

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
City Council Chambers
August 5th, 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 Carroll Bennett and Councilmember Sharon McGinness.

Councilmember Jason Murray was absent.

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

Visitors: Erin Atteberry, Mike Gilmore, Craig Schartz, Jason Sandefur, Bud & Brenda Johnson, Sharon Towery, Alex Filbert, Brian Carlton, Randy Bird, Sharon Lessard, Zack Hampton, Rick Reason

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Bennett seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Passed.

2020 Larned Municipal Budget-Public Hearing

Councilmember Barnes motioned to open the public hearing; Councilmember Elmore seconded, and motion carried.

The 2020 budget was published on July 25, 2019 in the Tiller and Toiler. Kansas Statutes require a public hearing prior to the approval of the annual budget.

Councilmember Elmore motioned to close the public hearing, Councilmember Bennett seconded.

There were no comments on the budget by the public.

The 2020 proposed budget calls for increased expenditures in General fund and in the Airport Fund. The mill levy for the 2020 Budget will increase from 61.273 to 62.628, a 2.2% increase. Despite three years of decreasing assessed valuation, this is the first mill levy increase since the Kansas Budget Lid Law was passed by the Kansas Legislature and an

increase that is modest enough not to require vote by the electorate. The City mill levy includes funding for the Library, the Industrial Fund, and the Airport.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Elmore, and carried.

Councilmember Barnes noted that due to the number of projects that will be taking place in the future, i.e. the water infrastructure, sewer project, and our streets, the 2.2% increase in the mill was the rational and thought out decision.

Motioned passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motioned Passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #7

Finance director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Elmore and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #7 in the amount of \$1,477,468.31 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

No public comments

Larned Recreation Commission Request

The Recreation Commission is requesting that the City provide water at no charge for the area at the old Northside School that has now been converted into a recreational field for soccer, t-ball, machine pitch, flag football etc. Currently, the City only provides free water to City owned parks and fields with amenities that utilize water, i.e. pool, splash pad, golf course, duck pond, etc.

Upon discussion by Council, the City Manager will draft a contract similar to that with the Golf Course, that they will maintain the grounds, and we will provide free water and the contract can be re-evaluated at any time. City Manager, Brad Eilts will bring a contract to the next city council meeting for review.

Councilmember Clark motioned to approve the contract with the Recreation Commission, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion Passed.

Truck and Compactor for Sanitation Department

Bids were received from Key Equipment, Armor Equipment, and Downing sales and Service. A representative from Key Equipment was at the meeting to answer questions. The bid that council discussed was from Key Equipment on the Freightliner M-2 w/Leach Alpha III at \$160,650. It was explained that this truck could be used as a demonstration for 30 days, by signing an intent to purchase would hold the truck and would not allow it to be sold to anyone else, and the company would take \$5,000 off because of the demonstration title.

Councilmember Clark motioned to approve the intent to purchase, let the Sanitation department demo the truck for 30 days, then at the next council meeting the council can make the decision to purchase after a report back from the sanitation department. Councilmember Elmore seconded.

Councilmember Barnes opposed.

Motion passed.

KLC Pool Consultant

Racquel Thiesen is a Community Leadership Consultant with the Kansas Leadership Center. She has 25 years of experience that would help her to lead a taskforce for the pool advisory board. She proposed a series of up to six meetings that would conclude in November with a draft formal recommendation to the City Council no later than November 15, 2019. She would act as the staff person for the taskforce setting meetings, drafting agendas, and answering inquiries from the press. One of her primary focuses will be to ensure a trustworthy process.

After a conference call with Racquel, Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the consulting contract, Councilmember Bennett seconded.

Motion passed.

Chamber and Economic Development Discussion

Mayor Nusser requested a general discussion between the Council and the Chamber and Economic Development Board about setting some goals and expectations so that at next year's budget sessions there could be some agreed upon specific goals to take into consideration for funding.

The Council will give goals and expectations at the City Council meeting in October so that the Chamber and Economic Development Board can set their 2020 budget.

Staff Presentation

Kara Lawrence from EMS spoke about Omni and EMS transfers. She has done a one month review on Omni and they are doing a good job for the City. She did find a couple of errors and was able to get them resolved quickly with the staff there, who were very helpful. Kara will continue to do a monthly audit with Omni.

Councilmember Barnes spoke about the Larned State Hospital Kansas Commission meetings that have been held at City Hall. Census has been a large topic of conversation, and that it will stay up and to the level that we have care was the statement from the Commission.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser