

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
December 9, 2024

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on December 9, 2024. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Ryan Schieck, Cliff Altman & Mayor Wayne Bents. Absent was Tory Bohlke. Guests in attendance were Andrew Fodness, Ken Leinen, Austin Garms, Coltin Klosterman & Lori Delano. Mayor Wayne Bents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on November 12, 2024. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – Was able to test out the current snow removal equipment on the little bit of snow we got and all seemed to work good. Kubota is working well and Josh feels like this was a good purchase. Discharge of the ponds is done & set for winter. Josh is working on fixing up, sanding and painting the picnic tables. Josh also was looking for a list of things that he should prepare or get done for the 125th Celebration. Amber said that Brandon Diekmann has been working on some things and Josh can get ahold of him otherwise Brandon does plan to come to a meeting to discuss the plans for the Celebration. Ryan had asked if Lee's Locker sewer ever got jetted and Josh wasn't sure so will check with Justin on that as Ryan mentioned that should be done annually. C&B was bought out so Josh is just checking on prices from others to see where leasing options might fall but won't do anything until closer as prices may change (they are up super high due to used tractors not moving as fast as they used to). On a motion by Kris and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the report – A light trailer was donated to the FD and right now it is being stored in the shelter house with easy access to it. Jim had gotten a quote from Action Radio & Communication on some radios. If they went with 6 radios they would be on the short end for the ARMER grant but if they went with 7 radios it would be over by a little bit but per grant you have to spend it all to get reimbursed. Jim had reached out to other vendors that used to sell radios but they no longer we in business which is why he only has the 1 company bid because he couldn't find anyone else. Election of Officers will happen at next FD meeting. Order new name plates and badges for the new people. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber had the Council look over the 2025 Water Budget and the 2025 Fire Department Budget. Amber pulled last year figures to come up with the Budget amounts. Will still be a little short but better than the 2024 Budget. Fire Department budget has the increase per section for townships along with Kenneth and City of Lismore. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Water and Fire Budgets for 2025. Amber didn't have anything else to report so on a motion by Kris and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve Resolution 24.12.1 Setting of Final Levy & Budget. The Council discussed and decided to decrease the Levy from the 39% increase that was set in September to a 20% increase with a few changes to the expenditure budget lines which would make the Levy \$146,520.00 and budget \$247,706 which would still make the City short by \$8,869.00.

Coltin Klosterman was present as his preliminary taxes increased way more than the 39%. Amber explained that those figures will change with the City decreased the levy, the County may do some changes as well but Coltin may want to talk to the Assessors office to see if they can look at his house as part of the increase could be due to the value the County placed on the home. Coltin was told he could come to the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting to discuss as well which is usually in April.

Park Equipment – Just keeping on until we can find something to replace the missing equipment

Land Sale – Davi Bullerman is aware the land is ready to sell and will work on it.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk