

Lynnville City Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Lynnville City Hall

Mayor present: Roy James

Council Members present: Bev Van Maanen, Kevin Armen, Mark Newberg, Terry Fraker & Mark Lageveen

Council Members Absent: none

Guests: Nick Arthur, Faye Brand, Rahn Savage, Jim Clingman, Garden & Assoc rep. Alex & Atty Dustin Hite

MEETING AGENDA: Agenda amended to add Library Report. A motion was made by Van Maanen, seconded by Arment to approve the amended meeting agenda. All ayes, Motion carried.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: A motion was made by Newberg and seconded by Fraker to approve the September 23 meeting minutes. All ayes, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Attorney Dustin Hite was present to answer questions regarding the agreement between the city and Diamond Trail Feed concerning the exchange of property. City will exchange city owned property to the east of Diamond Trail Feeds for Hilltop Street which is currently owned by Diamond Trail Feeds. Hilltop St is/has been maintained by the city and used by the public as a road, when technically it is not a road. Question is: does city want to keep Hilltop St opened as a street or deny the exchange of property and close the road. Melanie Renaud is concerned about losing a part of her front yard due to where the property lines were surveyed. Attorney Hite stated the contract could be changed to eliminate this issue if the council agreed. Newberg made motion to continue to develop the agreement as the lawyer has stated with the proposed revisions, seconded by Arment, 4 ayes, Lageveen: nay. Motion Carried.

Rahn Savage inquired if the city would close the road that is on his property by the water tower, storage units and Shawn Needham's property. Surveying would need to be performed to determine proper boundary lines. Need to determine survey cost. No action taken at this time. Mayor James asked Atty Hite what the best solution was to handle Junk Vehicles in roadways. Atty stated easiest way was to put up on Parking Signs and then have them towed. Or could serve an municipal infraction on them with the help of Jasper County Sheriff Dept. Mayor stated he will talk to the residents to see if issue can be resolved.

Alex with Garden and Associates was present to discuss the sewer system and how it has been handling excessive rain. It is reported that the water is gushing and to the top of manholes. Alex suggested that with as dry as it has been, smoke testing might reveal if gutters are attached to the storm system or a break in the line. Cost was estimated to be around \$2000. Newberg made motion to approve Garden and Associates to perform the smoke testing, seconded by Fraker, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election right around the corner. Mark Newberg submitted papers for mayor, Tanis Comegys and Bailey Tompkins for council seats.

SEWER RATES: Rates need to be increased to be in line with the sewer payment, per the auditors. Rates have not increased since 2019. Lageveen made motion to raise the rate to \$38, seconded by Newberg, all ayes, motion carried.

LIBRARY: Jim Clingman presented the council with a preliminary budget. No action taken. He stated that Barb Hooegeveen will be retiring in June 2024. Her replacement will need to attend classes in Des Moines.

Van Maanen mentioned the moles at the cemetery and how the ground has been torn up. N. Arthur stated that it has been a big problem this year due to grubs. He will talk to the golf course to see what they use to battle grubs.

MAINTENANCE: N. Arthur stated that moles are a problem at Old Setts as well. Will need to fertilize with grub killer. Council gave the okay to fertilize. Lagoons and water are up to date. With the car was closing, Arthur requested to purchase a power washer to clean the tractor and mower. Fraker stated he just seen one on sale at Walmart. Fraker made motion to purchase a power washer, seconded by Van Maanen. All ayes, motion carried. Arthur stated that the tractor is in need of repair and needs to be done before the snow flies. The tires are shot, and bucket cylinders need replaced. Krusemans quoted \$3000 to repair the cylinders. Newberg made motion to approve up to \$5000 for tractor repairs, seconded by Lageveen, all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

MONTHLY CITY AND PAYROLL CLAIMS:

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

Payroll	Wages	8496.06
Alliant	Electric and Gas	1820.21
Blake Rozendaal	Web Site	25.00
Commercial Card Services	Services	1900.20
CoLine Graphics	Services	25.22
Hometown Press	Publishing	91.05
Ia. Dept of Revenue	Water Excise tax	295.49
Ia Dept of Revenue	3 qtr withholding	1080.00
Ia. League of Cities	budget workshop	\$50.00
Iowa Reg. Utilities Assc.	Services	3270.92
IPERS	Wages	1690.25
IRS	Wages	2800.55
Jasper Co. Homeland Security	Yearly Fee	570.00
John Deere Financial	Supplies	782.82
Key Coop	Supplies	837.34
Keystone/Microbac Lab	Services	15.00
Lynnville Telephone Co.	Telecomm Charges	184.28
Midwest Sanitation and Recycling	Services	4180.57
Pat Norman	Services	58.00

Rozendaal Drain Cleaning	Services	300.00
Sully Plumbing & Heating	Supplies	43.98
USA Bluebook	Supplies	371.64
Village Decorating	Services	5710.80
Weldworks	Services	754.86
Zip In	Supplies	344.73

Receipts – September 23		Disbursements	
General Fund	10991.10		17757.80
Hotel/Motel	0.00		0.00
Garbage	3612.67		3398.11
Library	0.00	3963.66	
LOST	4436.08		0.00
Road Use	4232.93		1528.13
Water	6418.44		8908.24
Sewer Utility	4577.00		2499.76
ARP	0.00		

Van Maanen made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Fraker, all ayes, Motion Carried.

Approved/Date _____ Mayor

Approved/Date _____ Clerk