

City Council Meeting Minutes
City of Larned
November 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 Gary Rainbolt, Councilmember Carroll Bennett, and Councilmember Jack Molleker, Councilmember Jason Murray, Councilmember Sharon McGinness and Councilmember Josh Riedel.

City Manager Brad Eilts, City Clerk Kara Rath, Building Inspector Will Tice, City Attorney Ron Smith were also present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember McGinness seconded.

Motioned passed.

Appropriation Ordinance #10

City Manager Eilts reported on the expenses listed on the financial report. On a motion by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Riedel and carried for Appropriation Ordinance #10 in the amount of \$1,533,529.21 and transfers more or less were approved for payment.

Motion passed.

Special Announcement

City Attorney, Ron Smith will be retiring at the end of 2023.

Public Comments

Mark VanNorden-owner of Scraps Coffee Shop regarding utility rates
Jack Garder regarding special meeting minutes

New Business

KDOT CCLIP FY2025 Agreement

The application to the KDOT CCLIP program was successful for FY 2025. This project is a surface preservation mill and overlay project on Broadway between 8th to 12th Street. KDOT will pay 95% of the construction and construction engineering costs while

consulting service costs are not eligible for the match. These projects have a max KDOT contribution of \$400,000.

The estimated costs for this project are \$447,298.13 and the City's share is \$48,236.26, as approved at the October 2023 Council meeting. Funding for the City's matching funds will come from the Special Highway Fund.

Staff asked for Councils approval for the Benesch engineering services for this project at \$27,000.

Councilmember Riedel motioned to approve the engineering services from Benesh, Councilmember Molleker seconded.

Motioned passed.

Radio Console Grant Project

Local Dispatcher Jane Bleakney applied to the Local Safety and Security Equipment Grant Program this summer. The Grant will upgrade the radio console to allow communication with up to thirteen individual channels. It will also allow dispatchers to monitor surrounding counties and state channels.

Vanessa Feldman, Superintendent of Dispatch Communications, presented to the Council the dashboard for the dispatcher and demonstrated what they see on a daily basis. She also indicated that at the time when Jane applied for the grant and the time in which the grant was awarded there was an increase in the radio console. The original grant request for the console was \$52,026, requiring a 10% match with the program covering \$46,824, the awarded amount. The console's increased cost was \$54,717 and difference of \$2,691.

The remaining cost for the console is \$7,893 and would come out of the 911 fund. Vanessa indicated that the delivery is estimated to be 5-9 weeks after placing the order, plus installation and programming.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the \$7,893 for the radio console, Councilmember Riedel seconded.

Motion passed.

Resolution of Support for the Moderate Incoming Housing Grant

At the September 5th Council meeting, JR Robl spoke about collaborating with Joiner Construction, Ellinwood, to apply to the MIH grant program through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC). At the Special meeting in October, the Council approved a form allowing the applicants access to the KHRC portal. In order to make application a Resolution of Support is required from the Council.

Councilmember Murray motioned to approve the Resolution of support for the application to the MIH Grant application. Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Motion passed.

Assistance to the Ministerial Alliance-Helping Hands

The City has worked with the Ministerial Alliance for years to assist people in paying delinquent utility bills. \$4,000 was approved by the Council in March 2023; however, those funds have been exhausted. They have requested another donation to replenish their account.

Councilmember Barnes motioned to approve the request of \$4,000 and that funds come from the Gas Franchise Fund (General Fund), Councilmember Rainbolt seconded.

Councilmember Riedel-nay

Motion passed.

Bids for Demolition

The City-owned building west of the swimming pool is in disarray and is a public safety hazard. The building no longer serves a purpose and is not needed by the City. The costs of repairs and improvements are significantly higher than the cost of demolition.

Building Inspector Tice contacted each company for bids. Eakin Constructions bid came in at \$8,630. Stone Sand Co was at \$6,250. Titan Building did not submit a bid.

Councilmember McGinness motioned to approve the bid by Stone Sand Co at \$6,250. Councilmember Rainbolt seconded and asked that the funds come from Capitol Improvement. Councilmember Riedel asked that staff work with the Rec to develop the area after demolition.

Motion passed.

Staff Presentation

Allen Taylor superintendent of Streets gave an update on his department.

Executive Session

Attorney-Client Privilege Regarding Legal Matters

Councilmember Molleker moved to recess into executive session for 10 minutes for consultation with the City Attorney about matters that would be deemed attorney-client privilege and that the City Attorney attend the session. Councilmember McGinness seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Nusser indicated that the Council would reconvene in the Council Chambers at 7:35PM.

At 7:35PM the Mayor announced that the executive session was to discuss matters with the City Attorney regarding legal matters. The Mayor asked for a motion, Council President Barnes indicated that there were none at this time.

City Manager's Evaluation and Contract Renewal

Councilmember McGinness motioned to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and that the City Manager attend upon request. Councilmember Riedel seconded the motion.

Motion carried.


Mayor Nusser indicated that the Council would reconvene in the Council Chambers at 7:50PM.

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Meeting adjourned.



City Clerk, Kara Rath



Mayor, William Nusser