

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
July 5, 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, Councilmember Josh Riedel, Councilmember Sharon McGinness and Councilmember George Elmore

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

Visitors: Josh Taylor, Jason Zink, Judi Tabler, David Sallee, Steven Lewis, Lance Duft, Tony Boor, Sam Sullivan, Jeremiah Slattery

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember McGinness noted that she had a conflict of interest with the budget meeting set up on July 18th, that meeting was moved to July 19th. Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Clark seconded.

Motioned passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #6

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Elmore and seconded by Councilmember McGinness and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #6 in the amount of \$849,291.24 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

Unsafe Structures

At the June 6th Council meeting a Public Hearing was held on the unsafe structures of 810 Topeka St., 530 West 1st St., and 301 W 4th St. The Council decided to allow these property owners until the July 5th Council meeting to have a plan of action to present to the Council, if no plan of action is presented the Council would move on with further action on the unsafe structures. Because no plan of action has been received by City Hall the council was presented two bids on each of the three structures.

Although the costs will be assessed to the property owner, it is anticipated that the City of Larned will bare the full costs of demolition.

	Eakin Enterprises	Ark River Sand Co.
530 W. 1 st	\$4,800	\$5,400
301 W 4 th (2 structures)	\$31,650	\$37,000
810 Topeka	\$4,800	\$5,300

Councilmember Murray motioned to condemn the property at 530 W 1st St. and accept the bid from Eakin Enterprises. Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to condemn the property at 301 W 4th (both structures) and accept the bid from Eakin Enterprises. Councilmember Bennett seconded.

Motion passed.

Councilmember Riedel motioned to condemn the property at 810 Topeka and accept the bid from Eakin Enterprises. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

New Business

Air Conditioning Units Replacement

The air conditioning units at City Hall need to be replaced. The system is over 20 years old and not functioning correctly. It is recommended that both the cooling and heating units be replaced as they are both older and losing efficiency.

Three bids on a new system were solicited and two were received.

96% efficient furnaces

Comfort Systems (two furnace and two AC units)	\$19,507.06
(2) Trane S9X2 80,000 BTU 96.7% Eff. AFUE furnaces	
(2) Trane 4TTA 4 ton at 13.6 SEER 3 Phase High Efficiency AC units	
Comfort Pro (two furnace and two AC units)	\$23,010.00
(2) Bryant 96% Eff. Furnaces	

(2) 13-SEER 3 Phase AC units

AC Units only

Comfort Systems (two AC units only) \$12,409.06

(2) Trane 4TTA 4 ton at 13.6 SEER 3 Phase High Efficiency AC units

AC Repair

Comfort Pro (Replacing compressor and contractor) \$5,081.00

Steven Lewis with Comfort Systems spoke to Council regarding repairing verse replacing the old units.

After discussion, Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the 96% efficient furnace and AC units at the cost of \$19,507.06. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

CDBG Time Extension Request

In recent meeting with City Staff, Schwab-Eaton, and Great Plain Development (Grant Administrator) a three (3) month time extension is recommended to the Kansas Department of Commerce for the waterline project so that deadlines for the grant could be obtainable.

After discussion Councilmember Murray motioned to approve for Great Plains Development to request a three (3) month time extension to the Kansas Department of Commerce. Councilmember Barnes seconded.

Motion passed.

Amendment to Engineering Agreement

Schwab-Eaton has requested additional funds due to the administration and inspection efforts of the time extension for the CDBG waterline time extension. The increase is not to exceed from \$76,500 to \$88,500 or \$12,000.

After discussion Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the amendment to the engineering agreement, councilmember Barnes seconded.

Councilmember Riedel, Councilmember Bennett, Councilmember Rainbolt, and Councilmember Emore disapproved the motion.

Councilmember Murray sustained.

Motion failed.

Forced Sewer Main and Fry Waterline Project

In early February, the forced sewer main that runs from 14th to 17th on Santa Fe had a major leak. This is the same line that had problems in 2019. On both occasions the contractors had a number of issues repairing the line due to the integrity of the pipe.

City crews do not have the equipment nor certifications/licenses to perform the replacement of the pipe in house. Staff solicited bids from three companies over the last few months. One bid was received, but has since expired. At the last meeting in June, Council determined that they wanted current bids on the sewer main.

Waterline on Fry Street

The Council also asked staff to seek bids on the replacement of the waterline along Fry. This line has been problematic and is not part of the CDBG project. The line serves the residents in the area as well as Edwards Park Golf Course and Pin High.

One bid was received from APAC in the amount of \$294,324.00 for the forced sewer main. One bid for the waterline on Fry Street from APAC for \$187,627.00.

Funding for this project is in-line with the original intent of the American Recuse Plan Act (ARPA).

Councilmember Riedel motioned to approve both bids from APAC and use ARPA funds, he also motioned that the forced sewer main be taken care of first. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Fuel Purchase Collaboration

Kurt Demel, Pawnee County Public Works Director, recently spoke to City Manager Brad Eilts about the City of Larned's interest in collaborating with them to purchase bulk fuel. This would allow the City to lock-in a firm price and provide a hedge against inflation. Pawnee County needs a certain volume threshold to do this we could help them reach it.

The City of Larned purchased a total of 32,000 gallons of fuel in 2021. A set price would aid in budgeting efforts and may result in budgetary savings.

After discussion Councilmember Riedel motioned to allow City Manager to work with Mr. Demel of Pawnee County to purchase bulk fuel and lock in a firm price. He noted this would be all fuel used by City equipment. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Pool Area Security Camera System Replacement

The camera system at the swimming pool and surrounding area is aging and experiencing some issues. The system is used to surveil activities inside and around the Pool as well as the Rose Garden, fountain, picnic area, skate park and other amenities in this area of Schnack Park. Two bids were obtained by the Police Department. They recommended accepting the bid from P&S Security.

Dayton Security: \$6,627.73
P&S Security: \$6,252.42

Councilmember Elmore motioned to accept the bid from P&S Security; Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Community Center Lighting System Replacement

The Community Center auditorium is used by the School System and other organizations on a fairly consistent basis. The current lighting control interface is no longer working. The lights are functional but control over the system is not.

McClelland Inc. has proposed replacing the console with a Chamsys QuickQ10 DMX lighting console for \$6,500. It is a touchscreen interface with the ability of wireless remote control using an iPad. It has a number of other features that make sense for our situation.

Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to approve the bid from McClelland Inc. Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

Adoption of 2018 IPMC Update

The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) was not adopted last July when the Council voted to update several other codes. The IPMC established minimum requirements for the maintenance of existing building through model code regulations that contain clear and specific property maintenance and property improvement provisions. The 2018 edition is the latest update and is compatible with all the other International Codes. There are no significant changes in this Code compared to the 2012 edition that it would replace.


Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to adopt the 2018 IPMC, Councilmember Clark seconded. On a roll call vote due to the change in ordinance 8 aye and 0 nay.

Motion passed.


Staff Presentation

City Manager Eilts and Finance Director Steiner spoke briefly regarding the upcoming budget meetings and asked for Council input for any changes they would like to see.

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser