

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
April 10, 2024

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on April 10, 2024. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman, Kathryn Weber & Acting Mayor Ryan Schieck. Absent was Wayne Bents. Guest in attendance was Gene Metz, Bruce Heitkamp & Nick Weber. Acting Mayor Ryan Schieck called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 19, 2024. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – Boiler/water heater was placed and is working great in the shop. Josh said that he is very grateful for the new shop addition as there is so much more room. Summer equipment is ready to be used and has all been tuned up. Ryan talked with Josh on what to do at ballfield so he will make sure to keep up on the maintenance of that. Josh did ask if he should be replacing the worn out wood for the horseshoes at the park – Council said to leave as is just make it look nice. Spring clean-up is scheduled for April 25th and is lined up with the Correction Workers and Schaap. Kathryn did mention that when Josh cleans the City Hall to make sure he looks up at the ceiling/side of the walls to get the spider webs and also in the bathroom as when the Booster Club was setting up for the Easter Bunny they noticed quite a few. Josh said he will make sure to get those in the future. Josh brought up the landscaping as he wasn't at the last meeting – Cliff did talk with Ellen who said her nephew was willing to get us an estimate to totally tear apart and redo the landscaping around and in front of the Fire Hall. Council talked and were fine with getting an estimate and then will decide what way to go – Cliff will let Ellen know. Ryan said that Loosbrock Digging/Calvin Loosbrock and Coltin Klosterman helped move the bleachers at the ballfield to get them in place for the games coming up and wanted to make sure that the Council knew who helped with those. The Council was very appreciative of their help and says thank you. Ryan asked if the Booster Club knows when the concrete will be poured at the field and Cliff said it should be any time, mainly waiting on nice weather. Ryan also mentioned that we should move the portable bathroom closer to the shed so people don't have to walk so far and Amber will get ahold of them to move it. Dave from Titan Machinery was here and saw the Landpride Mower and had sent Amber an email to see if the City would be interested in just purchasing for \$1,500. Josh did some checking on prices and said that he actually found our mower listed online for \$1,100. Council discussed and thought it was worth maybe \$800 so on a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to offer \$800 to purchase so Amber will respond back to Dave with that amount and see what he says. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the FD Report – Sam, Tony & Jake all took the EMR Basic class and all 3 passed. They had 10 members take the refresher course and they all passed as well. The Fire Department received a donation from Lismore Telephone and plan to use that money to purchase small tools – drills, chainsaw, etc. Washer/Dryer grant should now have enough for the invoices so Amber will get that sent off to the correct people for reimbursement. Haven't heard anything back on the FEMA grant so still waiting to hear on that. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber had reached back out to the City Attorney as she didn't see anything in regards to the letters being sent to Wayne Bents and Jonas Boltjes and Kayla had sent them just forgot to email a copy to Amber. Amber asked what the Council's next step is to be with Wayne Bents as the letter gave him until April 5th to comply with City Ordinances and as of this time he has not. The Council said they would like to proceed with the next step which may be Court so Amber will reach back out to the City Attorney and let her know & to see what the City needs to do to take the next step. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

Gene Metz, County Commissioner and Bruce Heitkamp, County Administrator were in attendance to discuss Joint Powers Agreement with Nobles County for Enforcement/Regulation of Cannabis. Gene and Bruce went over what the form entails and why the City may want the County to be in charge and did also state that there is still a lot of unknown yet due to the State not having this specific department up and running. The Council discussed some but were unsure at the time and wanted to table this and have Amber check with the City Attorney to get her opinion on the agreement. Gene and Bruce said that there isn't a time limit but would like to know by early Summer so the County can start planning things as 2025 is getting closer.

Ryan had asked Bruce Heitkamp about getting info on an EDA or HRA for the City of Lismore as he helped with one when he was in Adrian. Bruce said the County doesn't have anything to do with it and that it is up to the City to decide whether they want to pursue it or not. Bruce mentioned that we should ask the city attorney on their thoughts and to get the statutes or info

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on what we can and cannot do within the City and also could reach out to SWREDC as they work with EDA's. Amber will reach out to the City Attorney and see what other info she can find.

Veteran's Memorial – Cliff had talked more with Ellen Henning and she showed him where they were thinking of putting the memorial. Cliff said that the Council can all go down to the park to check it out so everyone is on the same page. Everyone was fine with the location so Amber will put on next month agenda to be approved by motion.

Park Equipment – Waiting for Adrian School to put their equipment up for bids.

Land Sale – Zieske did get the land surveys done – waiting to hear back from Davi.

Border wall for North side of new shop – just waiting on Spring to finish.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be on April 29th at 2:30 pm

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk