

CITY OF LARNED, KANSAS

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

6:30 PM

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

Absent: Councilmember Jason Murray

City Attorney Ron Smith, City Manager Brad Eilts, Financial Officer Monica Steiner and City Clerk Sabrina Quinn were also present.

Visitors: Ralph Streit, Craig Schartz, Allen Taylor, Rick Reason, Frieda Smith, Randy Bird, Mike Gilmore, Josh Riedel, Veronica Coons, Kara Rath, Randy Parker, Marilyn Bell, John Drews, Rick Reason, Donald Buzzard, Helen Collins.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

May 1, 2017 – Regular Session Council Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Councilmember McGinness, seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt, to approve the minutes and carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #6

On motion of Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Bennett and carried.

Appropriation's Ordinance #6 in the amount of \$753,210.39 and transfers, more or less, was approved for payment.

Public Comments

No public comments were noted.

Alliance Insurance/EMC Dividend Check

Cassidy Smith with EMC Alliance presented 2016 dividend check in the amount of \$29,907.52.

Storm Water Drainage Issues

Allen Taylor, Street Superintendent explain the storm drain issues with Park street out flow ditch from Rose street to 100th Ave. ILS is the owner of the property on which we need access to. Through conversation with ILS they are will to give the City use of the ground. ILS has asked if the City is willing to move the fence, and put a pad lock on the fence. Access to the property would allow the City to widen the ditch.

Allen also stated the out flow ditch at Carr Auction is another issue. The ditch is full of grass and has also filled in. Allen explained that this ditch may need a layer of concrete to the bottom of the ditch to help the flow.

Allen stated the third ditch that is going to need repairs is located on Countryside Dr. on the North side of town. Allen explained the issues and possible solutions for this ditch, he also stated that this drain ditch is not an emergency at this time.

On a motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve that a contract be drawn up and allow the funding up to \$1,000.00 to pay for the supplies to have ILS move the fence for City access to repair the drainage ditch at Rose St. to 100th Ave.

Lift Station at 17th and Santa Fe

City Manager Eilts gave a brief history of the lift station. City Manager Eilts stated that this lift station covers Larned High School, Larned splash pad, and residential area.

Ryan Glessner with PEC was present along with Waste Water Superintendent John Drews to answer any questions.

Waste Water Supervisor John Drews explained option 3, moved the lift station across the street and away from the house sitting on the corner of 17th street and Santa Fe. If they would have chosen to put a wet well in the front yard, the home owners would have odor problems, plus the children. If option 3 was chosen it would be placed across the street where it can be fenced in.

John explained that anything that happens at this lift station currently requires emergency crews to come in, due to the depth of the well.

Councilmember Barnes asked if this was going to be a "band-aid" or was this going to fix the problem. Ryan with PEC explained that option 3 is the best option to extend the life and improve the capacity of the lift station for several years.

Construction of the new lift would take place while the current lift station is still running. Once completion of the new lift is ready to divert flow they will make the connection to the new force main. John stated that the drawing have already been approved by the State.

Completion of the project would be first part of 2018, if the project was approved on June 5, 2017.

Code Enforcement Update

City Inspector Frieda Smith gave an update on what has been completed, as far as weed notices, demolitions. Frieda stated that she has mailed out 103 weed notices. Frieda explained how the process for the weed notices and time frames.

Frieda stated that there has not been as many foreclosures this year. Frieda stated that the Village Mobile Home Park have removed five trailers.

Frieda gave an update of the Cost Share for demolitions. Frieda stated that the share is 50% up to \$2000.00.

Utility Billing Process and Late Fees

Discussion took place regarding recommendations for changes to utility billing. Financial Officer Monica Steiner explained the recommendations from staff. Electric Distribution Supervisor Randy Parker, spoke of issues they incur while doing disconnections.

Discussion took place regarding disconnection for 24 hours. Mayor stated that we need to make sure we get community awareness prior to the new ordinance taking place.

Council would give guidance for how long to allow before disconnection of services due to non-payment.

Staff wanted advisement as to going to a postcards verses the full letter bills. Council asked that a sample be provided at the next meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember McGinness, seconded Councilmember Bennett to approve the recommendations from staff for utility billing also to include 24 hours disconnection time. Motion passes.

Appointments to City Boards and Committees

Discussion took place on the open position to the Boards and Committees. Mayor would like to start approving the positions. City Manager Eilts stated that we would place the open positions on the City Web page as well as the City Channel.

GAAP Waiver Resolution

On a motion by Councilmember Rainbolt, seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve Resolution 2017-01 for 2016 and 2017 waiving the requirements of the General Accepted Accounting Principles.

Motion passes.

KMEA Appointment and Resolution

City Manager Eilts stated the open position on KMEA Board. City Manager Eilts stated he would like to be appointed to the expired position.

On a motion by Councilmember McGinness, seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt to appoint City Manager Brad Eilts to the KMEA Board of Directors.

Motion passes.

Utility HelpNet Contract

City Manager Eilts gave an update on the from Utility HelpNet regarding the ARC Hazard contract.

On a motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember McGinness to approve the two contracts with the City of Larned and Utility HelpNet, and have City staff sign the contracts on the Council's behalf.

Motion passes.

KLINK Bid Award

City Manager Eilts discussed the KLINK project bids. It was also discussed the time frame and the detour of traffic.

On a motion by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt to approve KLINK project to Vogts-Parga for the amount of \$287,366.85.

Motion passes.

Benesch Consulting Services Agreement

City Manager Eilts explains the Benesch Consulting Services Agreement.

On a motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Clark to approve the agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Benesch for a fee not to exceed \$54,880.00

Motion passes.

ADA Lift at Larned Community Center

City Inspection Frieda Smith and ADA Chairman Marilyn Bell spoke regarding the ADA lift chair for the Larned Community Center to go onto the stage. Frieda stated that has to be a permanent lift.

Frieda reviewed the bids for the lift chair. Discussion took place regarding approaching civic groups to help with the cost of the chair lift. It was stated that has taken place and at this time our Community Center is under-utilized by the civic groups.

Councilmember Wilson, asked for a list of things that still needed to be completed to become ADA compliant.

On a motion by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember McGinness to approve the purchase of a chair lift from Acension, a Division of AGM for the Larned Community Center in the amount of \$29,396.00

Motion passes.

Golden Belt Telephone Franchise Agreement

City Manager Eilts explains that Golden Belt Telephone Franchise Agreement.

On a motion by Councilmember Rainbolt, seconded by Councilmember Elmore franchise agreement for a 20 year at 5% gross receipts between the City and Golden Belt Telephone.

Motion passes.

2018 Budget Calendar

Discussion took place for the 2018 budget request and Manager's report. City Manager Eilts is looking for request for working dates to prepare the budget. Mayor stated that the budget would be presented to Council on July 3, 2017, with no discussion. On the Council Meeting on July 3rd Council will want to approve the work dates for special session on Thursday, July 13th and Thursday, July 20th.

Santa Fe Trail Car Club/Park

Councilmember Wilson would like permission for the Santa Fe Trail Car Club would like to host a car show at Doerr Vernon park on October 1, 2017. Councilmember Wilson stated that the electric department normally would put an electric box for the use of the car show.

On a motion by Councilmember McGinness, seconded by Councilmember Bennett to approve the October 1, 2017, usage of Doerr Vernon Park by Santa Fe Trail Car Club.

Motion passes.

Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege

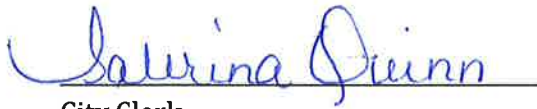
A five minute break was allowed prior to the executive session.

On a motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by McGinness to enter into Executive session beginning at 8:25pm to 8:35pm for Attorney/Client Privilege to include Council, City Manager, and City Attorney.

Regular session reconvened at 8:36pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.



City Clerk



William Nusser
Mayor