

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
February 13, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 13, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Kathryn Weber, Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck and Mayor Wayne Bents. Guests were Calvin Loosbrock, Steven Loosbrock & Sam LeBrun. Mayor Bents 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 Ryan and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 9, 2023. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. Amber did receive an invoice from Rick Knips and Lee Henning for helping out with snow removal the prior month so wanted to make sure council was good with paying them which they were. Cliff said that Tom Diekmann did not want to be reimbursed. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Coltin gave the report – Said he got an updated estimate on the new shop as he took off the 4 feet in the front so it won't be right on the road will be even with old shop and then added a couple extra feet in height so everything will be able to fit inside with no worries of hitting. There is black mold in the shop so Coltin wasn't sure what he should do about that – Cliff thought that if he can get it cleaned up and then get a fan in there to circulate the air to help prevent it in the future. Coltin also said that the roof should be recoated or fixed as it does leak. Bleachers for the ball diamond was discussed and once the backstop gets moved we can pour the cement and then get new bleachers. Cliff said to talk to the Booster Club and the Foundation to see if they would each be willing to purchase a set. Jim said we just need to write up a request and send it to Troy Loosbrock for the foundation. Wayne asked if the City was planning on putting any gravel down at the ballfield so it doesn't keep becoming a muddy mess and Cliff said to check with Hennings to see if they would bring in some gravel. Coltin talked about the shed on 91 and will start purchasing materials shortly but trying to hold off until closer to spring unless cost starts rising then will order at that time. Spring clean-up will be done in May again but no date has been set as of now. Coltin mentioned that the dips on Cory Avenue are getting pretty bad so will need to work on getting that fixed. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department report. Jim gave the report and said that they had someone from ISO here getting information – this is what gives the insurance rating so the lower the number the better. They look at what type of equipment we have, fire hydrants, etc. and after they do their report will let us know where we rate. Joe & Tony passed the FF1 class and are working on the FF2 class. Amber mailed out the fire contract with a letter explaining the increase from last year. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Some people were asking about a Chicken Ordinance and as of right now chickens are not allowed within the city but Amber did some checking with cities that allow chickens and can get something typed up if the Council is wanting to go ahead with this. Council was fine with chickens being allowed within the city as long as the ordinance is followed so Amber will work on getting a new ordinance for chickens typed up and will have the attorney look it over and once that is done 2 readings along with being published in the newspaper will have to happen. For the Tree Ordinance Amber looked but didn't see anything on trees being planted in the boulevard so she did some research and found an ordinance that they can follow which just states that if a resident wants to plant a tree on the boulevard they need to apply for a permit which wouldn't cost anything but it will have the type of tree they are planting and it will be up to the landowner or whoever purchase the home in the future to maintain the tree not the city. Amber did find a form for dog complaints and a letter that Kate had sent in the past about residents dogs either running at large or barking and it states in the first letter that this is a warning and the complaint form was also mailed with that letter and that if they receive a second complaint another letter would go out with a billing for \$100 fine. If someone has a complaint on a dog they need to come into the office to fill out the form. Amber was also asked about the stray cats and really the only thing the city can do is put out a reminder about not feeding the stray cats as it is an ordinance violation & can use the same form for complaints. Amber is still working with Kinner on the Audit and feels it is going good. Last month the water budget was discussed but no motion was made so on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the water budget. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the clerks report.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve resolution 23.2.1 Amended Fee Schedule. Schaap Sanitation has raised their rates on garbage and recycle. The 65 gallon went from \$12.18 to \$13.04, 95 gallon went from \$17.88 to \$19.15 and the recycles went from \$3.95 to \$4.24.

USDA/Rural Development did a compliance review and found a few minor things that the City will need to fix to be in compliance. Little things like adding restroom signage that meets the requirements, lowering the paper towel holders, wrap something around the sinks pipes in the bathroom, etc. Council had looked it all over and didn't have questions so Amber will get with Coltin to start working on the changes.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm.

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Sam Lebrun was present and wanted to talk about the Chicken Ordinance which we had previously discussed in the clerks report and just asked to be notified when residents are able to have chickens. Amber said that she will need to post in the paper and will also post on the website.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris is was duly passed to approve resolution 23.2.2 adding signers to Safety Deposit Boxes. Amber was already a signed but the box should really have 2 signers so the resolution just states that the current clerk and current mayor will be on the boxes.

Nobles County ARPA Funds –Waiting until work can be started. Will work on getting lumber.

Park Equipment – need to start looking into and Council is thinking some type of jungle gym but for the younger kids.

Purchase of JCB – Not currently looking into this so will remove from the agenda.

Loosbrock Storage Shed – waiting for spring to pour cement.

Loosbrock Digging – paying of additional \$1,500.00. Calvin and Steven were both here to discuss the work that was done and to explain in more detail the reason behind the additional cost. After much discussion and being that the City received a quote and not a bid they did decide to just pay the additional amount. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris is was duly passed to pay \$1,500 to Loosbrock Digging for work done where the new shop will be.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday March 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk