

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
May 2, 2022
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 Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Josh Riedel, Councilmember Sharon McGinnes and Councilmember George Elmore

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

City Attorney Ron Smith and Building Inspector Will Tice were absent.

Visitors: Craig Schartz, Dale Vanderhoof, Jake Kraisinger, Josh Kraisinger, Rick Reason, Donnie Clark, Ralph Streit, Judi Tabler, Jason Zink, Sara Zink, Chris Froetschner, Jim Haynes, Josh Taylor, Dodi Burke, Kevin Cook

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Nusser asked that under New Business the Council add Sale of the 4-H Building. Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the agenda with added item; Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Clark seconded.

Motioned passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #4

Finance Director, Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Clark and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #4 in the amount of \$698,672.76 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

Jason Zink

New Business

Request by Larned Country Club

Chris Froetschner with the Larned Country Club contacted the City Manager regarding the Hustler Mower whose engine went out last week. The Club is in the process of deciding whether to repair or purchase new. The current unit was purchased in 2016 by the City of Larned and the Association made a series of installments and have since paid it off. The Association asked for the same type of arrangement. The quote they received for a new mower from Hustler is approximately \$14,000 or they can replace the engine for \$3,500. After discussion Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve an arrangement with the Larned Country Club to pay back the \$14,000 over 3 years. The first two years would be a pay back of \$5,000 each and the third year would be \$4,000. Councilmember Riedel seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

4-H Building

Donnie Clark (Owner/Operator Pin High Bar & Grill) presented to council an offer to purchase the 4-H building at \$3,500. His offer also includes the cost to have a survey performed.

An update was given to council regarding the current state of the building. In the past it was rented out to citizens for various activities. In recent years it has been closed due to non-compliance with ADA issues. The council closed the building to the public for liability concerns.

Mr. Clark said that if he were to ever sell the building he would give the City first right of refusal for the same price he would purchase and include all updates, before listing the property. He plans to update the property and use it for various operations.

Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the offer, Councilmember Riedel seconded. Discussion took place. Councilmember Barnes noted the public was not duly notified of the purchase of the building. Mayor Nusser suggested that Mr. Clark have the property surveyed and bring the survey to the June Council Meeting allowing adequate time for public notification.

Councilmember Clark recused himself from the vote.

Councilmember McGinness amended her motion to approving the surveying of the property by Mr. Clark, and bringing the survey and his offer to the June Council Meeting. Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

Digger Derrick Truck Purchase

The City received a proposal from Midwest Energy for purchase of two Larned Electrical Distribution trucks. They are interested in purchasing both the 2018 Altec Freightliner Digger Derrick Unit and the 2004 International Bucket truck. The Digger Derrick truck was purchased by the City of Larned in September of 2020 for \$169,794. It was a demo unit from Altec. Both offers are for the units as is. MWE is offering \$235,000 for the 2020 Altec DM47 47-ft Digger Derrick unit and \$45,000 for the 2004 International 55-ft Bucket truck.

Councilmember Riedel motioned to approve the offering price for both units, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Ordinance related to Bees and Beekeeping

In 2018, the Council updated Ordinances related to animals and livestock within the City limits. Larned City Code does not include any regulations on bees or beekeeping. Will Tice, Code Enforcement Officer, has received some concerns from citizens about bees in their yard coming from a neighbor with a bee hive.

Adopting regulations helps the City to assist residents interested in responsible beekeeping and provide some regulations and minimum standards for the safety and comfort of their neighbors and others.

Discussion took place regarding distance bees travel for water, the possibility of neighbors being allergic to bee stings, and the decline of bees in our country.

No motion was made to adopt or amend current ordinance.

Amendment to the Electric Rate Ordinance

During a recent annual filing with the Kansas Corporation Commission, staff was told that any customers outside the City's three-mile service are required to be charged in-town rates. There are currently four customers that fall into this category. The Kansas Corporation asked that we amend the current Electric Rate Ordinance to reflect this change.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the amendment, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

On a roll call vote: 8 aye, 0 nay

Motion passed.

Pool Admittance Fee

In 2019 the Council adopted the pool surcharge that was placed on every residential water customers bill for three dollars per month. Because of this, all residential water customers were entitled to swim at the Larned Swimming Pool without paying an admittance fee. In April of last year, the Council, elected not to charge any admittance fee for all users of the pool.

Staff requested direction from the Council for admittance to the pool this year.

Councilmember Murray motioned to waive all fees for admittance to the pool for the 2022 swimming season and that any afterhours parties incur same costs as the previous year. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Scheduling of a Work Session

The Mayor is asking the Council to set a date for a Work Session to discuss the infrastructure needs and cost-sharing for the Larned Assembly of God Church. After discussion Councilmember McGinness motioned to set the Work Session for Wednesday May 18th 2022 at 6:30. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Staff Presentation

Josh Kraisinger gave an update on the painting of the pool, summer help and cemetery.

Jake Kraisinger spoke about his need for another employee and the grass pile behind the sanitation department.

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser