

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
June 6, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on June 6, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Kathryn Weber, Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Wayne Bents. Mayor Bents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 8, 2023. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Coltin gave the report and said that they are discharging the ponds again. Wayne asked about the pond sticks to measure the ponds and Coltin said we have them but need to let the ponds go down some before he can put them in and will have Justin help with that. Coltin mentioned that he was contacted by a Probation Officer to see if we would be willing to let someone who needs 40 hours of Community Service to help out with things around the city that need to be done (cannot be anything with a motor so no weed trimming or mowing but like painting, picking up sticks, etc.). Council was fine with it and Coltin said the person will reach out to him when he is ready to start with his Community Service hours – Coltin will be with him the full time he is working on anything to do for the City. Coltin had someone ask if there was a possibility of changing the tennis court to a full basketball court. Council discussed about seeing if they can make it both where the net can be rolled up when people want to play basketball and if we went with the basketball option we would need to look into way better hoops that won't break right away – nothing was decided at this time. Ryan had talked with Brandon Diekmann to see when the backstop was going to be moved and was told that the Booster Club wanted to wait until the summer baseball games were done so thinking they will do it in August. Coltin had checked with Troy on the new shop to see if he had a start date yet but as of now nothing was set. Hennings had leveled out the old ice rink and so Coltin got an estimate from Hendel Landscaping & Seeding to plant grass in that area – regular drill seeding came in at \$800 or Hydro seeding would be \$1,300 – it was asked if we even wanted to plant grass there since we plan on selling this area of land. It would look more appealing for people looking at purchasing the lot and it wouldn't be seeded all the way back to the field that is planted just in the front area plus if worried about the crop already planted we could wait until it was harvested. Nothing was decided about planting grass will discuss later on. Ryan brought up the bathroom keeps getting locked so was thinking of taking the lock off the door and adding a hook on the inside – will keep a door knob on just without a lock. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the report and said Ribs & Rims is coming up in July and the Fundraiser in Lismore will be on August 19th so Jim asked Amber to work on the beer permit. Jim noticed that there was a gash in one of the station doors that needs to be fixed and also the post outside that is broken has not been fixed. Coltin said he ordered the piece to fix the post so that should get done shortly. The place where we are getting the Rescue Van thought that the motor on one of the steps was bad but turned out that it was the step itself so the plan is that they will find the step part and get it shipped here so we can put it on & then the cost will be split. Jim thought they would be getting the van very soon so Amber asked to be notified when she needed to wire the rest of the money. Jim said that he got notice that the FEMA Grant for the Washer/Dryer Grant was approved. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – it was brought up to possibly look at getting ceiling fans in the park shelter to help circulate the air and help with the flies. Council thought it wouldn't be a bad idea but wanted to know cost on the fans and if the wiring/electricity would be sufficient so Coltin will look into getting prices for 2-3 ceiling fans. Amber asked is anyone knew of anyone local to make a better sign for the dump – we ordered some from Amazon but they tore right away. Kathryn mentioned Custom Graphics may do signs for a decent price so Amber will reach out to them. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water rates will be increasing on July first by \$0.21/thousand gallons so Amber will update billing at that time. Mosquito Control of Iowa reached out and said they haven't seen many mosquitos so haven't sprayed but will keep us informed when they do plan to spray. Last month we did Coltin's review and asked if he would bump up to 32 hours so he could continue to accrue PTO and Holiday pay as per the personnel policy if under 32 hours no PTO or Holiday pay is available. Coltin did ask to stay at his 25 hours as that is what we hired him for so the Council discussed and decided that we will update the personnel policy to reflect receiving some benefits for a part-time employee. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed that effective July 1st, 2023 the benefits allowed for part-time will be 6 hours PTO accrued monthly and 6 hours Holiday Pay – all in favor, motion carried. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Clerks report.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Lismore Bar & Grill liquor license renewal.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the summarized version of Ordinance #76 Trees for publication.

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Nobles County ARPA Funds – Waiting for final invoice to send to County.

Park Equipment – Kathryn did find some ideas so will bring the books in to Amber to look at and that way Amber can look into grant options.

Land Sale – Wayne, Coltin & Ryan measured out the land that the City is thinking of putting up for sale. Measurements at the old ice rink came in at 150x230 and the other just South of this was 150x150 and the 2 lots by Bill Loonan's were 125x125. Ryan had reached out to Alan Cox to see what price for lots were going for in Adrian and he was told around \$30,000 but Lismore of course doesn't have as much population or other attractions like Adrian does so price wouldn't be quite as high. Cliff looked into prices as well and wasn't near as high as what Ryan found but Cliff was going off of taxable value. Wayne said he was going to have a realtor stop by to look at the lots and give their thought on what they think they could sell it for. Right now we are still gathering information and will discuss further at the next meeting. We do also need to look into cost of bringing them a water and sewer line to the lots and decide who covers what cost.

It was brought up that the dump area for the compost wasn't big enough for a trailer to back up to so Coltin did go out and move the cement blocks to make it bigger but there may be times that our dump won't be able to handle the larger trucks so those people would need to figure a way out to get it into the compost area or take it do a different place.

Ordinance violation was brought up for Wayne Bents about the items that have been sitting outside for quite some time which is in violation of our city ordinances. Wayne said that they would be taken care of shortly.

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 Tuesday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk