

City Council Meeting Minutes  
City of Larned  
Council Chambers  
May 3, 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 George Elmore and Councilmember Dennis Wilson, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt joined the meeting a few minutes later.

Councilmember Carroll Bennett and Councilmember Sharon McGinness were absent.

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

Visitors: Kevin Cook, Deborah Lewis, Ralph Streit, Lynn Streit, Bob Rein, Sabrina Quinn, Kara Lawrence, Phillip Hammeke, Josh Huff, Aaron Koehn

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 Elmore seconded.

**Appropriation Ordinance #4**

City Manager, Bradley Eilts reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #4 in the amount of \$719,493.66 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

**Proclamation on Community Read**

Mayor William Nusser read the proclamation for the Community Read May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Public Comments**

None

## **Presentations**

County Commission – EMS Transfer

Chairperson, Phillip Hammeke gave an update regarding the transfer of EMS from the City to the County beginning in 2022. This will allow both entities to properly prepare their budget to reflect these changes. The communities of Rozel and Burdett are in agreement with the changes as well as the Larned area community.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to enter into an agreement with Pawnee County for the transfer of EMS from the City to the County upon the 2022 calendar year. Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion Passed.

Greg Wright with Priority Power

Greg gave an update regarding the 2021 Polar Vortex that took place in February. He commended the City on how well the Powerplant handled the freezing temperatures and the substantial credit from Midwest Energy.

Greg also spoke about a potential opportunity for adding solar power to the City's power portfolio and the behind the meter generation and rate ordinance. An origination Agreement between the City of Larned and Priority Power was presented and Councilmember Elmore motioned to allow a feasibility study of constructing and/or participating in a solar electric generation, the study will be at no cost to the City, Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

Aaron Koehn with VonFeldt, Bauer, & VonFeldt, Chtd. presented the annual City Audit for 2020.

## **Old Business**

### **Contract with Piper Sandler**

Clayton Kelly presented at the April Council meeting regarding the potential advantages of refunding the City's Series 2013 General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Kelly had identified savings to the City by refunding these bonds; however, with the recent volatility of interest rates in the bond market, the originally identified savings to the City has faded. Despite this, the council asked that a contract be put in place so that if/when market conditions change Piper Sandler would be able to move expediently. Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the contract with one amendment of removing the word "gross", councilmember Elmore seconded the motion. The Mayor asked that if the market changes and a decision has to be made that the City Manager reaches out to Councilmember Barnes and/or Murray for consultation.

Motion passed.

## **New Business**

### **Water Tower Lights**

Brain Falk, with Falk Architects joined the meeting via zoom and presented three options for the Water Tower Lights. After discussion by the Council, it was decided that this would be a Community Fundraising project. At the July meeting, the Council will decide which option will be best to get the lights up for the 2021 Holiday Season.

**After-hours Pool Party Fee Structure**

City Manager Eilts met with the Pool Managers to discuss after-hours pool parties. The goal is to assure that all costs are covered. The managers suggested \$100/hour. After discussion, Councilmember Elmore motioned that parties cost \$100/hour and if the slide is utilized \$150/hour. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.


Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



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City Clerk, Kara Rath



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Mayor, William Nusser