

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
City Council Chambers
September 3rd, 2019
6:30 PM

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

Councilmember Dennis Wilson was absent.

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

Visitors: Ralph Streit, Karen Van Vleet, Dean Van Vleet, Randy Parker, Mike Gilmore

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing on CDBG Application

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember McGinness.

Motion passed.

Faye Trent with Great Plains Development Inc. is the grant administrator for the CDBG application. She described the project in detail and opened to floor to the public for any questions.

Councilmember Barnes asked if this will require a special audit. Ms. Trent did not think so, but it is a possibility, if grant funds were being used for any other projects.

She did indicate that the lines will be totally replaced.

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

Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Nusser added the resolutions and CDBG agreement to the consent agenda.

Councilmember Barnes requested a proclamation encouraging student success.

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Rainbolt seconded to approve the agenda with the additions.

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Rainbolt motioned to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Murray seconded.

Motioned passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #8

Finance director Monica Steiner reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Elmore and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #8 in the amount of \$839,640.30 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion Passed.

Public Comments

No public comments

Recognition of Dale Vanderhoof

At the KDHE Annual School in July, Dale Vanderhoof was awarded the Jim Current Processional Excellence Award. This award is presented to "those who exemplify professionalism in the industry among the working ranks of either water or wastewater backgrounds."

Council recognized Dale for his efforts and the award.

Building Addition for Wastewater Plant

The Sewer Plant would like to add a 30' x 30' x 16' structure connecting to the north side of their current office building. The addition would be used by staff to rebuild and repair pumps, actuators, and other equipment required for the operation of the Plant. It would be an integral part of the long-term strategy of maintenance, and in-house repair. The intent is to repair and rebuild all equipment currently being replaced to significantly reduce costs for future capital expenditures.

Two quotes have been received from Titan at \$44,400 and from Steel Builders at \$ 46,033. Financing from this would come from the Sewer Fund. Since this fund does not have excess money, a transfer would have to be made from Electric reserve, and repaid through normal revenue streams.

After further review the bids did not include, plumbing or electrical. The City Manager and Dale Vanderhoof will come back to council with a completed bid.

No action taken.

Truck and Compactor for Sanitation Department

At the August meeting the Council requested that Key Equipment allow the City Sanitation Department to evaluate a Freightliner M-2 chassis with a Leach Alpha III compactor. Our crews are familiar with the Heil compactor and, although the price for the Leach is 2.5% higher, it has several features that are unique.

The Sanitation department tested the Leach out and the Peterbilt on the same day. The department evaluated the trucks and unanimously liked the Leach from Key Equipment.

Councilmember Elmore motioned to approve the Leach Alpha III at a cost of \$160,650, councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motion passed.

Request for Discussion on Electrical Grid

Councilmember Barnes noted that Council should consider re-instating the tree committee to look into low hanging branches throughout the City. He discussed the possibility of areas of town that may lose power more than other areas.

The Mayor asked the power plant superintendent and the line distribution superintendent how they feel about the City's power. Randy Parker indicated that so many problems are acts of nature.

The City Manager would like to look within our departments for tree-trimming. He will bring some ideas back to council.

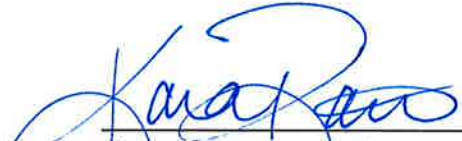
Request for Proclamation

Councilman Barnes requested a Proclamation be signed by the Mayor to encourage student success.


Councilman Barnes read the Proclamation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser