

City of Larned
City Council Chambers
February 3, 2020
6:30 PM

Mayor William Nusser called the regular session to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Jason Murray, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember George Elmore, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Dennis Wilson and Councilmember Sharon McGinness.

City Manager Bradley Eilts, City Clerk Kara Rath, Finance Director Monica Steiner, and City Attorney Ron Smith were also present.

Visitors: Josh Riedel, Allen Taylor, Randy Bird, Erin Atteberry, Ralph Streit, Bud Tabler, Judy Tabler, Michael Quimby

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motioned passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #1

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Elmore and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #1 in the amount of \$1,009,852.64 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

Sharon Towery spoke about starting a community Kitchen, and is speaking to the State of Kansas for an incubator project. Also spoke about Kansas Main Street. It is a Four point program to revitalize the home town.

Old Business

Golf Course Parking Lot

Chris Froetschner spoke on behalf of the Country Club. The Country Club has \$13,000 plus a \$5,000 pledge from school district. It has been estimated to cost \$25,000-\$30,000 plus labor. Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded to the payback from the Country Club of the \$30,000. Motion withdrawn after discussion.

Councilmember Wilson suggested that the Country Club payback \$15,000 and the City gift \$15,000 and the labor. Councilmember Murray accepted the terms laid out by Councilmember Wilson, Councilmember Elmore seconded.

McGinness opposed

Motion passed.

New Business

Midwest Energy Overcharge

Councilmember Barnes motioned that each electric consumer fill out an application to have the exact refund amount applied to consumer's bill as a credit. If they are no longer a customer they will receive a check. The application must be filled out by June 1, 2020, the deadline to refund is December 31, 2020. Councilmember Wilson seconded.

Motion passed.

Moffet Stadium Repair Bid

Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the stadium bid brought forth from Eakins at \$51,816.00 and also do as much ADA restoration as possible. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Council put a spending cap of \$60,000 for City Manager Eilts if any further works needs done.

Motion passed.

Grass and Leaf Pick-up

Rick Reason spoke to council regarding the grass/leaf pick-up that is currently done at no charge for customers. After discussion it was suggested to charge \$8.00 for grass pick-up. It would include one poly cart, any additional cart is \$2.30. The customer would have to use a City cart to get the grass dumped. The service would run from April through November each year. Councilmember McGinness motioned to accept, and Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Taylor Property

Allen Taylor owns the 8.59 acres of land east of the old City landfill. He wishes to sell the property and has offered it to the City at \$25,000. Councilmember Wilson motioned to purchase the property, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Councilmember Murray would like to make the bridge, foot traffic only, and the highway access have a locked gate.

The sale is contingent on any title fee and real-estate costs, those will be split 50-50.

Attorney Ron Smith will draw up a contract and execute.

Motion passed.

Cooling Tower Siding Removal Bids

Ralph Streit solicited bids from contractors licensed to remove the asbestos material from the Cooling Towers. Remediation Contractors came in with the lowest bid of \$8,630.

Councilmember Wilson motioned to accept the bid, Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

KMEA Appointment and Certification

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency annually appoints or reappoints to the Board of Directors.

This year, Ralph Streit and Harry Zielke are to slated be reappointed. Councilmember

Murray motioned to reappoint Ralph Streit and Harry Zielke, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Staff Presentation

City Manager Eilts spoke in regards to a transfer of EMS to a Pawnee County Emergency Management; there will be ongoing collaboration between City and County to make a smooth transition.

City Manager Eilts will seek bids for pool filter by the March meeting. Councilmember Murray motioned to use the money from the Pool fund to replace the filtration system and for repairs needed to open the pool for the swimming season 2020 for a total of \$78,000.

The remaining monies will come from Capital Improvement. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Executive Session


Councilmember Wilson motioned that the Council recess into executive session for 26 minutes for the purpose of discussing nonelected personnel and that Brad Eilts attend the session. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion carried.


Mayor Nusser confirmed that the Council will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 10PM. At 10 PM the Mayor reconvened the regular session meeting. He asked if there were any motions.

No motions.

Meeting Adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser