

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
Council Chambers
July 6, 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 Carroll Bennett, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember Dennis Wilson and Councilmember Sharon McGinness.

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

Visitors: Ralph Streit, Lynn Streit, Lorene Froetschner, Kay Dooley, Karen Hadly, Patty Smith, Sharon Arnold, Connie Fox, Marilyn Bell, Mary Sherman, Joan Bohart, Kevin Cook, Cassidy Smith, David Sallee, Judi Tabler, Mike Hensley, Cheryl Hoberecht, and Dody Burke

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Nusser requested to add the following items to the consent agenda: Pawnee County Fair Association to sell Cereal Malt Beverages and the appointment of Ben Ramsey to the Planning Commission. He also requested to add the EMS Memorandum to New Business. Councilmember Elmore motion to approve the agenda with the additional items, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motion Passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #6

Finance Director, Monica Steiner 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 #6 in the amount of \$853,022.07 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

Max Galliard regarding his sidewalk that was condemned at 111 W 5th street in 2018.

Old Business

Water Tower Lights Fundraising Update & Project Advancement

Mayor Nusser announced that the funding goal had been reached and exceeded. Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to accept proposal that includes option #3 from Falk Architects: new built-in LED fixtures with protective lens for \$95,000, \$3,000 power evaluation service and a \$30,000 discretion for the City Manager to use for additional Electrical upgrades if needed. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Placement of Screen doors at Prairie Vista

At the Council's last meeting, residents of Prairie Vista requested that the Council allow the acquisition and installation of screen doors. Staff was asked to bring back options for the doors and the cost for installation. The door options were to assure quality and aesthetic uniformity. The doors would be considered a leasehold improvement and stay with the unit if the resident moves.

Installation of the screen doors can be performed by Vratil Builders at a cost of \$60 each or \$50 each in groups of four or more.

Councilmember Wilson motioned that if the tenant wishes to purchase the \$265 screen door in sandstone with brushed nickel, they would request that through the property manager. The property manager will order said doors through Pawnee Valley Lumber. Jim Vratil will install the screen doors at the cost of the City. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

New Business

Codes Update Adoption

Will Tice, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement officer, has been working on our ISO Code Enforcement rating. He is asking the Council to adopt the updated codes that are produced by the Codes Council, they are updated every three years to ensure that construction design professionals and building trades are implementing the latest technological and safety provisions. The current City Code is adopted only up to 2012 standards.

Councilmember Wilson motioned to approve the 2017 and 2018 code adoption with an implementation date of October 1, 2021. Tice will bring back the opt out options at a future

meeting prior to the implementation date, he will also send letters to contractors to make them aware of the changes. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

On a roll-call vote 8-Aye, 0-Nay.

Motion passed.

CDBG Waterline Project Delay Request

The CDBG project contractors, Cobalt Construction and True Solutions have begun preliminary work on the water line project. Although materials were ordered in March, right after being awarded the bid, they have not received enough material to begin work. Severe material shortages are being experienced by contractors throughout the Country. The contractors are even having difficulties getting their suppliers to commit to delivery dates. In turn, these distributors are finding similar challenges from manufacturers and raw material suppliers. The contractors would like to pause the work on the project and have requested that the city sign a Stop Work order. The contractors will continue to closely monitor the situation with the availability of material as will the engineer. If approved Cobalt Construction will fill the potholes that have been created by the hydro-vac work.

Faye Trent, the City's CDBG Grant Administrator, has visited with the Kansas Department of Commerce about this and they relayed that this is being experienced in projects throughout Kansas. They are suggesting that communities allow contractors to pause construction in a manner similar to a weather delay. The Department of Commerce will look at these issues across the state at the end of the year.

Work will resume when the contractors request a resume work order.

Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to approve the Stop work order as of June 25, 2021, Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion passed.

EMS Memorandum of Understanding

Representatives from Pawnee County, the City of Larned, the City of Burdett, Larned EMS, Burdett EMS, Pawnee County Emergency Management and Pawnee County Sheriff's Department met to formalize the creation of a Countywide EMS Service. County Attorney Doug McNett has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for review. Mayor Nusser asked that council take the next week to review the document and will hold a Special Meeting Tuesday July 13th at 6:30 PM at City Hall to discuss this item.

Staff Presentation

Mike Hensley, Pool Manager gave a detailed update of attendance at the City Pool for 2021.

Ralph Streit gave an update on the Power Plant, SCADA system and employees.

Adjournment



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser