

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
Council Chambers
April 5, 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 Dennis Wilson and Councilmember Sharon McGinness.

Councilmember Carroll Bennett was absent.

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

Visitors: Judi Tabler, Charles Orth, Tony Boor, Allen Taylor, Steve Gross, Jamie Walker, Josh Kraisinger, Kara Lawrence, Sarah Mooreland, Ronnie Murphy, Rusty McClendon and Clayton Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Appropriation Ordinance #3

City Manager, Bradley Eilts reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember McGinness and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #3 in the amount of \$651,511.26 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

None

Presentations

Bajillion Agency-Ronnie Murphy and Sarah Mooreland discussed the social media traffic for 2020 and 2021.

Steve Gross discussed the projects that will be coming up in 2022 with the cracks in the runway that will need to be re-sealed, this will be a \$300,000 project, 90% will be funded by FFA and the City will have a 10% share. Gross also mentioned that the fuel tank will need to be addressed in 2022 as well.

Clayton Kelly with Piper Sandler, spoke with Council regarding bond refinancing. The Council directed the City Manager to word a standing motion to refinance the bonds when/if interest rates meet a certain threshold.

New Business

Community Garden Agreement

In December of 2020 the City Council voted to acquire the Community Garden from Larned Assembly of God Church. The Larned Civic PRIDE organization will continue to operate the Garden as they have since 2009. An agreement was drawn up to clarify the rights and obligations for each entity. Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the agreement; Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Purchase of Police Squad Car

The 2021 budget includes the purchase of a new Police Interceptor. The police vehicle that would be rotated out is a 2014 Ford Explorer. Janssen Motors bid \$36,266.00 and Olathe Ford bid \$35,189.00. The new vehicle will have additional equipment necessary for patrol use installed and used as a marked unit, including the wireless video recorder system. Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the purchase of a new squad car from Janssen Motors; Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Purchase of LUCAS for EMS

LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) is an automated system that performs chest compressions. Kara Lawrence, director of EMS is requesting the purchase of LUCAS in the amount of \$15,227.22, Pawnee County will pay 40% of the purchase price in accordance with our EMS contract. Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the purchase of LUCAS; Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Pool Fee Schedule

In 2019 the Council adopted the pool surcharge; all residential water customers of the City will be able to swim at the pool without paying an admittance fee. At the time it was discussed that those water consumers would fill out a form to receive their pool pass for the summer and could include the name of four out of town guests.

The Council discussed that the pool is an amenity for all and that it should be a free will donation upon entry. The costs for private swim parties will need to pay for the costs of the employees that work. City Manager Eilts will discuss this with the pool managers.

Request by Housing Opportunities Inc.

Dream Homes has qualified for a \$10,000 draw from the Guaranty Reserve account. The account was originally established as part of a partnership agreement between the City and Mesner Housing Equity Group, the previous management company.

The request is to consider transferring \$10,000 from the Guaranty Reserve Fund and \$207.09 of the Operational Deficiency Loan to an Unrestricted Reserve Fund in the Dream Homes account.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the request, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Mower Purchase

The 2021 budget included the purchase of a new mower for the Parks department. Bids were received from Rich's Automotive Supply and Pro-Green Total Lawn Care. Josh Kraisinger, Parks and Cemetery Superintendent, is recommending the purchase of a Grasshopper 729BT for \$12,773.70. Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the purchase of the Grasshopper 729BT, Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Pool Fence

The Larned Swimming Pool fence has reached its usable lifetime. Bids were received from Jamie Walker Fencing and Little Giant Fittings. Both contractors submitted bids for galvanized chain link fence and black vinyl chain link. Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the bid from Jamie Walker fencing for the black vinyl fence in the amount of \$13,734.00 and to be paid out of the Pool Reserve Fund. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Automatic Scrubber for Community Center

The Community Center utilizes an automatic scrubber to clean the floor of the gym and common areas. The current scrubber is not working properly and has been repaired a number of times. Mike Seeman, Recreation Director, requested bids from six companies, four responded. Pur-o-Zone Advance SC500 with ACM batteries and charger came in at the lowest bid for \$6492.00. Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the purchase of the Advance SC500 from Pur-o-Zone for \$6492.00, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Addition to Nuisance Ordinance

Section 8.16 of the Larned City Code deals with abandoned, junked, and inoperable vehicles. An additional concern that needs to be addressed is this section is inoperable trailers, including recreational, camping, and other similar vehicles. City Attorney Ron Smith has revised the previous ordinance to include the above-mentioned trailers. Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the revised ordinance as written, councilmember McGinness seconded. On a roll call vote 6 aye, one nay (Rainbolt).

The aye carries for approval of the ordinance.

Staff Presentation

City Manager Bradley Eilts gave an update on projects the City is currently working on.

- The Larned Swimming Pool is near completion for the 2021 swimming season.
- Summer help: The Parks will hire 5 employees and Street will hire 4.
- CDBG water line project will begin May 3rd.
- EMS transition: There will be town hall meeting in Burdett at the end of April.
- The county has contacted the city about helping to identify unmarked lines on North Broadway so they can continue to work on the drainage issues in that area.
- Christmas lights: We continue to have trouble getting someone to bid the construction of the lights for the water tower.

Executive Session

Councilmember McGinness motioned to recess into executive session for 27 minutes for the purpose of discussing nonelected personnel and that the Mayor and City Manager attend the session. Mayor Nusser indicated that the meeting would resume at 9:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

At 9:30 PM Mayor Nusser announced that the executive session to discuss certain nonelected personnel has concluded. Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to approve the changes to City Manager Eilts contract, Councilmember Elmore seconded. On a roll call vote 7 aye and 0 nay.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser