

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012 6:30 P.M.
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.**

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

Members Present: Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Ty Serr, Darin Olson, Mike Gregg, Greg Poppenga, Glenn Nelson. Staff Present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer, Tom Freiberg of Freiberg, Nelson and Ask, Greg Stack, Public Works Director.

At 6:35 p.m., motion by West second Gregg to enter executive session for personnel and legal. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:10 p.m., motion by West second Serr to close executive session. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye and Mayor Wiebers declared executive session closed.

Members Present: Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Ty Serr, Darin Olson, Mike Gregg, Greg Poppenga, Glenn Nelson. Staff Present: David Schonhardt, Finance Officer, Tom Freiberg of Freiberg, Nelson and Ask, Greg Stack, Public Works Director, Orville Jorgensen, Chief of Police, Dave Tipton, Streets Superintendent, Dawn Reif, Administrative Assistant. Others present: Debbie Schmidt, *The Independent*, Marlyn Jacobsen, Paul Jacobsen, Russ Nelson, Wayne Peterson.

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

No visitors sought to be heard.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by West second Serr to approve settlement with Gridor to accept liquidated damages of \$12,411.20. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second West to approve salary for Orville Jorgensen of \$41,500 effective following the approval of a comprehensive plan for police improvement to be presented at the 11/12/12 meeting. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second Gregg to advertise for a new full-time police officer. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Greg Stack reported on the outcome of the CDBG survey. The survey found that the City of Lennox does not have an adequate population of low- to moderate-income households to qualify for CDBG grants. No action taken.

Greg Stack reported that the project is proceeding on Cedar & Rummel. No action taken.

Greg Stack reported that the project is proceeding to repair storm sewers and sidewalks. No action taken.

Greg Stack reported that the well capping project is nearly complete. No action taken.

Greg Stack reported that he is working with Stockwell to build a Recreational Trail Master Plan. Advised that there would be a \$3,000 cost to proceed on developing the plan. Advised that the grants available for the recreational trail could be for as much as \$500,000.

Motion by West second Serr to approve the \$3,000 to Stockwell. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the list of diseased or dangerous trees. Consensus of council that Greg Poppenga's committee would review and advise.

Ty Serr advised that Cameron Cramer had inquired of the status of rain gutters on City Hall. Greg Stack advised that he is collecting bids.

Ty Serr led discussion on an abandoned trailer. After discussion, consensus of council was to have Ty contact the owners.

Discussion followed regarding the letter to Michael Hammerly. Consensus of council to have Mayor Wiebers hand-deliver the letter to Hammerly.

Discussion led by Darin Olson regarding a potential new hire for the ambulance. No action taken.

Motion by West second Gregg to adjourn at 7:40p.m. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried