

CITY OF LARNED, KANSAS

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember Dennis Wilson, Councilmember Terry Clark and Councilmember Sharon McGinness.

Absent: Councilmember Jason Murray

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

**Visitors:** Craig Schartz, Josh Riedel, Barbara Dirks, Randy Bird, Martha Appel, Jim Forrest, Allen Taylor, Billy Nauert, Tiffany Nauert, Lee Gilaris, Ron Arnold, Lewis Young, Jacque Molleker, John Drews, Aaron Koehn, Ralph Streit

**Public Hearing on the 2018 budget**

On a motion by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt to enter into the public hearing on the 2018 budget.

Motion passes.

Public Comments 2018 Budget Hearing: Jim Forrest, with the Welcome Inn addressed the Council with the budgeted amount of the Welcome Inn in previous years. Jim also updated the Council on the status of the vehicle they are currently using to deliver the daily meals. Jim stated that Meals on Wheels deliver somewhere around 40 meals a day. Jim stated that the vehicle currently has no air condition.

Councilmember Barnes suggested raising the Utility Reserve and Electric Reserve to Capital Improvement from \$124,833.00 to \$200,000.00. This would allow for capital improvement if something should arise the funds would be available.

On a motion by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve the 2018 Budget with the adjustment to Capital Improvement Funds.

Motion passes.

Budget was signed by Councilmembers.

On a motion by Councilmember McGinness, seconded by Councilmember Elmore to close the public hearing of the 2018 Budget hearing.

Motion passes.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Regular Session Council Meeting Minutes from July 3, 2017.

Special Meeting Work Session on July 13, 2017 and July 20, 2017.

Update from Utility HelpNet.

On a motion by Councilmember McGinness, seconded by Councilmember Elmore, to approve the minutes, special meeting works sessions, and the update from Utility HelpNet, motion passes.

**Appropriation Ordinance #8**

On motion of Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt and carried.

Appropriation's Ordinance #8 in the amount of \$708,998.57 and transfers, more or less, was approved for payment.

Finance Director Monica Steiner, gave a brief outline of the appropriations.

**Public Comments**

Jacque Molleker, Larned citizen discussed concerns about the current recycling situation. Mr. Molleker stated that Sunflower Recycling is not very user friendly. Mr. Molleker stated that it is not clearly stated on what item's Sunflower will allow. Mr. Molleker asked if it would be possible to get the numbers of what the cost were when the City was operating the recycling center and what are current cost are to take our sanitation to the dump. Mayor Nusser commented on the sanitation is functioning on a positive basis for the first time in several years.

Mr. Molleker also stated concerns with the splash pad, Mr. Molleker asked if there were holding tanks for the water that runs through the splash pad, so that water could be recycled to water our parks. John Drews, Sewer Department Supervisor stated that Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) does not allow for the water to be recycled. KDHE considers that water to be waste water. John stated the original design had a holding tank and KDHE refused to allow the City to use the water to water the parks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Phinney School Playground**

Mayor Nusser gave an update on Phinney School. He stated USD 495, has no time limit on when they would be determining what they are going to do with the old school properties. Discussion

took place on what could be done with the properties such as a park or other items for the community.

On a motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Bennett to table the discussions of the elementary schools until USD 495 has makes a final decision as to what they would like to do with the properties.

Motion passes.

### **Kansas League of Municipalities Annual Conference**

Kansas League of Municipalities conference was discussed. It was decided that the Councilmember's would check their schedule and send an email to City Manager Eilts if they are available to attend.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Budget Ordinance**

City Manager Eilts gave a quick update of the 2018 Budget.

#### **League of Kansas Municipalities Delegate Appointments**

City Manager Eilts gave an explanation of the number of delegates and alternates the City is allowed. These delegates and alternates will vote to set policies for the League of Kansas Municipalities.

#### **Pawnee Valley Community Hospital**

Maintenance Director from Pawnee Valley Hospital address concerned about people leaving the hospital parking lot onto Carroll and 10<sup>th</sup> St. It was stated that Pawnee Valley Community Hospital would be responsible for obtaining and paying for a traffic survey. A grant is available, if awarded the grant would pay for 100% of the survey to be completed.

Street Superintendent Allen Taylor, spoke of the traffic study and how the liability falls if it is not accompanied by a study. Allen stated that sometimes the speed isn't the issue, sometimes it's a matter of changing a stop sign.

On a motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember McGinness to precede with the grant writing process if we do not receive the grant, we can then make a motion to hire a contract service.

Motion passes.

#### **Lift Station Bids**

City Manager Eilts updated Council of the bid process for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Santa Fe lift station. It was stated by Waste Water Superintendent John Drews that PEC looked at the bid and was going to

check references of Middle Creek Corporation. John stated construction observation has to be an engineer, and that would cost us a little extra according to KDHE.

On a motion by Councilmember Rainbolt, seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve Middle Creek Corporation in the amount \$275,428.00 for the Sewer Lift Station.

### **Substation Bids**

City Manager Eilts gave an update on the bid process. City Manager Eilts explained that equipment bids as well as purchase purchases for equipment.

On a motion by Councilmember Rainbolt, seconded Councilmember Bennett to approve the equipment bids from Rauchman High Voltage Sales for the amount of \$65,512.00 and Kriz Davis for \$4, 277.00 and well as equipment purchases from DK Johnson for the amount of \$4,262.00 and Nova Tech in the amount of \$1,985.00 as part of the Power Plant #1 Substation Upgrade Project.

### **Capital Improvements 2017**

Councilmember Barnes address the rest of Council of Capital Improvements for 2017. Finance Director Steiner gave an update on the Vac Truck and a list of possible projects and scheduled transfers. City Manager Eilts bids for Roof Bids, possible ADA bathroom and the Community Center air condition.

Mayor Nusser suggested that City Manager Eilts continue with the list, and have Council's input as far as what items to put as a priority.

### **ISO Plan**

City Manager Eilts explains that in 2016, the City of Larned underwent a survey by Insurance Service Office to determine the community's Public Protection Classification through Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. City Manager Eilts explains that the City's rating increased, which will increase premiums.

City Manager Eilts explains that Police Chief Orth, Fire Chief Bird, Water Department staff and City Manager Eilts met to review each of the items on the fire suppression rating schedule and evaluate where we stand. City Manager Eilts suggest that we should hire a consultant on this issue.

City Manager Eilts will research cost for hiring a consultant and refer back to Council for recommendations.

### **2016 Audit Presentation**

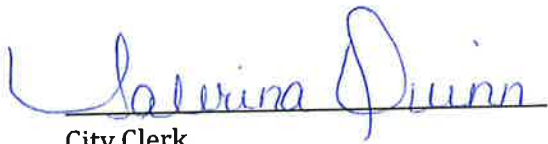
Aaron Koehn with VonFeldt Bauer and VonFeldt reviewed the audit report.

**Pool Discussion**

City Manager Eilts, gave an update on the conditions of the swimming pool. City Manager Eilts stated that he felt it was necessary to begin the conversation about the swimming pool. City Manager Eilts is looking for direction from Council on the next steps for the swimming pool. Mayor Nusser suggested two Councilmembers, along with Scott Upson, Carl Nolan swimming pool manager's, Water Department Superintendant and Parks Department Supervisor, City Manager Eilts. Councilmember's Wilson and Bennett are also interested in being part of the committee.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk



William Nusser  
Mayor

