

**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Larned**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**January 7, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**

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Mayor William Nusser called the regular session to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Dennis Wilson, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember George Elmore and Councilmember Jason Murray, Councilmember Carroll Bennett and Councilmember Sharron McGinness.

City Manager Bradley Eilts, City Attorney Ron Smith, Finance Director Monica Steiner and City Clerk Kara Rath were also present.

Visitors: Beth Warren, Josh Taylor, Ralph Streit, Randy Bird, Colby Hill, Rachel Hill, Allen Taylor, Craig Schartz, Josh Kraisinger, Charles Orth, Rick Reason

Pledge of Allegiance

**Oath of Office for re-elected Council Members and Reorganization**

City Attorney Ron Smith administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Jason Murray, Councilmember Sharon McGinness, Councilmember George Elmore, and Councilmember Gary Rainbolt.

Council President Dennis Wilson was nominated for a second term by Councilmember Elmore and seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt.

Motion Passed.

Councilmember McGinness moved that the City Depository remain as American State Bank and Trust Co., Bank of the West, Farmers Bank and Trust, N.A., and First State Bank and Trust CO. Councilmember Wilson seconded

Motion Passed.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Clark seconded.

Motion Passed.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Regular Session Meeting Minutes-December 3, 2018

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes-December 17, 2018

Committee Appointments were approved as presented.

Contract for Auditing and Non-Auditing Services

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)Waiver Resolution

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the consent agenda, councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion Passed.

### **Appropriation Ordinance #12:**

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #12 in the amount of \$760,588.70 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

### **Public Comments:**

No Public Comments.

### **Junior City Council:**

JCC attended the County Commissioners meeting.

### **New Business:**

### **Recognition of Firefighters:**

In 2018, the Larned Fire Department undertook significant training in Hazardous Material, Field Operations, and prepared for written tests in order to be certified as a nationally recognized Firefighter I. Six people began this training, two dropped out and two have some testing remaining to be certified. Firefighters Rachel Hill and William Jones completed the course and passed the battery of tests to earn this honor.

### **Water Rate Study**

Through the City's membership with the Kansas Rural Water Association and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Capacity Development Program, the City can contract with Ransom Financial for a water rate analysis at no cost to the City.

Beth Warren with Ransom has reviewed the financial and usage trends that the City Manager shared including past usage, the number of customers, revenue and expense information, she has created a spreadsheet with a number of rate scenarios that includes a breakeven analysis based on existing rates, proposed rate increases at various intervals,

and rate increases to achieve the ability to transfer money to the Water Reserve Fund in the amount of \$150,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000 annually. The summary also includes estimated water bills for accounts using 5,000 gallons and 10,000 gallons (inside city limits) as well as 10,000 gallons (outside the City limits). The study used an increase of 3% annually for expenses and a base of the maximum between the expenses reported in the 2017 (the minimum, average and median). Revenues were based on the minimum collected in 2017 and are forecast to remain flat.

After review of the materials that were presented Mayor Nusser asked Beth to reevaluate the analysis to closer reflect actual year to date dollar amounts of the City of Larned.

### **Withdrawal from the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency**

The City of Larned has belonged to the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) for a number of years. KMGA provides support and cooperative purchasing services for municipalities with a natural gas utility. Larned does not have a gas utility.

Withdrawal from the KMGA requires the passing of an Ordinance authorizing the City to do so and a copy of our meeting minutes.

Councilmember Murray motioned to withdraw from KMGA, Councilmember Bennett seconded.

Roll Call vote 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

### **Purchase of mower for Parks and Cemetery**

The Parks and Cemetery Department is requesting the purchase of a new 623T Grasshopper mower from Carr Auto-Electric. They have agreed to sell the new mower for \$9,000 at cost.

This purchase was discussed and budgeted for the 2019 Budget. At that time, the estimated cost was expected to be \$12,000. It would bring the fleet of mowers in this department back up to five.

Councilmember Wilson motioned to purchase the 623T Grasshopper mower, councilmember Elmore seconded.

Motion Passed.

### **Purchase of excavator for Street Department**

The Street Department is requesting the purchase of the Bobcat E45 excavator that they have been leasing for the last three years from White Star in Wichita. The agreement was

that the City would lease a new Bobcat for \$7,000 for one year, after the lease, the City had the option of purchasing the excavator or leasing another new one.

White Star informed Allen Taylor, Street Superintendent, in December 2017 that the manufacturer had discontinued the lease program. Allen informed him that we had already budgeted for the lease and they agreed to continue the arrangement for one more year. As a result, this is the second year that we have leased this piece of equipment.

White Star has offered to sell the Bobcat for \$46,868 after reducing last year's leasing expenditures.

Councilmember Bennett motioned to purchase the Bobcat, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion Passed.

### **Purchase of Police Squad Car**

The Police Department is requesting the purchase of a new 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor. This purchase was included in the 2019 Budget and will come out of the 2019 Police Department budget.

The bid price is \$34,795, plus the cost of the equipment of \$7,320, for a total of \$42,115. The equipment figure is about \$3,000 less than previously discussed because some of the equipment can transfer from unit #44 to the new unit. Unit #44 will be unmarked and used as a staff car. The current staff car is Crown Victoria which will be sold at auction.

Councilmember Elmore motioned to accept the bid price of \$42,115, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion Passed

### **Purchase of winch truck for Water Department**

The Water Department is requesting the purchase of a 2019 F550 Super Cab Ford Model 6000 Body Truck with a 6000# Wireless Hydraulic crane, an 18" workbench, and tool chests. This purchase was included in the 2018 Budget.

Quotes were received from Teamco in Tea, South Dakota and Knapheide in Kansas City, Missouri. We also contacted Janssen Motors. They were willing to sell us the Cab and Chassis; however, we would be required to find a service body and other equipment and then contract with a shop that would assemble it together. The low bid is from Teamco for \$105,807.95.

Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to purchase the Winch truck from Teamco for \$105,807.95, Councilmember Elmore seconded.

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Motion Passed.

**Staff Presentation**

City Manager, Bradley Eilts spoke on all the projects that were undertaken in 2018 and the goals and projects he would like to see in 2019.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor, William Nusser