

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
May 1, 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 Jason Murray, Councilmember Jacques Molleker, Councilmember Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember Sharon McGinness, Councilmember Josh Riedel and Councilmember Carroll Bennett

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

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilmember Clark seconded. Councilmember Murray asked that on any CMB license that is submitted the cut off for the event be 12AM.

Motion passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #4

Finance Director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Bennett and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #4 in the amount of \$843,184.60 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

New Business

Contract for Design Services

The City of Larned was awarded the BASE Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce for Downtown Streetscapes. The award is for \$750,000 and will require a \$250,000 match. The project is required to be completed within two years.

Bryan Falk of Falk Architects provided guidance and conceptual drawings for the BASE Grant application. He has proposed a design fee based on 7% of estimated construction costs, or \$70,000.

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the contract for design services.
Councilmember McGinness seconded.
Motion passed.

Larned Assembly of God Electrical Assistance Request

The Larned Assembly of God Church is building a new Church at Deann and 8th Street. They request that the City of Larned share in the initial electric infrastructure costs for the Church.

The City Code 13.20.011(B) states that electrical service connections are the customer's responsibility. The cost to extend the electrical service to the new Church is \$43,603.53. The Council has a precedent of working with business expansion projects for economic development.

Councilmember Clark motioned to split the cost of the electrical expansion to the Church.
Councilmember Molleker seconded.

Councilmember Riedel, nay.

Motion passed.

Library Air Conditioning Units

The air conditioning units at Jordaan Library are dysfunctional and need replaced. The current system was installed in 1973, and the A/C condensers were replaced in 2001. Currently, two of the four units have failed, and the remaining units use R22 refrigerant, which is very expensive. Parts for these units are difficult to find, which adds time and expense to repairs. The City received three proposals after asking several companies.

Neither City staff nor Library personnel were able to locate an agreement that detailed the parties responsible for large capital expenditures such as this. Funds from the Electric Reserve would have to be accessed to pay for this expense.

After discussion Council tabled the item.

Confirmation of Amendments to City Code

Will Tice presented recommended changes to City Code. A correction was noted that in section 3-1-e (Sidewalks, driveways and accessory buildings under 121 square feet are exempt from the permit process).

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the amendments to City Code,
Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

On a roll call vote 8 aye, and 0 nay.

Motioned passed.

Ordinance Change-Age to Purchase and Possess Tobacco

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Legislator changed the age to purchase and possess tobacco products from 18 to 21. Tobacco includes cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (including vape pens), cigars, chewing tobacco, and other products. The Ordinance change also details penalties for violation of the Ordinance.

Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to approve the change to purchase and possess tobacco, Councilmember Riedel seconded.

On a roll call vote 8 aye, and 0 nay.

Motion passed.

Zoning Text Amendment

At the April 5th City/County Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission recommended the City Council approve Storage Pods, shipping containers, and storage trailers not to exceed one unit in height as a Conditional Use in an I-1 Light Industrial and an I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning District.

Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the zoning text amendment, Councilmember Bennett seconded.

Motion passed.

Swimming Pool Hours and Fees

With the Council's adoption of the pool surcharge in 2019, all residential water customers of the City of Larned were entitled to swim at the Larned Swimming Pool without paying an admittance fee. Over the last few years, the Council has elected not to charge any admittance fee for all pool users. The current fee for private after-hours parties is \$150 for a two-hour party with the slide or \$100 for a two-hour party without the slide.

The staff has visited with the Pool Manager about changing the hours of the pool from 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm daily to 12:30 pm to 6 pm.

Councilmember McGinness motioned to waive the pool charge and that the pool be open from 12:30-6:00 pm daily. Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30 pm-8:00 pm, slide to close at 6pm. Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

Executive Session

Councilmember Barnes moved that the Council recess into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and that Will Tice, Brad Eilts and Ron Smith attend the session. Councilmember Clark seconded.

Motion passed.

Mayor Nusser indicated that the Council would resume the meeting in the Council Chambers at 8:30pm.

At 8:30pm, Mayor Nusser said that the purpose of the executive session was for land acquisition and asked if there were any motions.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to purchase the land for no more than \$2,500, Councilmember McGinness seconded.

No discussion took place.

On a roll call vote 8 aye, 0 nay.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser