

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
City Council Chambers
March 4, 2019
6:30 PM

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, 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: Randy Bird, Josh Riedel, Zack Hampton, Jason Zink, Craig Schartz, Joe Dickinson, Kara Lawrence, Stuart Porter.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Barnes moved to approve the agenda, Councilmember Elmore seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the two additional items of sledding of 5th street, and KDHE update.

Motion Passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember McGinness moved to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Murray seconded.

Motioned Passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #2

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Rainbolt and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #2 in the amount of \$684,029.92 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

Junior City Council:

Carter Crosby reported that the JCC visited EMS and Fire Department.

New Business:

Water Infrastructure Plan

Stuart Porter reported that the water distribution process and survey have been completed. Schwab-Eaton has broken down the proposed plan into prioritized \$300,000 to \$600,000 projects that can be undertaken one year at a time.

Council discussed that because the City of Larned is now above the threshold for LMI due to the Kansas Department of Commerce conducting a mid-point Census based on the 2015 population, if we raised water rates to the CDBG level there is \$600,000 grant money from CDBG the City would be responsible to come up with matching funds.

Councilmember Barnes moved to approve the proposal as it has presented for Water Infrastructure improvements, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion Passed.

Water Rate Study

Finance Director Monica Steiner and City Manager Brad Eilts presented several rate analysis charts to council for comparison.

Council discussed options of increasing water rates one option is to have a base rate and charge per 1000 gallons of water to build reserves.

Council asked staff to provide information on the top water users based on past history, average residential usage, to look at agricultural usage and have a work session to discuss options before the Grant deadline in September.

Discussion tabled.

Telecomm Bids

Kyle Barr with GBT Communications submitted a proposal to provide a new Cloud Based Phone System, along with voice, video and broadband services.

The City would want to continue the current system at the airport, the lift stations, and the police station due to the voice recording.

It was noted that the current phone system includes three different carriers and was at a higher price than the GBT bid. GBT is a local business.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to accept the bid from GBT to transition the current phone system, Councilmember Murray seconded.

Motion Passed.

Ordinance 1596 Enhanced CMB

In 2017, the Legislature passed an amendment to the current Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license laws that allows retailers to sell CMB and beer that does not exceed 6% alcohol by volume, which is now referred to as Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverages.

Businesses that applied for and received an annual CMB license for 2019 will not be required to apply for a new license, their current one will automatically roll over and be valid until the license expires on Dec. 31, 2019. There will be no changes in the application or approval of future licenses of these establishments.

Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Motion Passed.

Selling City Property Baird Addition

Councilmember Wilson indicated that he had a potential agricultural buyer for the Baird Property.

Council advised the City Manager to have the frontage property and the remaining property appraised and surveyed and the cost not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid from the housing fund.

After the survey and appraisal the property could potentially be listed.

Councilmember Murray moved to appraise and survey the property for potential listing, Councilmember Wilson seconded.

Motion passed.

Sledding on 5th Street

No motion was made to regulate the sledding on 5th Street.

KDHE

The penalty has been reduced from \$23,500 to \$13,000 with \$10,500 being held in suspension will be dismissed after May 21, 2021, if the wastewater plant remains in compliance.

City Staff has been in contact with Chad Larson with Lockner, he is confident that the staff can meet the deadlines established by KDHE.

Councilmember McGinness moved to approve the KDHE order, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion Passed.

Staff Presentation

Joe Dickenson presented on behalf of the EMS department, 976 ambulance calls for 2018, which is down from the previous year. EMS will be putting on an advanced EMT course; it will be done in house.

Randy Bird presented on behalf of the Fire Department. The department is staffed at 20 members; there are two people interested in joining. There will be some training coming up in April and May; KU training institute will be bringing burn training trailers, to help staff.

Executive Session

Councilmember Clark moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of nonelected personnel annual evaluation of the City Manager, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

At 8:40 P.M. Mayor Nusser announced the purpose of the executive session to review the City Manager's contract and evaluation.

At 9:00 P.M. The council reconvened in the Council Chambers, Mayor Nusser indicated that the City Managers contract will auto renew, reference the current contract for details.

Councilmember Rainbolt moved to approve the City Managers Contract, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion Passed.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned.



City Clerk



Mayor, William Nusser