

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 6:05 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Mayor Wiebers, Tracy West, Marlyn Jacobson, Alan Ratliff, and Mike Gregg. Absent were Poppenga and Phil Fett. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones and Water/Sewer Supt Jeremy Gulbranson. Also present were Dave Burbach of Burbach Aquatics, Kelli Bultena, Landon Poppens and Park and Recreation members Kara Spieler, Sam Bowers, Chad Reiley, Chad Wulf, Jason Foss, and Laura Welch.

AGENDA:

Motion by Gregg, second by Jacobson to approve the agenda with the addition of Hi-Way 17 Project. Motion carried.

VISITORS TO BE HEARD: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None at his time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swimming Pool Consultants: Dave Burbach of Burbach Aquatics met with the Council and park and rec board and presented a information on the their company and the type of pools they construct. Mr. Burbach then answered questions from the Council and Board.

Banner Engineering Agreement for WWTF: Motion by Gregg, second by West to approve the agreement with Banner Engineers for assistance in general engineering services. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Abatement of Taxes Application: Motion by Jacobson, second by West to approve the abatement/refund of property tax for parcel #250.16.01.003 in the amount of \$2,097.66. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Board Commission: Motion by Gregg, second by Jacobson to approve Mayor Wiebers temporary appointment of Joe Kidd to the planning commission. Motion carried.

Landon Addition Plat: Motion by West, second by Ratliff to approve the Landon Addition plat as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meadows Addition Plats: Motion by Jacobson, second by Gregg to approve the plats for Meadows Addition for lot 3A in block 2 and lot 19A in block 3. Motion carried.

Hi-Way 17 Project Agreement with SD DOT: The Finance Officer discussed the Hi-Way 17 agreement with the SD DOT concerning the shared use path on the project site. The State agreed to allow the City of Lennox to make payments to the state in regards to the \$226,000 share of the project expense over 2016 and 2017 budget years.

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PERSONNEL:

Public Relations Director Position: The Finance Officer stated that 8 applications have been received for the Public Relations Director position and the Council agreed to hold interviews for the position on Monday March 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Head Librarian Position: Mayor Wiebers read the letter of resignation from Lorraine Nordmann which will be effective on April 6, 2016. Motion by Gregg, second by West to accept the resignation from Lorraine Nordmann effective April 6, 2016 and to advertise for applications for the position. Motion carried. The Council discussed where to advertise the position and the starting wage and benefits for the position.

Water/Sewer Personnel Position: Motion by West, second by Gregg to advertise for water/sewer/WWTF position as recommended. Motion carried. Mike Gregg informed the Council of the inspection of the WWTF by Banner and the recommendations for the plant.

Pool and Park Maintenance Positions: Motion by Gregg, second by West to approve the hiring of Dustin McLouth as pool manager at the wage of \$12.00 per hour and to hire Lauren Luther as assistant pool manager at the wage of \$11.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Park Maintenance Position: Motion by Gregg, second by Ratliff to hire Darren Mechels at the wage of \$12.00 per hour for the head park maintenance position and Grant Sweeter at the wage of \$10.25 per hour for the laborer position. Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Jacobson, second by West to go into executive session at 8:10 PM for legal matters. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared executive session ended at 8:45 PM with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn at 8:52 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor