

# Lynnville City Council Meeting Minutes

## December 14, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

### Lynnville City Hall

---

Mayor present: Roy James

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

Council Members Absent: Hugh Carney

Guests: Faye Brand, Nick Arthur, Rhonda Guy, Mark Van Wyk and later Bill Sparks

**MEETING AGENDA:** Motion made by Newberg to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Van Maanen, all ayes motion carried.

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:** A motion was made by Fraker and seconded by Arment to approve the November 2020 meeting minutes, all ayes, motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Water main break was discussed and the lawyer stated it would cost more to fight the matter in court, the Ia. League of Cities also agreed with the lawyer's opinion. In the future, the city will look into denying companies the access to go through the city or have an ordinance designed that will make the companies 100% responsible for any and all damages.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fire Department Report:** Mark Van Wyk reported that there have been no major expenses and while the fundraisers have been down, profits have still been good. He would like to encourage all young people in the community to consider joining the department. Lynnville and Sully are mutually aiding each other during the day due to not enough volunteers.

**Rhonda Guy of Professional Operation Management** introduced herself to the council. Her company is aiding in keeping the city compliant with the DNR in water and waste water management and training Nick Arthur until he can complete his training to become an operator. She stated that she also teaches the classes face to face at Kirkwood which would be approximately a 30 hour class or on-line sessions are available as well. Rhonda Guy stated that she will touch base with Dan Sinclair in regard to new water meters and will try to negotiate a price for the city as the meters currently in use are out of date. Rhonda Guy stated she will also see if the water maps on hand can be salvaged and laminated or will look into a way of helping the city obtain new ones.

**1<sup>st</sup> Amended Sewer Ordinance Reading:** Arment made motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading changing the sewer rate to \$27 per month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberg, all ayes, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 121420:** Fraker made motion to approve Resolution 121420 approving the renewal of the Diamond Trail Golf Club Liquor License, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Van Maanen, all ayes, motion carried.

**BUDGET ITEMS:** Clerk is beginning to work on the budget and requested council input. Items discussed were water meters, starting to budget money for a new tractor and truck in the future.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Arthur reported that the tractor is in need of some attention, the lights don't work and a whole new front grill is needed as well as the hydraulic cylinders. A bid of \$600 to repair the cylinders was submitted by Steve Oxenrider. Newberg made motion to accept the bid from Oxenrider to repair the cylinders, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Van Maanen, all ayes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Bill Sparks inquired about the abatement issued on his property that houses the empty trailer house. He stated he did not receive any letter in regards to the address. Clerk stated he was sent 2 letters in March in regards to his properties as well as other letters previous years before. He stated he has cleaned up the one property and will work on the other property in the spring. Mayor questioned Sparks if the trailer was abandoned, Sparks replied no, mayor stated that he could be back billed for minimum water and sewer rates then which would entail many years. Mayor stated will table the matter, will need to seek legal advice before proceeding.

**MONTHLY CITY AND PAYROLL CLAIMS:**

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

Payroll	Wages	11067.25	
Alliant	Electric	2359.21	
Blake Rozendaal	Web Site	25.00	
Caldwell, Brierly,& Chalupa	Services	89.00	
Commercial Card Services	Services	451.89	
Dorsey & Whitney	Fees	7000.00	
Earth Works	Services	5469.00	
Hometown Press	Publishing	75.04	
Garden & Associates	Services	2191.22	
Forbes Office Solutions	Services	112.74	
Iowa Reg. Utilities Assc.	Services	2733.07	
Iowa Rural Assc.	Dues	225.00	
IRS	Nov Wages	1792.92	
IPERS	Nov Wages	1044.03	
Jodi Mausser	Utility Refund	55.03	
John Deere Financial	Services	68.89	
Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Services	148.00	
Kruseman Implement	Supplies	128.17	
Lynnville Telephone Co.	Telecomm Charges	153.98	
Martin Marietta Materials	Supplies	270.22	
Midwest Sanitation and Recycling	Services	3217.00	
Professional Operations Mgmt	Services	1040.00	
Rgion 6 Resource Partners	Services	1648.00	
Scott Nikkel Trucking	Services	64.12	
Sully Plumbing & Heating	Supplies	\$49.71	
Terry Fraker	Reimb/humidity meter		12.35

Terpstra Plumbing & Heating	Services	126.00
Zip In	Supplies	156.78

Receipts –November 2020  
General Fund 16880.51  
Hotel/Motel Tax 520.03  
LOST 10360.08  
Library 875.00  
Road Use 3356.39  
Water Utility 5990.38  
Sewer Utility 3340.00  
Garbage Utility 3233.20

Van Maanen made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Fraker, all ayes, motion carried.

---

Mayor, Roy James

---

Attested by City Clerk, Bev Arthur