

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 7:10 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Mayor Wiebers, Phil Fett, Alan Ratliff, Tracy West and Mike Gregg. Absent were Greg Poppenga and Chad Wulf. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones, Public Relations Director Amanda Anglin, and City Engineer Mitch Mergen. Also present were Linda Gayken, Bev Plucker, Margaret Hempel, Gayle Hanisch, Dona and Lyle Christensen, Peter Vandenoever, Sandra and Larry DeVries, Lynda DeJong, Wayne and Amy Fischer, Dietrich Knobloch, Tammie and Dennis Lesselyoung, Jennifer Hill, Kevin Ross, Gary Arens, Corey Lundquist, Austin Johnson and Mike Hamerly.

AGENDA:

Motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

VISITORS TO BE HEARD: Mike Hamerly voiced his opinion and concern of the Central Basin project and the incompetent contractor for the project and Gayle Hanisch had questions concerning who to contact with concerns of the Central Basin project. City Engineer Mitch Mergen stated that this type of questions should addressed during the public hearing of the assessment roll resolution.

CLAIMS: Motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the claim to the State of SD for \$100,000.00 for the City of Lennox portion of the Hi-Way 17 shared use path for 2016. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None at his time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for Central Basin Assessment Roll Resolution 2016-09-19-01: Mayor Wiebers opened the public hearing at 7:15 PM for the Central Basin Assessment Roll. Many of the public that were in attendance requested the breakdown of the itemized charges for the assessment for the Central Basin project. After numerous concerns were addressed by City Engineer Mitch Mergen, he recommended that the final numbers be reviewed and confirmed by engineer staff and the itemized assessments be mailed to the assessed property owners before the rescheduled public hearing on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Mayor Wiebers then closed the public hearing at 7:35 PM and thanked everyone for attending. No action was taken on Central Basin Assessment Roll Resolution 2016-09-19-01.

Hi-Way 44 Recreation Trail Contract Amendment: City Engineer Mitch Mergen addressed the amendment to the Hi-Way 44 Recreation Trail Contract with Stockwell Engineers which includes additional engineering fee to deal with the wetlands mitigation as found by the State in the review of the design plans. After discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the amendment to the contract with Stockwell Engineers for the Hi-Way 44 Recreation Trail for the additional total maximum limiting amount of \$5,663.06. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Central Basin Assessment Roll Public Hearing Resolution 2016-09-19-02: No action was taken on this resolution due to the no action on Central Basin Assessment Roll Resolution 2016-09-19-01.

West Park Mobile Home Park License: Motion by Ratliff, second by Gregg to approve the 2016-2017 mobile home park license for West Park Mobile Home Park. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: The Finance Officer addressed the issue of when the 6 month probation for new hires would begin for review purposes. The Council agreed that the 6 month probation will begin the day employment begins and will be added to the personnel manual.

Other items discussed were the tractor that Councilman Ratliff found to potentially used at the park ball field complex, the potential removal of the old concession stand at the softball/football field area and the need to amend the sewer rate resolution to include the average of the December, January and February water use to be used for sewer fee instead of the original resolution stating just January was to be used.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No need for executive session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn at 8:25 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor