

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
February 12, 2024

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 12, 2024. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman, & Mayor Wayne Bents. Absent was Kathryn Weber & Ryan Schieck. Mayor Wayne 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 Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 17, 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 Erwin gave the maintenance report – The shop boiler went out and wasn't able to be fixed so we got an estimate from Al's Plumbing & Heating which came in at \$4,723.00. Al did mention that the water heater which is connected to the boiler is just as old and could go out at any time so he also gave an estimate of \$5,800.00 if we wanted to do both at the same time. Council discussed and thought in the long run that would be the best option so on a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the estimate for \$5,800 getting a new boiler and water heater. Deann from the LCMIT called and went over the claim on the leased tractor and they are going to send us the check and then we can work with Titan to get them paid for the damages. Josh noticed on some of the swings at the park they were missing some bolts at the top so he did get those replaced, replaced a couple boards on the park benches, replaced the plank on one of the teetertotters that was cracked. Josh has been going around picking up sticks and trash that he is finding and also got some trees trimmed that were getting caught on the plow truck. 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 – Jim said that sometime this month there will be an EMR Basic training class and he has about 4 or 5 people that will be taking that. On March 4, 7, 11 & 14 there will be an EMR Refresher course and will have 10 to 15 people taking that. FEMA Grant was submitted and per the underwriter we won't see anything until Summer. The guy from the Cities came and checked the pumps on the trucks and he passed them all but did have a couple gages that will need to be replaced so he will come back and do those once he has the parts. The washer is hooked up but haven't used it yet. Joe is working with Bill Loonan as we got some money and plan to get some hand tools for in the trucks. 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 – Mosquito Spraying of IA stayed the same price as last year but they are planning on adding on a spray for ticks and fleas so will be going into the parks to spray as there was a large uptick of this last year. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be coming up on Monday, April 29th at 2:30 so will need to have at least 3 Council and one of those 3 will need to have had the training. Ellen Henning had approached Amber and mentioned that she is wanting to put in a Veteran's Memorial in Lismore and had a couple possibilities in mind of where to place it – one being by Gloria Carlberg's property and the other being in the park. Ellen was leaning more towards the park as there is more parking and a little bit bigger of an area to use. She was hoping to place in the Northwest corner of the park or possibly could do it a little further South across from the Church. Council discussed and didn't want to use the corner of the park as that is where they pile snow and came up with the area between the park shelter and Jim's Service. Ellen was also wondering if the City would be fine with taking on the upkeep on mowing and weeds around the memorial and also if they add lights onto the flag poles would the City be willing to cover that extra electricity cost. Council didn't make a motion but were fine with doing the upkeep on grass and weeds along with covering the electricity portion. They would like to see a drawing of what Ellen is thinking before making any motions – Amber will discuss with Ellen and she may want to come to the next meeting to discuss further. With the PNP Elections coming up on March 5th Amber was working on the schedule for election judges and was able to make this election work but Amber did ask that going forward the Council will need to help finding more election judges to be on standby in case her current ones are unable to work the elections or if someone wouldn't be able to help out for any unseen circumstances. Amber also mentioned that she would like the Councilmembers and Mayor to take the Election Judge training as well and also at least one Council Member will need to take head judge training. Amber mentioned that those not of her original 6 judges would be for backup purposes only but if she can't get enough backup judges and if the Council won't take the training she will need to switch to mail in ballots. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

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

Land Sale – Just waiting for Zieske to complete survey – Amber did resend the info and gave them Wayne's info so hopefully will be done soon.

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

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk