

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013 6:30 P.M.
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.**

Members present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Glenn Nelson, Greg Poppenga, Tracy West, Darin Olson, Ty Serr, Mike Gregg. Staff Present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer, Greg Stack, Public Works Director, Orville Jorgensen, Chief of Police, Dawn Reif, Administrative Assistant, Dave Tipton, Streets Superintendent. Others Present: John Carlson, Marlyn Jacobson, Paul Jacobson, Wayne Peterson, Mitch Mergen of Stockwell Engineering, Debbie Schmidt of *The Independent*, Kim Boe, James Dover, Rita Novak, Frank Jacobsen, Todd Schuman, John Kirchner, Meghan Clark, Cameron Kramer, Rob Huber

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Orville Wiebers called the meeting to order and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

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 6:31 p.m.

Motion by West second Gregg to exit executive session. Upon voice vote all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared executive session closed at 7:10 p.m.

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

Mayor Wiebers declared public hearing from 1/28/13 re-convened. Several persons raised complaints against Rich Schriever and sought his removal. Mayor Wiebers asked that the council remove Rich Schriever. Motion by Serr second Gregg to confirm removal. Upon roll call vote, five members voted aye, one voted nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiebers declared public hearing closed at 7:25.

Motion by Serr second West to approve minutes of January 14, 2013 regular meeting and January 28, 2013 Special Meeting with amendment to January 28th meeting. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Gregg second Nelson to approve January 2013 claims. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Poppenga to approve January 2013 payroll. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No visitors sought to be heard.

Finance Officer reported on the status of the city. Reported that pool lift needed to be purchased and that options were being sought. Motion by Poppenga second West to approve report. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by West second Serr to approve snow removal ordinance #532. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared second reading and adoption.

Motion by West second Serr to approve tree removal ordinance #533. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared second reading and adoption.

Motion by Serr second West to adjust wages: Dave Tipton: \$18.47/hr, Roger Almond: \$17.81/hr, Matt Mower: \$14.50, Kaven Swearingen: \$15.49, Greg Stack: \$65,000/year effective 1/1/13. Upon roll call vote, five members present voted aye, one voted nay. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Mayor Wiebers regarding summer help applications. Applications received: Jeff Speeler for 7-8 boys' coach, Drew Sweeter for 15-16 tweeners, Aaron Gerdes for 7-8 boys' coach, Drew Sweeter for Park/Rec seasonal worker. Motion by West second Gregg to approve the applicants pending background checks. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Greg Stack regarding the recreational trail master plan. Mitch Mergen noted that recreational areas in low-lying or floodplain areas are common practice and preferred. Motion by West second Gregg to adopt. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion led by Rob Huber regarding a requested street dance. Said that the Commercial Club would like to hold a street dance on 7/3 and requested a one-day beer license. Motion by West second Olson to permit the dance, pending coordination with emergency services and insurance requirements. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion led by Tracy West regarding development of land, roads and social media presence. No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets/Water/Sewer: Mike Gregg reported that the streets department has had little activity, that 117 meters have been installed in January. Some water services needed to be replaced and some gas lines have been replaced, affecting streets.

Zoning: Glenn Nelson reported on the P&Z meeting and Toby Brown's discussion regarding potential land development.

Police/Fire: Ty Serr reported that the police report was available for review.

Park/Recreation/Pool: Orville Wiebers reported that the citizen's rec committee is working to change the forms being used for 2014. Discussed also a new potential fee structure.

Finance/Library: Tracy West reported the city is solvent.

Buildings/Solid Waste/Recycling/Weeds: Greg Poppenga reported little is commencing at present.

Health/Ambulance/Goals/Accomplishments: Darin Olson reported that the transport & call reports have been compiled. 311 calls were made in 2012. Still reviewing the ambulance replacement options.

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

Motion by Serr second Gregg to adjourn. Mayor Wiebers declared meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.