

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
November 13, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on November 13, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck, Kathryn Weber & Mayor Wayne Bents. Guest was Nick Weber. Mayor Wayne Bents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on October 17, 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 – Ryan Schieck gave the maintenance report – Ryan asked Wayne if he figured out who was going to help with snow removal. Wayne had talked with Nick Weber who was present at the meeting and he stated that he would be willing to help out – does not have a CDL so cannot operate the plow truck. Ryan asked about backups as Wayne goes to Missouri over Christmas and other times as well during the winter. Cliff said he will help when he can and Ryan mentioned Mike Buysse again but no one has asked him if he has a CDL but we do not believe he does anymore and we were going to ask Jeff Lutmer if he wants to help us. A few other people were brought up that might be willing to help or at least have a CDL so Wayne will need to check into that as he said he would be in charge of the snow removal this winter. Cliff said that the building is getting closer to being done – they are finishing up pouring the cement. Cliff said that he is going to be hauling out the ash from the burn pile and that there are some large stumps but he talked with Justin who said he knew someone that would take them. Jim helped haul out the compost at the dump. Amber said that the cameras need to come down at the dump and the ballfield. Wayne said that he plans on bringing the truck to Rushmore on Wednesday to get the inspection done. Amber said that the people that cleaned out the shop pit called and said that they will give Ryan a call when they are close to our area to clean us out as we are on their calendar annually. Cliff got the oil changed in the tractor. Cliff said that the strobe lights on the plow truck are messed up and not ran to the switch which is within the truck so he plans to get that fixed when he has time. Ryan said that we need to get locks on the outside of the park bathrooms so people can't break into it easy and use it while there is no water. Kathryn said that she has an extra flag at home from the Legion that she will give to the City but was wondering who would reimburse her – Amber said that the Legion has just given the City the flags in the past so she will need to talk with them on that part. Kathryn said she will get the flag changed by end of the week. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the FD Report – Washer and dryer are here at the hall but nothing more has been done to them yet – electrical and plumbing still need to get done and once those are done we can send the invoices in to be reimbursed from that grant the FD obtained. For the DNR grant Jim ordered 5 pagers and some gloves but still was a little bit short so Jim will order another pager and once that bill is received Amber will send in the invoices to be reimbursed per the grant. On main pumper there is a packing bushing that is leaking so Jim is having Don from Midwest Fire come to fix. Jim asked about Lais, Lubben & Lorang if they were billed which Amber stated that they were. Jim mentioned that they were called out to the fire at Pennings but since they were called as support we won't be billing them. A lady from Adrian Ambulance works with Toys for Tots so is going to have some Fire Departments compete to see who can raise the most items. Jim mentioned that at the last Chief meeting someone mentioned that the City could be getting some state aid money & Amber explained that yes we are but it will need to go to the Fire Department due to how the funds are needing to be used as it is considered public safety funds so once that amount which should be around \$8,752.000 is deposited Amber will get it transferred into the FD account. Jim said that the aid money along with the Nobles2 grant money will be used to purchase a new air pack or turnout gear. Jim mentioned that usually the FD goes through the lights to make sure all the bulbs work so Jim asked Amber to find some bulbs. Amber had received the background check for Nicole Metz and discussed with Council and had also checked on a couple things with the Attorney. Ryan made motion to approve the application for Nicole Metz to become a Volunteer FF and was seconded by Kris, Cliff was in favor and Kathryn was opposed. Majority was in favor so motion carried. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber didn't have much other than a couple complaint for Wayne Bents' property sitting on City Property. Wayne stated that he has been sick but is working on getting that all moved. Amber stated that Linda Bartyl was one of the complaints and she is worried that she could trip on something of Wayne's and get hurt as she does use that area to walk as it is public property. Wayne didn't feel that anyone could get hurt on anything but Amber stated that it doesn't matter – it is on City property and needs to be removed right away. As Kathryn stated that if we are asking other people to follow the ordinance than the Mayor definitely needs to follow otherwise how can we as the Council go after others who are violating. Wayne stated the items in the back will be gone this week. Amber also reached out to the Attorney to send letters to those that she had previously mailed letters to who are still in violation and once the attorney mails those and if nothing is done in a timely matter than the Council can go to the next step which is taking them to court. Ryan said that the camper that is sitting at T&S is supposed to be gone but Fluit hasn't come to get it yet. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

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

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Park Equipment – Adrian Elementary is going to be getting new park equipment so Ryan had reached out to Randy Schettler to see if they would be interested in selling it to us but Randy said he will need to let Molly Schilling know as she is the one in charge of it. If Amber doesn't hear anything shortly she will reach out to see what their plan is. Ryan and Amber feel that this equipment if sold cheap enough would get us by for a few years while we search for new park equipment and grants.

Land Sale – Amber let Zieske know that we are wanting him to do the survey on both areas of land and told him to reach out to Wayne to set up the times. Amber did not talk to them on the phone only through email.

Border wall for North side of new shop – Last month this was discussed and Council asked Amber to put on agenda until Spring when they can put down a border wall so things don't wash into Lois Velds yard. Wayne said he doesn't agree that with the concrete poured now that it is too flat and if we get a lot of rain it can crack the concrete so the gravel needs to be pushed up again closer to the building. Wayne said that he can even do that which Amber stated was fine but explained that this is for putting down rocks and whatnot like a landscape/border wall to help it from washing away. Kathryn said that it was going to be nice this week so asked Wayne if he plans to get it pushed up this week and he stated that yes he can get it done after he cleans up his yard.

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, December 11th, 2023 at 6:00 pm unless that is the school choir/band concert so it may need to be changed.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk