

Lynnville City Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Lynnville City Hall

Mayor present: Roy James

Council Members present: Mark Newberg, Hugh Carney, Kevin Arment, Bev Van Maanen and Terry Fraker.

Council Members Absent: none

Guests: Faye Brand, Gene Braaksma, Dale Flander, Robert VandeKrol and Brandon Talsma.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hearing to Approve the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. No Public Input was given. Newberg made motion to close the public hearing at 5:35p.m., seconded by Van Maanen, all ayes, motion carried.

Van Maanen made motion to open regular session of the council meeting, seconded by Arment, all ayes motion carried.

MEETING AGENDA: Agenda was amended to include a closed session for personnel issues, motion made by Arment to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Fraker, all ayes motion carried.

Jasper County Supervisor Brandon Talsma joined the meeting. He stated he has been busy working on the budget and reallocating funds for the secondary roads as well as working on a snow policy in place of an ordinance. Council asked if the City could receive a load of sand from the county for the many times the City has maintained the hill so that semis could get up or down it when the County could not get to it in a timely manner. Talsma stated he would talk to his counterparts. Council stated that county has made improvements in getting to Lynnville after the recent snowstorms, which they thanked Talsma for his help in getting that done.

Newberg made motion to approve **Resolution 21020** approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars Requested for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, seconded by Fraker, all ayes, Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: A motion was made by Arment and seconded by Fraker to approve the January 6 & 13, 2020 meeting minutes. All ayes, Motion carried.

Mayor James stated that the Lynnville Chamber is interested in helping find lots for people to buy and build homes on. The school district one of the top rated in the state and it would be great to see a small town to keep growing. James stated he is very thankful for Dale Schnell's help to remove snow during DeWitt's absence, also a big thank you to Bev and Rodney Van Maanen for their help in shoveling snow also.

OLD BUSINESS: Sign for Smokin J's still needs to be added to the city directional signs. Co-Line will get a bid to Jeff Arment.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor James stated citizens have asked if the city is planning to plant new trees where the old ones were removed. James encouraged the council to think about it. There are some tree grants available. On a side note, Van Maanen stated that while she has been downtown, she continues to see many vehicles running the stop sign. She would like to see something done before someone is killed. But is it an issue of people not seeing the stop sign or ignoring it?

WATER RATES: Clerk Arthur stated she is working with Steve Marsh to determine water rates. One suggestion so far is that water readings should be conducted every month instead of every three months and that it would be beneficial to have meters placed at City Hall and Old Setts. No decisions were made.

BUDGET HEARING: Arment made motion to set March 9, 2020 @ 5:30 for the Public Hearing to Approve the Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, seconded by Fraker, all ayes, motion carried.

JUNK PROPERTIES: Discussion of what can be done to enforce the junk properties and junk vehicles was discussed. Newberg stated he will contact Ia. League of Cities. Time to enforce and start accessing fines until property owners get their properties cleaned up.

SHORT TERM DISABILITY: 3 quotes for short term disability were presented: Plan 1 \$ 589.66 per year/50% weekly earnings starting on 15th day, Plan 2 \$707 per year/60% earnings starting on 15th day and Plan 3: \$589.66 per year/50% earnings starting on 30th day. No action taken, council would like some more quotes.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mayor James thinks the city has enough sand, may have to move snow piles if more snow is predicted.

PUBLIC INPUT: Gene Braaksma questioned who would be paying for the short term disability..since the item was tabled earlier, no decisions have been made. Dale Flander inquired about cemetery cleanup. Mayor James stated that of the original board, no many are left. James encouraged Flander to add it to a council meeting agenda.

At 6:59 p.m., Fraker made motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Newberg, all ayes, motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m., Newberg made motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Carney. All ayes, motion carried. Arment made motion to resume regular session, seconded by Van Maanen, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Newberg to pay Lynnville Public Works Director Josh DeWitt his regular salary while laid up, until further notice, seconded by Fraker, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor James assigned councilmembers the following committees/duties: Mayor ProTem: Bev Van Maanen, finance/building committee: Kevin Arment and Hugh Carney, park & cemetery: Bev Van Maanen and Terry Fraker and sewer/water committee: Mark Newberg and Kevin Arment.

MONTHLY CITY AND PAYROLL CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Newberg and seconded by Fraker, to pay the following claims. Motion carried.

Payroll Wages	6998.25	
Alliant	Electric	1750.15
Blake Rozendaal	Web Site	25.00
Commercial Card Services	Services	86.36
Dale Schnell	Services	1320.00
First State Insurance	Insurance	6125.40
Garden & Associates	Prof. Services	1354.28
Hometown Press	Publishing	221.86
Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Assn	Membership	50.00
Iowa One Call	Services	16.20
Iowa Reg. Utilities Assc.	Services	2089.40
IRS January Wages	1492.74	
IPERS January Wages	1022.17	
Jasper County Engineer	Supplies	2973.50
John Deere Financial	Supplies	23.16
Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Services	12.50
LeAnn Jansen	Supplies	21.40
Lynnville Telephone Co.	Telecomm Charges	152.99
Martin Marietta Materials	Rock	252.52
Midwest Sanitation and Recycling	Services	3148.17
Need Em Enterprises	Services	1550.00
Officer of Auditor of State	Exam Fee	1200.00
Region 6 Resource Partners	Services	754.00
Scott Nikkel Trucking	Services	134.92
Stan Laverman	Services	225.00
Sully Plumbing and Heating	Supplies	11.74
Terpstra Plumbing-Heating-Cooling	Supplies	1891.55
Truck Equipment	Supplies	649.63
Utility Equipment Co	Supplies	49.00
Weld Works	Services	54.24
Zip In Supplies	212.49	

Receipts –Jan 2020	
General Fund	773.53
Hotel/Motel	831.81
Emp Benefits	25.91
LOST	2693.61
Library	4252.00
Road Use	3664.51

Water Utility 16153.69
Sewer Utility 58566.20
Garbage Utility 3141.18

Van Maanen made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Arment, all ayes,
Motion Carried.

Approved/Date

Mayor

Approved/Date

Clerk