

LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.

The regular meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 7:00 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Orville Wiebers, Greg Poppenga, Chad Wulf, Tracy West, Billy Welch, Allan Ratliff and Mike Gregg. Staff present was City Administrator Amanda Anglin, Finance Officer Jerry Jones, Water/Wastewater Supt. Jeremy Gulbranson and City Engineer Mitch Mergen. Others present were Kellie Bultena, Dawn Reif, John Kirchner, Diane Martin, Lynnette Vargas, Tammy Adney and Jerry Spethman of D.A. Davidson

AGENDA:

Motion by West, second by Wulf to approve the agenda with the addition of Capitol Investment Plan. Motion carried.

VISITORS TO BE HEARD:

Diane Martin addressed the Council concerning the flat sewer rate that has been approved and the unfair effect on the single person homes and the elderly on fixed incomes. She stated that the Council was aware of the consequences to those folks and Council went ahead and approved the rate anyway which is not right. Also she addressed the \$500 fine for the residents that do not get their sump pump inspections done by the August 1st deadline and the City should be contacting all those who have not scheduled an inspection of their sump pumps and find out why the residents are not complying with the sump pump policy.

Lynnette Vargas and Tammy Adney met with the Council and asked why their softball teams have not been allowed practice and playing time on the City's ball fields. They both feel that their teams are not being treated fairly. Mayor Wiebers stated that there is a Park and Rec Advisory Board meeting coming up and they need to take their concern to that meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: No approval at this time.

CLAIMS:

Motion by Poppenga, second by Gregg to approve April 2017 claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Amanda Anglin, travel expense-\$39.90;; Ambill Associates, monthly billing-\$3,150.00; Aramark, library institute registration fee-\$94.70; Avera McKennan Pharmacy, ambulance supply-\$36.89; Badger Meter Inc, software support-\$1,352.40; Barnes and Noble, books-\$144.51; Karen Bartscher, lifeguard training-\$191.86; Bierschbach, recreation supply-\$15.00; Cadwell, Sanford, Diebert & Garry, legal fees-\$1,668.24; Caliber Construction LLC, WWTF blower roof repair-\$1,979.60; Campbell Supply, WWTF supply-\$23.98; Cardmember Service, supplies-\$834.48; Century Business, contract fee-\$495.05; City of Sioux Falls, sample testing-\$87.00; Danko, police supply-\$238.12; Daubys, park/rec baseballs-\$414.00; DEMCO inc., summer reading program, \$328.05; Tammy Denning, park and rec refund-\$90.00; Missy Fischer, park and rec refund-\$100.00; Jason Foss, batting cage hitting mats-\$779.97; Chelsea Fuhrer, park and rec director-\$420.00; Hawkins, Inc., chemicals-\$10.00; Julie Hinker, safety instructor classes-\$263.95; Infra-Track Inc., sanitary sewer mains television-\$750.00; Marco, Inc., copier contract-\$84.47; Michaels Fence, chain link fence-\$344.45; Mid American Energy, utilities-\$748.66; Midcontinent, utilities-\$1,368.73; Nelson Feed, ballpark chalk-\$410.00; Presto-X, WWTF fee-\$70.00; Qualification Targets, tactical target-\$293.59; Rural Route 1 Services, rugs-\$137.00; SD Dept of Transportation, shared use path project-\$3,249.90; SD Human Resource, membership dues-\$25.00; SD Street Maintenance

Association, registration fees-\$100.00; SDSU, library institute registration fees-\$225.10; Seam Design, embroidering-\$117.00; Sioux International, grasshopper mower repair-\$326.41; SD One Call, locating fee-\$72.00; Tessman Company, parks fertilizer-\$890.00; U Drive Technology, texting service-\$69.88; Wheelco Brake and Supply, truck repair-\$916.60; Total \$22,956.49

REFINANCE OF WATER REVENUE BONDS PRESENTATION: Jerry Spethman of D.A. Davidson gave a presentation of a refinancing plan for the 2009 water revenue bonds that potentially may save the City over \$81,000 in interest over the life of the loan. Mr. Spethman answered questions of the Council and then the Council agreed in consensus to hire D.A Davidson as bond council for the refinancing of the bonds. A resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval for the refinancing of the bonds.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: City Administrator Amanda Anglin presented revisions to city ordinances and Mayor Wiebers opened the public hearing at 7:51 PM for the ordinances. With no one addressing the revisions of the ordinances, Mayor Wiebers closed the public hearing at 7:54 PM and declared the first reading of the ordinance revisions. The second reading will be held on May 8, 2017.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: City Administrator Amanda Anglin reported to the Council on the removing and placement of trees in the Main Street project, the technical difficulty of getting the on-line paying of the utility bills for the city's customers, the letter for the sump pump policy will be going out this week, the T-Ball field ground work is to be done this week, weather permitting, the State DOT will not allow signs to be placed in the state right-of-way so the library sign needs to be placed outside the state right-of-way and Infra-Track has been in town cleaning and cameraing of the city sanitary and storm sewer mains.

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: City Engineer Mitch Mergen presented the 5 year capital improvements plan and reviewed the information included in the plan. Mitch answered questions of the Council and stated that Stockwell will present an agreement of professional fees to update the CIP for 2017 and to do a rate study for the water and sewer departments.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time:

NEW BUSINESS:

Central Basin Project Change Order #2: Motion by Gregg, second by Ratliff to approve the change order #2 for the Central Basin Project to First Rate Excavation in the amount of \$93,452.70. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

First Rate Excavation Pay Request #15: Motion by Gregg, second by Wulf to authorize and approve the pay request #15 from First Rate Excavation in the amount of \$273,620.12. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

City Well Presentation: City Administrator Amanda Anglin presented to the Council a presentation of the options for the 6 city owned wells. Option 1 is to keep the wells operational for city use; option 2 is to keep the wells and cap them at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per well and option 3 is to sell the wells to South Lincoln Water at the purchase price of \$125,000 and have an emergency water source connection if Lewis and Clark could not provide the water to the City. Amanda also stated that the City has approximately \$14,000 per year in cost for the utilities for the wells and water plant. After further discussion, motion by Ratliff, second by West to approve option 3, sale of the wells to South Lincoln Water in the amount of \$125,000 with the emergency water source connection. Upon roll call vote, West-aye; Ratliff-aye; Gregg-aye; Welch-aye; Poppenga-nay; Wulf-nay; Motion carried on a 4 to 2 vote.

Other Discussion: Other items discussed were the request from Lennox Housing Authority for the City to help out with the financial shortfall and assist with the payment of the loan payment on Pathways facility in the amount of \$6,500. The Council requested that Monica Kock, Executive Director could give a report at the next Council meeting. A request from Daniel Courtney of All Points Company to have a banner placed at the baseball field which promotes the Food and Drug Administration smokeless tobacco awareness program. The Council was in agreement to allow the placement of the banner at the baseball field.

PERSONNEL: None at this time:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn at 9:14 PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor