

City of Larned  
City Council Chambers  
6:30 PM  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2020

Mayor William Nusser called the regular session to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Jason Murray, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember George Elmore, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Dennis Wilson, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt 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: Judi Tabler, Scott Upson, Carl Nolan, Josh Kraisinger, Doty Burke, Tim Messmer, Allen Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Barnes requested an update on the Water Distribution system be added to the agenda as item D. Councilmember Bennett motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

Motioned passed.

**Appropriation Ordinance #5**

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Wilson and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #5 in the amount of \$685,064.18 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

**Presentation of Annual City Audit**

The 2019 Audit was presented by Aaron Koehn of Vonfeldt, Bauer & Vonfeldt Chtd. Councilmember Barnes motion to approve the Audit as presented, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded. The Audit was approved and no further discussion took place.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion on impacts of COVID-19**

#### **Utility Shutoffs**

City Clerk Kara Rath presented information regarding the Governors orders to lift the shut off suspension. Kara has contacted 95% of those on the aging report that have large outstanding balances to set up payments or make payment arrangements. Council advised utility shutoffs for non-payment be done at the end of June and follow normal procedures.

#### **2020 Pool Season**

Allen Taylor and Josh Kraisinger gave an update on the current construction of the swimming pool. They indicated that the work that still needs to be completed will be at least another 35 working days. That includes finishing the seams, finishing the plumbing of the lines for the new filtration system, filling the pool to test the filters and lines, draining the pool, pouring the deck, and painting the pool (the paint costs \$11,000 and is done yearly regardless of when it is painted). The Council asked the pool managers if the lifeguards could wait that long for employment and if so could an adjusted schedule could be worked out? The managers said that because of school and sports conflicts the season has always ended on August 12<sup>th</sup>. After discussion amongst the council it was decided that the swimming pool would remain closed for the 2020 season.

#### **Splash Pad**

Josh Kraisinger said that to get the splash pad up and running he will need to hook things up and turn it on and he will do that as soon as possible. The Council discussed hiring an applicant that had applied at the swimming pool to monitor the Splash Pad and sanitize on a regular basis.

### **Assistance to the Ministerial Alliance**

For the last several years the City has donated \$4,000 to the Ministerial Alliance to assist people in paying delinquent utility bills to the City. Councilmember Murray motioned that the City increase the amount to \$6,000 and request that the Ministerial Alliance increase the dollar amount that they give from \$150 to \$200 per household per 12 month period. Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

## **Application to the CDBG-CV Program**

The Kansas Department of Commerce is offering a special round of CDBG funding related to COVID-19. City Manager Eilts is working with Jen Webster with the Pawnee County Extension Office, Marilyn Bell with the Welcome Inn, Brandi Gruder with Eldercare-Friendship Meal program and Linda Wyman with the Larned Food Pantry. Because of limited funds and distributed on a first come, first serve basis the City Manager requested a Special Meeting to hold a Public Hearing and approve the application on June 10, 2020. Councilmember Elmore motioned to hold the meeting on June 10, 2020 at 6:30 at City Hall, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion Passed.

## **Water Distribution System**

City Manager Eilts reported that he spoke with Faye Trent of Great Plains Development and she is waiting on an environmental certification to come in, but all operations are tracking correctly.

## **Executive session**

Councilmember McGinness motioned that the Council recess into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing nonelected personnel and that City Manager Eilts attend the Session. Council Elmore seconded.

The Mayor indicated that the Council would resume the Meeting at 7:50 PM in the Council Chambers.

At 7:50 PM the Mayor announced the purpose of the executive session was to discuss nonelected personnel. He asked if there were any motions. There were none.

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser