

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
Council Chambers
September 7, 2021
6:30 PM

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

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

Visitors: Judi Tabler, Rick Reason, Dale Vanderhoof, Rita Kurtz, Steven Flanders, Will Tice, Dodi Burke, Jim Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #8

Finance Director, Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Elmore and seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #8 in the amount of \$784,833.48 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

New Business

Assistance to Ministerial Alliance

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve \$4,000 of contribution to the Ministerial Alliance, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Larned Recycling Center Proposed Changes

Sunflower Diversified took over the recycling in Larned in 2015. Over the last four years there have been some issues at the Center, particularly recyclers leaving trash in the bins or outside the bins and trash blowing throughout the area. Sunflower has been picking up at the Center on a daily basis and not able to keep up with overflow.

Recently Sunflower contacted the City regarding an interest to implement a fee to pick up recycling. According to Sunflower, they are implementing fees throughout their system to commercial businesses based on the number of pick-ups, similar in nature to what they have proposed to us.

Pricing Proposal for the location in Larned

1. Pick-up twice a week with a charge of \$500.00 per month
2. Recycling must be sorted and no trash. There will be a \$50.00 surcharge assessed to the City each time for trash sorting.
3. If the volume at the drop-off requires a special pick-up beyond twice a week, a \$75.00 pick-up fee for each trip will be charged.

Sunflower requested that the City erect a building or use one strictly for recycling purposes.

After discussion, there was no action taken on the proposal. Council will revisit this at a future meeting.

Heaters for Wastewater Production Facility

During last February's polar vortex, the headwork heaters failed to operate, highlighting their importance and need for replacement.

Two bids were presented. Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the bid from Hammeke Electric for \$35,167.04, Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Adoption of Updated Codes with Exceptions

At the July Council meeting the Council voted to adopt the latest updates to the current Building Trades Code. Will Tice, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, met with the City's Building Trades Board to identify exceptions. The following exception were recommended 1) Roofing-Ice Barriers are not required 2) Electrical-GFCI outlets are only required within six feet of a water source in a kitchen. Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the codes with exceptions and effective October 1, 2021; Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Ordinance establishing Bank Account and Fund for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

After discussion it was decided that the funds would stay in the current accounts and funds the City has and be tracked by Finance Director Monica Steiner.


Staff Presentation

Will Tice demonstrated the new Code Enforcement System he is utilizing for collecting information, tracking, and general ease for enforcement.

Adjournment



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser