

**LAMBERTON CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES • CITY HALL
November 10, 2025 • 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES

- Public Hearing on the proposed change to R1 Prohibit Structures called to order at 7:06 PM November 10, 2025.
- Present: Mayor L. Sik, L. Bittner, D. Irlbeck, A. Cairns, L. Pfarr
- Staff in Attendance: J. Thram, K. Mittelstadt, D. Determan, T. Neperman
- Others in Attendance: Scott Kuhlman (Bollig), MarcheLe Walz, Deb Thram, Zoey Mittelstadt, Colby Pack, Allison Sauer, Mindi Hesse, Rebecca Christianson, Jenny Stavness, Chad Stavness, Matt Novak, one not legible.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sik stated the change ordinance would define what can be used as a storage structure in the residential portions of the city.

Mayor Sik asked if anyone was here to comment or make statements.

C. Stavnes explained that before he placed the storage container where it is, he contacted the city to ask if he needed any permits and he was told no. Stavnes feels he did his due diligence in that regards. He also talked to the neighbors about what he was thinking about doing before he purchased the unit. Stavnes is not opposed to the ordinance, but is opposed to how it is written and the existing structure portion Section 4 last two sentences.

Novak explained that the new ordinance is forward looking to prevent it from happening again and to clear up confusion. Stavnes again stated that he does not feel that they should be penalized. Novak stated there are other reasons it doesn't fit into zoning for this instance. Stavnes asked what those would be. Novak stated percentage of property coverage. Stavnes stated he does not agree with the penalty and that his should be grandfathered in.

Mayor Sik stated there was still an offer on the table to pay \$700 to have the container moved. Someone from the audience asked what the problem with it was. Novak stated the real reason for the ordinance was clarity moving forward, not the complaint against the container.


Discussion held. Novak recommended to pass the ordinance as written, then Stavnes could request a variance. Stavnes did not agree with that process and feels if the main purpose is going forward it is clear, the council could remove the last two sentences of section four and still achieve their goal.

Mayor Sik asked for any other comments.

Novak stated he would support passage of the ordinance as written or with the removal of Section 4.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Valerie Halt
Clerk


Lydell Sik
Mayor