

City Council Meeting Minutes  
City of Larned  
January 2, 2024  
6:30 PM

Mayor William Nusser called the regular session to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Josh Riedel, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt and Councilmember Jacques Molleker.

Councilmember Jason Murray, Councilmember Sharon McGinness were absent.

City Manager Bradley Eilts, Finance Director Monica Steiner, were also present.

**Presentation of Appreciation of Councilman Bennett**

Mayor Nusser presented a plaque to Councilman Bennett for his tenure on the City Council.

**Oath of Office and Council Reorganization**

Finance Director, Monica Steiner presented the Oath of Office to Councilmembers: Barnes, Riedel, McClendon, Clark and Mayor Nusser.

Councilmember Clark nominated Councilmember Barnes as Council president. Councilmember Clark motioned to approve the nomination; Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

Councilmember Molleker motioned to approve the City Depositories as presented, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Barnes asked that Fire Department Capitol Improvement Fund be added to the agenda under new business. Mayor Nusser indicated that the Executive Session would not be needed. Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the agenda with the additional item, Councilmember Molleker seconded.

Motion passed.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Molleker seconded.

Motion passed.

### **Appropriation Ordinance #12**

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Clark and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #12 in the amount of \$701,136.72 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

### **Presentation**

City Manager Eilts announced Antonio Hearn as the new Fire Chief for the City of Larned.

### **800 MHZ Radio System Mandate**

TJ Hearn presented to Council the State encryption mandate on the 800-radio system. The mandate is due now, but it will be four to five years before the state radio system is audited again, so there is time to plan and become compliant. TJ indicated that nine radios will be needed to be in compliance, and four handhelds. The handhelds cost roughly \$10,000.

PD/Dispatch would like to purchase two radios this year. TJ noted that they will have six car radios to replace as well, but they are not as expensive. The plan is to trade in some equipment and use diversion fund to help with costs.

### **New Business**

#### **NRP Interlocal Agreement Extension**

In November of 2018, the Council approved the renewal of the Pawnee County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NPR). The Plan is good through 2025, but the Interlocal Agreement expired at the end of 2023. Tina Keeler with the Pawnee County Appraisers office asked that the Council approve the agreement to extend until 12/31/2025 (Same as NPR). In October 2024, there will be meetings to discuss a new NPR.

Councilmember Riedel motioned to approve the Interlocal agreement extension, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

#### **Update on Downtown Streetscape Project**

City Manager Eilts noted that the grant is for infrastructure specifically and that sidewalk improvement doesn't qualify. The group would like to start with lighting and that this project must be completed by spring of 2025. Craig Schartz spoke and indicated that the project does have some specs and requirements as it is part of highway 156.

#### **Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund**

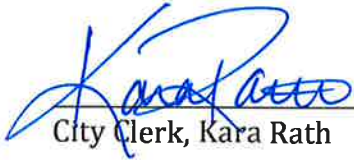
Councilmember Barnes would like any carryover funds to go to a reserve fund for the Fire Department specifically.

Mayor Nusser asked if they would be held to only making purchases if the account had money. Further discussion would be held at budget season.

**Staff Presentation**

Josh Kraisinger presented a list of projects that the Parks Department is working on for the winter along with other updates.

Meeting adjourned.



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City Clerk, Kara Rath



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Mayor, William Nusser