A Regular Meeting of the

Lamberton City Council

May 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamberton was held on May 8th, 2017, in the City Office at 7:00 pm.

Members present for all or part of the meeting were Mayor Bill Schaffran, Councilmembers Darrell Knutson, Terry Neperman, Lydell Sik, Dave Irlbeck and Clerk Flaig.

Mayor Bill Schaffran called the meeting to order. On motion by Neperman, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Neperman, the council voted unanimously to approve claims #14706 through #14758 in the amount of $51,139.05.

Matt Moline of Eide Bailly presented the 2016 audited Financial Statements to the City Council.

Nick Anderson reported on the Ambulance Service. Three people have started the EMT class held in Redwood Falls. He talked to the council about the possibility of changing the way that the ambulance service member are compensated from a run basis to an on-call basis. This would be possible by using a scheduling software interfacing with member phones. On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve the fee of $2495 to Aladtec for the scheduling software. Compensation would be decided later.

No police report.

The appliance and electronic pickup was held on Saturday, May 6th with over $600 in items picked up. The Spring Cleanup day is set for May 20th.

Justin Thram gave the maintenance report. Three staff members took the CPO course and are certified to operate the swimming pool. The motor on the main well burned out last Friday and Thein Well was able to get here Friday afternoon and replace the motor and well drop pipe. The new mower has arrived. There was discussion on the DNR proposal regarding the Kuhar Park Dam. One of the councilmembers had visited some sites that the DNR suggested where they had replaced dams with riffles. Pictures that he took were reviewed by the council. On a motion by Knutson, seconded by Neperman, the council approved the maintenance report.

The council was informed that the conditional use permit hearing for the Kuhar Park project is scheduled for Monday, May 22nd.

Work is progressing on getting the pool ready for the new swimming season. Bruce and Jennifer Starkson donated $100.00 to the swimming pool to be used for swimming toys. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Knutson, the council unanimously approved the salary for Mindy Hesse at $14.50 per hour.

Heather Hacker talked to the council about an issue she has with the Ambulance Service. She is an EMT that has been on the day shift for part of the week on the ambulance schedule and recently found out that city employees are being paid $.75 cents per hour for being on the Ambulance Service. She is not receiving any additional reimbursement for being on days. The council explained that the amount paid to the employees is because when they were hired they are told that they are required to be on during the day and that this is considered part of their job. It was noted that the system for on-call pay would help solve this type of problem. The council will talk to the Ambulance Director at the next meeting to work on a solution.

On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve a zoning permit for the reconstruction of the Meadowland Feed Mill. On motion by Neperman, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve a permit for Bruce Olson for a deck. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve the permit application of Robert Halter for an open porch for the property at 606 S. Birch Street. On motion by Sik, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve a permit application by Bob Edwards for a fence.

Fire Chief Tom Neperman talked to the council about a new mutual aid agreement developed by the Southwest Fire Department Association. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the League of MN Cities. The city will begin transitioning mutual aid agreements to the new form.

On motion by Sik, seconded by Neperman, the council voted unanimously to approve the financial report including donations, operating transfers, new vendors and payment of between meeting bills in the amount of $2,209.81.

The council discussed the sale of garbage bags. S and A Food have decided not to order any more bags. Clerk Flaig will check with merchants to see if any would be interested in selling the bags.

The council was informed that at the Board of Review /Open Meeting that was recently held, the value on the clinic property was reduced from $100,600 to $81,100.

The city received a request to have one of the Housing rehab grant/loans be subordinated so that a homeowner could refinance. On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve the proposed subordination of the loan as requested provided that all criteria are followed.

On motion by Sik, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to have Paul Clarken work at the City Brush Site this year. The site is open Saturday mornings from 9am till noon and Tuesday from 5 to 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Steven Flaig, Clerk Bill Schaffran, Mayor

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