

City Council Meeting Minutes  
City of Larned  
February 6, 2023  
6:30 PM

Mayor William Nusser called the regular session to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmember Kim Barnes, Councilmember Terry Clark, Councilmember Sharon McGinness, Councilmember Josh Riedel, Councilmember Jason Murray and Councilmember Jacques Molleker, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember Carroll Bennett.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion passed.

**Public Hearing**

Councilmember Barnes motioned to open the public hearing, councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Faye Trent with Great Plains Development spoke regarding CDBG project. She went over the closeout documents.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve documents and release unused funds. Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Councilmember McGinness motioned to close the public hearing, Councilmember Clark seconded.

Motion passed.

**Oath of Office for Councilmember Rainbolt**

Finance Director Monica Steiner presented the Oath of Office to Councilmember Rainbolt.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

### **Appropriation Ordinance #1**

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Rainbolt and seconded by Councilmember Clark and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #1 in the amount of \$1,174,683 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

### **Public Comments**

Landon Erway regarding downtown

### **Presentation by Brian Falk**

Brian Falk joined the Council via Zoom and gave presentation regarding Historical District and downtown improvements.

### **New Business**

#### **Downtown Assessment Proposal**

The property owners of 402, 404, 406, 408 and 410 have developed a conceptual plan incorporating an amphitheater and professionally designed green space with an outdoor bar. This is intended to be a shared public/private space which would dramatically improve the entrance to the south corridor of the downtown. In exchange for the construction of these improvements and the investment of \$126,741, the property owners are asking the City Council to waive assessment efforts for the demolition of the Opera House in early 2022. The improvements will be completed by January 1, 2026 and verified by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party selected by the owners. If their investment is not at least \$126,741, they propose to pay the City the difference.

After discussion, Councilmember Riedel motioned to waive the assessment efforts and that the owners invest one-third of the money each year for the next three years. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed. Councilmember Molleker, nay.

#### **Street Department Truck Acquisition**

Last year, the Street Departments truck broke down, and it was determined that it was not feasible to repair. Allen Taylor has requested a crew cab, long bed, four-wheel drive truck to assist the department in their daily duties. He will transfer as many features from the current truck to the new one as possible.

Three options were presented:

Morris Smith Ford-New 2022 F-250 XL or XLT for \$67-69,000

Davis-Moore, Wichita-New 2022 Ram 2500 Tradesman for \$67,050

Don Hatten, Wichita-2022 Ford F-250 Lariat (8,000 miles) for \$75,899.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the purchase of a truck from Morris Smith Ford for \$67-69,000. Councilmember McGinness seconded.


Motion passed.

**Staff Presentation, Monica Steiner**

Finance Director Monica Steiner gave a financial presentation for year-end 2022.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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City Clerk, Kara Rath

  
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Mayor, William Nusser



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## Objection to Proposed Minutes of February 6, 2023 Meeting

With respect to New Business Downtown Assessment Proposal: I never stated the space would be “a shared public/private space...” Rather, I made very strong statements that the space would be private property operated as a public business. I never indicated the improvements would be completed by January 1, 2026 but rather that the business owners would have 3 years to complete the project. Finally, I never stated the property owners would pay the City the difference if the \$126,741 was not invested within 3 years. Rather, I indicated the City could, at that point, assess the balance of the costs to the properties.

Thank You,



Heather Helvie