

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
October 17, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on October 17, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck, Kathryn Weber & Mayor Wayne Bents. Absent was Jim Weidert. Mayor Wayne 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 with the additions. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on September 11, 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 if we will be putting up a border wall against the North side of the new fence so the gravel doesn't wash into the neighbors yard. Council discussed and said that they will for sure need to put one up but it will most likely need to be done next spring so Amber will keep it in old business on the agenda so it doesn't get forgotten about. Andy has been working on the list of things to get done around town which is all on our Asset Tracker and Amber prints off that list and puts in shop so whoever has time to do something on the list can take care of it whether its Andy, Tom, Aiden or a Council member. Ryan had asked Andy if he was wanting to work just for the City of Lismore but he declined and said he is fine with helping out here and there but doesn't want to be the maintenance person. Amber stated that we need to keep trying to hire a new maintenance person and we may need to offer more hours and benefits. Council talked and decided to hold off until closer to Spring to start looking. Wayne said for the winter time and snow he will be in charge of making sure that if it snows the snow is removed. Council discussed and as of now Wayne would drive the snow plow since he has his CDL – Cliff said if he isn't working he can also help out in the plow. Council talked it over on who can possibly help drive the tractor & blower and came up with a list so they will check with those people and see who is willing to help the City. Booster Club still plans to move the backstop at the ballfield and possibly get some gravel put down so next spring we can get the cement work done. The new shop doors are in just need to be placed on the shop but the person who installs is out in the field so once he is done they will get installed – concrete will probably not get done yet this year as Troy hasn't heard anything definite on that as of this time. Andy got the sticks burned up at the dump and someone will try to get the ash taken to Worthington. Amber did ask Dave from Titan on the cost to just purchase the Kubota instead of leasing but it was still \$10,500 so Council decided to pass and just keep leasing. Ryan had also asked on the mower that goes behind the tractor since that is leased but they still were wanting too much money for it - \$2,850 and it is in rough shape so decided to keep leasing that as well. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim was absent but he did ask Kris to bring up a couple things. The washer/dryer should be coming soon. They went out on 2 rescue calls and 2 fire calls. Ryan on behalf of the Council wanted to thank the Fire Department for putting away the picnic tables. We are very appreciative as it would have been hard to get them put away or possibly may not have even gotten done since we don't have a maintenance person. The Fire Dept purchased 5 new pagers and 6 pairs of new gloves with the matching grant from the DNR. The Fire Department also will receive \$5,000 from Nobles 2 Wind Farm as a grant to help out. Cliff asked about the State Aid for the Fire Relief and Amber explained that they didn't get in on the first round due to not having the paperwork signed which it just was at the last meeting so Amber will get that to the right people and hopefully they don't need anything else otherwise if not done by November 1st funds won't be received until next year around March. We received an application from Nicole Metz but since we didn't have the background check back yet from the Sheriff's office the Council could not vote so will need to be tabled until next month. Kathryn asked about the age limit for people to join the Fire Dept as her son who will be 18 wants to join the FD so Amber is double checking on a few things to make sure. Troy Veld and Cliff Altman both are retiring from the FD. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Last month we talked about meeting with ISG Engineering (Cliff, Ryan & Amber) and what they can bring to the table on things that aren't even specific to engineering along with the pricing which was good for what they provide. ISG is wanting to become our main Engineering company. Council discussed again and were fine with switching to ISG starting in 2024 – there is no cost to change to them so on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to name ISG as the Engineer starting in 2024. Amber also brought up ordinance violations – letters were sent to a few and Amber was wondering if we keep pushing on them and the Council stated yes so Amber will do some checking with the City Attorney on the next steps and will also have the Attorney send letters to those who didn't comply with the letter that Amber mailed previously. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the zoning and chicken application for Marvin Kern. Kris Weidert opposed.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve Resolution 23.10.1 for St. Anthony Calendar Raffle that will be held on 12/10/23.

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

Park Equipment – Amber is still looking for Grant options & we will also watch for places selling equipment for cheap.

Land Sale – Amber had reached out to Zieske Land Surveying out of Windom and he said he could do the survey for \$1,200. Amber also asked what it would cost to do another parcel and he thought around \$300 since the main cost is travel time. Wayne said then the other person he was checking with cannot do the survey. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to hire Zieske to do the land survey for the old ice rink and since it isn't much more we will have him survey the land by Loonan's in case we decide to sell that in the future.

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, November 13th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk