

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
Council Chambers
June 7, 2021
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 George Elmore and Councilmember Carroll Bennett, and Councilmember Gary Rainbolt.

Councilmember Dennis Wilson and Councilmember Sharon McGinness were absent.

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

Visitors: Christie Snyder, Jamie Giles, Lucas Giles, Ron Arnold, Sharon Arnold, David Arnold, Connie Fox, Patty Smith, Patricia Hassman, Joan Bohart, Marilyn Bell, Mary Sherman, Cathy DeMond, Allen Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Barnes asked that "Utilities" be added to the agenda under new business. Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the agenda; Councilmember Murray seconded to approve the agenda.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Appropriation Ordinance #5

Finance Director, Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Elmore and seconded by Councilmember Clark and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #5 in the amount of \$694,745.30 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

Connie Fox, 1119 W 16th regarding storm doors at Prairie Vista.

Old Business

Refunding of Series 2013 General Obligation Bonds

Discussion took place regarding the sale of the taxable general obligation refunding bonds, series 2021.

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the offering to sell the taxable general obligation bonds, series 2021. Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

New Business

Approval of Bench Donation

Christie Snyder, of the late Joe Snyder, who was involved with the Larned Swimming Pool as well as the Larned High School Tennis Coach would like to donate two six-foot benches in his memory. Councilmember Elmore motioned to accept the donation and Councilmember Clark seconded.

Motion passed.

Zoning District Amendment

The Planning Commission recommend approval by Council to re-zone the properties at 223 W 1st and 117 South Santa Fe from R-3 (Multi-family Residential) to I-1 (Light Industrial) zoning district.

The property owner would like to construct mini-storage units; however, R-3 zoning does not allow this use. Mini-storage units is a use that falls under the category of *Storage and Warehousing of household goods-562211*. This use is Permitted Use in I-1 zoning districts.

If approved, there is a 14-day protest period prior to its final legal designation.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission; Councilmember Bennett seconded.

On a roll-call vote 5 aye, 0 nay, one recuse (Murray).

Motion passed.

Railroad Crossing Signals Agreement

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has drafted an agreement between the Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (K & O), the City of Larned, Pawnee County and KDOT for construction and maintenance of Highway Crossing Signals. Project No. 19-73 X-3317-01 is designated for the "installation of railway-highway crossing signals, flashing light cantilever type and gates at a grade crossing" on Broadway at K-19 Highway.

The agreement denotes that the funding source is the Federal Highway Administration which is administered by KDOT. The K&O will pay 10% of the total costs and the City would be responsible for installation and maintenance of advance warning signs.

Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the agreement, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Utilities

Councilmember Barnes requested staff look for a resolution that was accepted by City Council several years ago. It was regarding a Cap on the Electric Utility Reserve Fund. Councilmember Barnes believes that the Cap was set at Three Million Dollars and the fund has exceeded that dollar amount. He would like staff to look at the market rate for utilities and report back.

Staff presentation

Rick Reason gave a report on the Sanitation Department.

Adjournment



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser