

LENNOX CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, John Kirchner, Brock Rops, Billy Welch and Mike Gregg. Staff present was City Administrator Amanda Anglin, Finance Officer Jerry Jones, Water/Wastewater Supt. Jeremy Gulbranson, and Street Supt. Dave Tipton. Others present were Kellie Bultena, Harold Timmerman, Stacy DuChene, Kim Straatmeyer, Robert Bly, Tim Odland and Jeff Meints.

AGENDA:

Motion by Kirchner, second by Wulf to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

VISITORS TO BE HEARD: Robert Bly commented on the water from sump pumps that run down in front of his rental house and if something can be done to help eliminate the ice buildup in the winter and if a notice could be sent to the owner of the building at 105 S Main to clean up the weeds in the alley side of the building.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Gregg, second by Welch to take off the table for consideration the variance request for 305 N Main St. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers then opened the public hearing at 7:11 PM for the continuance of the variance request public hearing. Tim Odland reported on the variance request and how the City of Sioux Falls has handled similar situations. Due to the fact that the property in question is only 2' from the property line and the current ordinance is 7' and the end result of the variance request would replace the existing property with a new structure, the ultimate result would be a cleaned up property. Upon further discussion, motion by Rops, second by Kirchner to approve the variance request for 305 N Main St and the new construction will follow all building codes. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gregg, second by Poppenga to approve the consent agenda which includes the claims for the month of August. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Ambill Associates, billing for May, June, July-\$2,205.00; Barnes and Noble, books-\$275.49; Brende Electric, LLC, water tower repair-\$157.50; Tina Buhta, movie expense-\$192.50; Concrete Materials, asphalt-\$1,337.96; DANKO, fire rescue equipment-\$550.57; Kellie Devries, state tourney fee-\$150.00; Diamond Vogel, street paint-\$406.05; Dick Lund Concrete, city hall sidewalk-\$1,897.20; Drain Master, campground repair-\$242.45; Stacy DuChene, water deposit refund-\$112.25; Will Ericksen, travel expense-\$395.16; Federal Licensing Inc, annual fee-\$124.00; Chelsea Fuhrer, park and rec director-\$593.80; Kodru Equipment Co., WWTF repair-\$973.10; Macqueen Emergency Group, equipment repair-\$517.98; Marco inc., contract fee-\$142.02; Michael Mattson, soccer refund-\$50.00; McLeod's Printing, police supply-\$151.13; Jeff Meints, variance refund-\$200.00; Midcontinent, utilities-\$1,365.62; Presto-X, WWTF fee-\$74.00; Rural Route 1 Services, rugs-\$150.75; Scotts Automotive, tower truck maintenance-\$546.72; SD Department of Health, WWTF samples-\$549.00; SDPRA, registration fee-\$200.00; Sioux Falls Two Way Radios, police radio repairs-\$341.74; Brenda Sinning, CPR class-\$60.00; Sioux Falls Humane Society, impound fees-\$45.00; Stockwell Engineers, main street project and other projects-\$92,955.50; Vinyl Graphics, car decals-\$151.34;; Total \$107,113.83;

REPORTS:

City Administrator: City Administrator Amanda Anglin reported on the new playground equipment is being installed, Jeremy is completing the sludge plan for the state, street sign project meeting with the engineers will be held tomorrow, the front of the city hall is being worked on this week, sump pump inspections are down to 15 non-compliant residence and they will be getting the \$500 fines, the budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 and the Council agreed to 6:00 PM start and questions were asked of the street sealing project for this year.

County Emergency Director: Harold Timmerman, County Emergency Director met with the Council and gave an update on projects that are ongoing and answered questions and comments from the Council.

Motion by Wulf, second by Welch to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Wells Sale: City Administrator Amanda Anglin reported on the updated information that has been gathered on the sale of the city wells and asked the Council if the Council is still interested in continuing the effort to sell the wells and property. After discussion, the Council agreed to continue to go forward with the sale of the wells.

NEW BUSINESS:

Canvass of Special Election: The Finance Officer presented the poll book and tally sheets for the special election held on August 22, 2017. Motion by Gregg, second by Wulf to accept the results of the special election which are Yes-140; No-338. Motion carried. The results will be filed and recorded as presented.

Swimming Pool Discussion: The Council had general discussion on how to proceed with the pool project. Suggestions of conducting surveys for the public and the different options on how to conduct the surveys were discussed for best results from the public.

Main Street Project Change Order #1: Motion by Kirchner, second by Gregg to table the Main Street Project Change Order #1 in the amount of \$12, 446.00 until the next Council meeting so additional information from Stockwell Engineering can be received. Motion carried.

Livestock Permit: A livestock permit from Allan Perry was received for 6 hen chickens and the required chicken coop and grounds. After discussion, motion by Poppenga, second by Gregg to approve the livestock permit as presented. Upon roll call vote, Poppenga-aye; Kirchner-nay; Welch-nay; Wulf-nay; Rops-nay; Gregg-nay. Motion failed 5 to 1. After further discussion, the applicant is asked to file another livestock permit and to attend the next council meeting to address the concerns of the Council.

Boynton Avenue Maintenance and Road Authority: City Administrator Amanda Anglin presented the information concerning the jurisdiction of West Boynton and the lack of maintenance of the road. After further discussion, the Council agreed that an agreement between the City of Lennox and Perry Township needs to be agreed upon before the City will do any more maintenance of the road.

Transfer of Funds: Motion by Kirchner, second by Wulf to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$300,000 from Great Western Bank to the general checking account in Valley Exchange Bank. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Finance Officer Position: Discussion was held on the new hire and the request that the new employee lives in Lennox but according to the personnel manual, the employee may live up to 30 minutes away from Lennox. After further discussion, motion by Gregg, second by Wulf to hire Donna Houck as city finance officer with the starting wage \$52,500, full benefit package with the potential pay increase with a successful 6 month probation period review. Upon roll call vote; Kirchner-aye; Welch-aye; Wulf-aye; Rops-aye; Gregg-aye; Poppenga-nay; Motion carried on a 5 to 1 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Kirchner, second by Rops to go into executive session at 8:46 PM to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared execution session ended at 10:13 PM with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, motion by Gregg, second by Wulf to adjourn at 10:15 PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor