

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012 6:30 P.M.
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.**

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

Members Present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Ty Serr, Mike Gregg, Darin Olson, Greg Poppenga, Tracy West. Members Absent: Glenn Nelson. Others Present: Finance Officer David Schonhardt, Police Chief Russ Nelson.

Motion by Gregg second West to enter executive session for personnel. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye and Mayor Wiebers opened executive session.

Motion by West second Serr to close executive session at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Wiebers closed executive session.

Members Present: Mayor Orville Wiebers, Ty Serr, Mike Gregg, Darin Olson, Greg Poppenga, Tracy West. Members Absent: Glenn Nelson. Others Present: Finance Officer David Schonhardt, Police Chief Russ Nelson, Public Works Director Greg Stack, Building Inspector Tim Odland, Water Superintendent Roger Almond, Streets Superintendant Dave Tipton, Debbie Schmidt, *The Independent*, Marlyn Jacobsen, Paul Jacobsen, Art Ringen, Justin McNeal, Wayne Peterson, Jon Brown.

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

Motion by Gregg second Olson to approve September 10, 2012 regular meeting and September 25, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Gregg second Olson to approve September 2012 claims. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

No visitors sought to be heard.

Finance Officer Schonhardt reported on the status of city finances. Motion by Serr, second West to approve report, upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ty Serr reported that ideas for a youth center have been considered but have not progressed beyond the early stages of discussion and thought. No action taken.

Mayor Wiebers led discussion on the school district property. Consensus of council to not pursue purchase of the property, and Mayor Wiebers will discuss the matter with the school district representative.

Tim Odland discussed the status of the Mobile Home parks. Advised the council that all West Park items had been corrected. Advised the council that Long Creek park issues have been resolved. Advised the council that Central Park has one issue related to new trailer placement that is not corrected, but all issues that were raised at the time of initial inspection have been resolved. Advised that Hammerly Park has not resolved issues adequately. Motion by Poppenga second Serr to approve licenses for Central, Long Creek and West Parks. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding Hammerly. Consensus of council to pursue options available and consult with legal council.

Mayor Wiebers led discussion regarding utilities regionalization. Advised that he was working on setting up a meeting.

Mayor Wiebers led discussion regarding Chief Nelson's resignation. Motion by West second Olson to regretfully accept the resignation. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Wiebers appointed Orville Jorgenson to the position of police chief, effective October 15. Motion by West second Serr to approve appointment. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second West to set salary for new police chief at \$40,000. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Serr to raise part-time police wages to \$16.00 per hour, effective immediately. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Olson to hire Amy Marsh as a part-time paramedic at \$12.00/hr. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Gregg to accept the resignation of Dustin Faber. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Gregg to adopt Resolution 2012-10-09-01. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second Poppenga to adopt Resolution 2012-10-09-02. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Gregg second Poppenga to accept Fodness Plat. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion Poppenga second Gregg to pay for the vaccinations of Fire and Ambulance volunteers. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Greg Stack led the discussion on well capping bids. Motion by West second Serr to approve the bid made by Thein for \$9,566. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second Gregg to permit Greg Stack to execute a contract with a contractor to repair sewer cross connections and sidewalks, provided that the contract come in within the engineer's estimate. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Serr second Gregg to allow Greg Stack to execute contract with a contractor to repair Cedar & Rummel storm sewers, provided that the bids come in within engineer estimates. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Greg Stack led discussion regarding a Recreational Trail Master Plan. Consensus of council to appoint a recreation board and develop a RTMP.

Greg Stack led discussion on CDBG survey. No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Streets/Water/Sewer: Mike Gregg reported that the meter project and Midco are continuing.
- Zoning: Glenn Nelson was not present. No report.
- Police/Fire/Health (insect control): Ty Serr reported that discussions have been held surrounding the departure of Chief Nelson.
- Park/Recreation/Beautification/Pool: Mayor Wiebers reported that trees have been purchased and will be planted along Park Drive.

- Finance/Building/Library: Tracy West reported that goals were met within the budgeting process.
- Solid Waste/Recycling/Weeds: Greg Poppenga reported that will have discussion with Don McGuire regarding cessation of operations at Rubble Site for the season.
- Ambulance/Plans/Goals/Accomplishments: Darin Olson reported that discussions on new ambulance and on technology have been held.

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

Discussion led by West regarding having meetings semi-monthly. Mayor Wiebers set special meeting for 10/22 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by West second Serr to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Mayor declared meeting adjourned.