

LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, February 13, 2012 6:00 P.M.
LENNOX CITY HALL - 107 S. MAIN ST.

Mayor Orville Wiebers called the meeting to order at Lennox City Hall at 6:00 p.m. and all present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Members present were: Mayor Orville Wiebers; Aldermen: Darin Olson, Ty Serr, Richard Holland, Jr., Mike Gregg, and Tracy West. Staff present: Finance Officer David Schonhardt, Planning Commission Chairman Rich Schriever. Others present: Tom Frieberg of Frieberg, Nelson and Ask.

PC Chairman Schriever addresses council regarding transportation grants.

Motion by West second Olson to enter executive session for legal and personnel. Upon voice vote all members present voted aye. Motion carried.
Mayor Wiebers closed executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Orville Wiebers called the meeting to order at Lennox City Hall at 7:11p.m.

Members present were: Mayor Orville Wiebers; Aldermen: Daren Olson, Ty Serr, Richard Holland, Jr., Mike Gregg, and Tracy West. Staff present: Finance Officer David Schonhardt, Wastewater Supt. Greg Stack, Water Supt. Roger Almond, Streets Supt. Dave Tipton, Police Chief Russ Nelson. Others present: Wayne Peterson, Debbie Schmidt of the *Independent*, Greg Popenga, Seth Hyberger of SECOG, Marlin Jacobsen, Tina Bude, Harold .

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

Motion by Gregg second Holland to approve minutes of 1/9/12 and 1/23/12 as amended. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Holland second West to approve December 2011, January 2012 payroll reports as amended to move Judy Finnell's hours to finance from general. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No visitors sought to be heard.

Motion by Gregg second Serr to approve finance Officer's Report. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Serr second West to ratify employment contracts for Greg Stack and David Schonhardt. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roger Almond and Seth Hyberger addressed council to update them on the water meter project. No action taken.

Seth Hyberger addressed the council to update them on the drinking water improvement project. Advised that there is the option to change it to a 30-year loan from a 20-year loan. Motion by Serr second Olson to leave the loan term at 20 years. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Seth Hyberger advised the council on the status of Safe Routes to Schools. Discussed the status of federal funding. Advised the council that he would ensure that the funding was still in place. Advised the council on the other aspects of the project. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by West second Gregg to table the Stockwell Service Contract for review by city attorney. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Serr to advertise for Summer Coaches, Lifeguards, Park Employees and Pool Manager with applications due March 1. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Holland to pass resolution #2012-02-13-01 in support of applying for funding for Bike Trail. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by West second Holland to approve the Gridor Pay Requests 21 & 22. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Consensus to install a second light outside the door to the senior center. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Tina Bude addressed council regarding the potential beginning of a women's club in Lennox. Consensus of council to have the organization built and then to revisit any specific issue that may require the council's involvement as the relevant matters arise.

Greg Stack advised council of needs at the WWTF. Consensus by council to pursue a weather monitoring subscription. Consensus to get Sonicwall for WWTF. Consensus to study potential uses and manpower requirements for tracking program for assets owned by the city.

Consensus to draw up bid documents to start bidding for pulling and rehabbing the Peterson and Gedstad Wells.

Consensus to draw up bid documents to start bidding to pull the pump at the Arman well.

Motion by Serr second Olson to increase contractor liability insurance levels to \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Consensus among council to have Dave Tipton devise a solution on the question of truck traffic in the city limits.

Motion by Serr to make the east side of Elm Street from Windsong Place to 5th Avenue a no-parking zone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motion died for lack of second. Consensus for Mayor Wiebers to discuss matter with school superintendent.

Motion by Gregg second Serr to join Parker in bidding for street sealing. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Harold and Seth Hyberger addressed the council regarding Lennox Predisaster Mitigation programs within the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Consensus to have all members of the council give any projects that they have to finance officer to put into application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Streets/Water/Sewer:** No report.
- **Zoning:** No report.
- **Police/Fire/Health (insect control):** Discussion to get Hepatitis B vaccines as recommended by the city insurance carrier. Consensus by council to get all police members tested.
- **Park/Recreation/Beautification/Pool:** No report.
- **Finance/Building/Library:** Gutters replaced on museum.
- **Solid Waste/Recycling/Weeds:** No report.
- **Ambulance/Plans/Goals/Accomplishments:** Chad Skyles started 2/1/12, some discussion on creating an ambulance district to help cover expenses.

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

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion by Holland second West to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Mayor declared adjourned.

Mayor Orville Wiebers

Attest:

David Schonhardt, Finance Officer