

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
Via Zoom
February 1, 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 Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember George Elmore, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Dennis Wilson and Councilmember Sharon McGinness.

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

Visitors: Allen Taylor, Randy Bird, Josh Taylor, Randy Parker, Judi Tabler, Michael Heigert, Keithen Myer, Jason Zink, David Sallee, and TJ Hearn

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Bennett seconded to approve the agenda.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Appropriation Ordinance #1

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Elmore and seconded by Councilmember Bennett and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #1 in the amount of \$1,007,309.57 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

Property Improvement Program

After discussion, Councilmember Barnes requested that the budget for the program be transferred from electric in the amount of \$50,000. This program would be a first come first serve basis, the approved improvements would need to be exterior, removing blighted conditions, and community beautification. Financial assistance in the form of grants of 25% on an eligible project are available with a maximum assistance of \$10,000 per project based on the availability of funds. Staff will be review applications and award the grants based on defined criteria.

New Business

CDBG Waterline Bids

A formal bid opening was held at City Hall January 20, 2021. Nine bids were received, and the lowest bidder was True Solutions from Shattuck, OK. Keithen Meyer from Schwab Eaton recommends to award the bid to True Solution. After discussion Councilmember Elmore motioned to award the bid for the CDBG Waterline project to True Solution, Councilmember Barnes seconded.

Motion passed.

KDOT CCLIP Application

Michael Heigert with Benesch has updated the City's CCLIP Application for the FY 2023 and FY 2024 projects. The City's previous application for FY 2021 and FY 2022 for South Broadway between the railroad tracks at 3rd Street to the South City limits was submitted but not funded. The application to be submitted is a surface preservation project for the same area. KDOT will pay 95% of the costs for construction and construction engineering, while design costs are not included in the maximum KDOT match of \$300,000. Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the CCLIP application for FY 2023 and FY 2024, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Amendment to City Code regarding certain Fires and Burning

Fire Chief Randy Bird and TJ Hearn requested that the Council consider the addition of some standards related to recreational fires, bonfires, and open fires. After discussion the Council took no action, but advised the Fire Chief and TJ to speak with City Attorney on the current ordinance to utilize verbiage regarding nuisances.

Township Fire Services Contracts

Current Fire Services Contracts expire at the end of 2021. The current contracts include a five-year term, three percent annual increase for inflation, 50% due by March 1st, and 50% due by November 1st annually, and notice of termination is one-year. After discussion, Councilmember McGinness motioned to reduce the annual increase from three percent to one percent for three years (2022, 2023, 2024), Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Staff Presentation

Randy Parker gave presentation on Electric Distribution.

Adjournment



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser