Motion by West second Gregg to enter executive session for personnel. 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 Olson to exit executive session at 10:20 p.m. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried

Motion by West second Gregg to approve Resolution#2013-01-14-01. Upon roll call vote, four members present voted aye, one voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Poppegna second West to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Mayor Wiebers declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST

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Mayor Orville Wiebers

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David Schonhardt, Finance Officer