

Lynnville City Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Lynnville City Hall

Mayor present: Mark Newberg

Council Members present: Bev Van Maanen, Terry Fraker Tanis Comegys, Bailey Tompkins & Terry Needham.

Council Members Absent:

Guests: Faye Brand, Brenda Denmark, Jim Clingman, Nick Arthur, Clayton Van Wyk, Travis Henkle, Brett Renaud & Joey Hidlebaugh.

PUBLIC HEARING: NO public input was given during the public hearing regarding the land exchange Double MD Land LLC, Melanie Renaud and the City of Lynnville. Needham made motion to close public hearing and continue with the regular council meeting @ 5:32 p.m., seconded by Van Maanen, all ayes, Motion Carried.

MEETING AGENDA: A motion was made by Tompkins, seconded by Comegys to approve the meeting agenda. All ayes, Motion carried.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: A motion was made by Comegys and seconded by Tompkins to approve the January 24 meeting minutes. All ayes, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Brenda Denmark, director of the Diamond Trail Children's Center, reported an injury incident that happened to a L-S employee who was working at the daycare (which is a city owned property), which explained why the City had been sent a work comp insurance claim letter. Denmark stated that the incident had been reported to the Daycare's insurance provider and that the insurance companies were playing the blame game. Denmark provided the council with copies of their insurance policies. It was discovered that the Daycare does not have any written contracts with the L-S school system. No further action taken by the city.

Resolution 021224: Fraker made motion to approve Resolution 02122, approving the Real Estate Exchange with Double MD Land, LLC ,Melanie Renaud and the City, seconded by Tompkins, All ayes, motion carried.

LIBRARY: Clingman reported that one library assistant has been replaced, the second assistant will be starting in mid March. Librarian Barb Hoogeveen will be retiring as of June 30, but no replacement hired for her as of yet. He presented the 24-25 budget to the council, asking the city for \$20,000.00 to help fund the library. He stated that the Friends of the Library will be lowering their donation amount in the upcoming years also. Mayor Newburg stated that now is the time to start talking about future library budgets and get the public's opinion of how it is funded. Tompkins made motion to approve the 24-25 Library budget, seconded by Fraker, All ayes, Motion Carried.

SADDLE CLUB: Henkle and Van Wyk approached the Council regarding the installation of a water hydrant at the arena area. This would eliminate water being hauled by buckets from the hydrant at Old Setts to the horse arena. The saddle club will pay all expenses and materials incurred for this project to be completed. Attendance has doubled over the past couple of years and they have 4 shows scheduled for this year: May 25, June 1, Sept 7 and October. 12. Motion was made by Needham to approve the installation of a water hydrant at the horse arena, seconded by Comegys, All ayes, Motion Carried.

WATER INCREASE: Clerk read a letter from IRWA stating an increase in the water rate. Needham made motion to approve an 8% rate increase to the city’s water rate, seconded by Van Maanen, all ayes, Motion Carried. The rate will become effective once the ordinance has been updated and passed.

INSURANCE: City’s former insurance was bought out by Ratcliff and Blake Insurance of Oskaloosa. The agents would like to discuss the insurance coverage with the council. Council stated to set up a date to go over the current coverage.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: Clean up date will be Saturday April 20. Midwest will have a large dumpster located at the City Maintenance shop on this date for Lynnville residents to utilize.

MAINTENANCE: Arthur apologized for a car/snow incident during the snow storm. Reminder to residents: Snow ordinances are in effect and all cars parked on city streets during a snow storm will be towed at the owner’s expense. Arthur thanked Dale Schnell and Mark Newberg for their help during the snow storm. Arthur stated that he contacted the County regarding all the “gouging” caused by snow plows on the hill. County apologized but stated it is the owner’s responsibility to repair. Sewer and water are in compliance with the DNR. Will start discharge in April. Liquid Engineering submitted a quote of \$8570.00 to clean, inspect and video the water tower. This company would not require the water tower to be emptied for the inspection to be done. Central Coatings bid was \$3500, but requires the tower to be empty. Van Maanen made motion to approve the bid for Liquid Engineer, seconded by Tompkins. All ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

MONTHLY CITY AND PAYROLL CLAIMS: Motion was made by Fraker and seconded by Needham to pay the following claims. Motion carried.

Payroll	Wages	6479.32
Alliant	Utilities	1668.15
C&T Mowing	Services	230.00
Commercial Card Services	Services	1432.13
Garden & Associates	Services	3521.94
Hawkeye Lock & Key	Services	426.37
Hickenbottom, Inc	Supplies	217.87
Hometown Press	Publishing	94.20
Caleb Horvath	Library books	250.00

Ia. Dept of Revenue	Water Excise tax	313.30
Iowa One Call	Locates	4.50
Iowa Reg. Utilities Assc.	Services	2436.48
IPERS	Wages	1293.01
IRS	Wages	2124.16
Jasper Co. Engineer	Supplies	1730.90
Jasper County Abstract	Services	975.00
John Deere Financial	Supplies	332.18
Key Coop	Supplies	46.50
Keystone/Microbac Lab	Services	35.00
Lynnville Repair	Services	189.55
Lynnville Telephone Co.	Telecomm Charges	144.10
MARC	Supplies	335.19
Midwest Sanitation and Recycling	Services	3440.76
Pat Norman	Services	58.00
Scott Nikkel Trucking	Services	100.00
Terpstra Plumbing Heating & Elec	Services	1094.32
UECO	Supplies	1247.90
VMT	Website	49.50
Village Decorating	Supplies	668.75
Weldworks	Services	24.88
Zip In	Supplies	130.18
Michael Frederick	Library books	96.00

Receipts -January 24

General Fund	4014.75
Hotel/Motel	0.00
Garbage	3600.67
Library	0.00
LOST	4239.01
Road Use	3371.70
Water	5515.57
Sewer Utility	6422.00
ARP	0.00

Disbursements

7539.74
0.00
3437.97
3407.89
2119.51
7980.73
4274.33
1972.61
0.00

Needham made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Van Maanen, all ayes, Motion Carried.

Approved/Date _____ Mayor

Approved/Date _____ Clerk