

City Council Meeting Minutes  
City of Larned  
March 7, 2022  
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 Carroll Bennett, and Councilmember Josh Riedel.

Councilmember Sharon McGinness and Councilmember George Elmore were absent.

City Clerk Kara Rath, Finance Director Monica Steiner, City Inspector Will Tice and City Attorney Ron Smith were also present.

City Manager Bradley Eilts was absent.

Visitors: Beau Rebel, Dennis & Joan Wilson, Charles Orth, Rita Kurtz, Lance Duft, Chad Eakin, Brock Eakin, Callie Miller, Mike Gilmore, Lenard Herrman, Kyle Beckwith

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Nusser asked that Chad Eakin be added to the agenda under presentations. Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Chad Eakin; Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Bennett seconded.

Motioned passed.

**Appropriation Ordinance #2**

Finance Director, Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Bennett and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #2 in the amount of \$855,046.31 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

**Public Comments**

None

## **Presentations**

Beau Rebel with Golden Belt Telephone discussed that GBT is planning to phase in underground fiberoptic lines in six different “zones” throughout Larned. The first phase will consist of two zones on the west and south west of Broadway. The project is fully funded by GBT and will likely cost \$8-10 million. Moving forward with the project will depend on the customer and how well this is received by citizens. The plan is to begin the project in May of 2022.

Chad Eakin spoke regarding the demolition of the downtown buildings in the 400 block of Broadway. He said that they are almost to ground level, it will take about two weeks to haul away the debris and about a week to back fill. The debris will be sorted and recycled if possible. Eakin indicated that he has contacted the Engineer that had originally inspected the downtown buildings to discuss the shared wall of 412 and 410 Broadway. Eakin is sending pictures of progress to the engineer to discuss any issues that may occur. The Engineer will be onsite in one to two months to do the final inspection.

## **Old Business**

### **Toddler Pool**

Over the last several months the Council has received information on a toddler pool feature for the Larned Swimming pool through a concept and proposal by Power-Play aquatic consultants. Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the bid that was received in January contingent on the water flow test performed by the Water department and ask that work begin as soon as the pool closes for the 2022 season. Councilmember Riedel seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

## **New Business**

### **Housing Opportunities Request**

Dream Homes-Housing Opportunities Inc. (HOI), has again qualified for \$10,000 draw from the Guaranty Reserve account. It is based on a cash flow calculation that is part of the annual audit. In 2019 and 2020, Dreams Homes’ Guaranty Reserve account produced \$10,000 optional payouts. The audit is anticipating that 2021 will produce another \$10,000 payout. Callie Miller, Executive Director, HOI requested that the Council place the funds into the property’s Unrestricted Reserve Fund, and if possible, get all three payouts approved at the same time so they can transfer the third payout as soon as it is approved and eligible.

This would allow the funds to be utilized for larger expenses in the event that the operating account cannot cover the expense. Currently, they have three roofs on 20<sup>th</sup> street that need to be replaced this spring due to age and condition.

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the transferring of \$20,000 from the Guaranty Reserve Fund from 2019 and 2020 and \$10,000, if eligible from 2021 to the

Unrestricted Reserve Fund in the Dream Homes account. Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

### **Purchase of Police Squad Car**

Captain Lance Duft presented to Council the request of a new 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptor. The purchase was included in the 2022 Budget discussion and would come out of the police Department budget. The bid price is \$37,926.40 from Morris Smith Ford. The cost of any transferred and new equipment including installing, as well as graphics and markings for the car is expected to be approximately \$13,000 to \$15,000. Delivery is expected to be late summer to early fall.

It was discussed that retired cruisers would be used by other departments or sold.

Councilmember Riedel motioned to approve the 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptor; Councilmember Murray seconded.

Motion passed.

Chief Orth gave an update on the Police Department and Dispatch.

### **Purchase of 800 MHZ Radio**

The Larned Fire Department Chief Leonard Herrman requested the purchase of an 800 MHZ Radio for Assistant Chief Kyle Beckwith. The radio is the same Motorola model used by other local public safety agencies. The radio is \$5,552.54 which includes an enhanced three-year essential service warranty at a cost of \$121.

After discussion Councilmember Barnes motioned to purchase three of the 800 MHZ radios with the essential service warranty using ARPA funds, Councilmember Murray seconded.

Motion passed.

### **City Council Discussion Requests**

Councilmember Riedel- Streets and roadways plans. Discussion took place with no actions taken.

Councilmember McGinness-Downtown Buildings-McGinness absent no discussion.

Councilmember Barnes-Reducing Electrical Rates. Discussion took place with no actions taken.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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City Clerk, Kara Rath

  
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Mayor William Nusser