A Regular Meeting of the

Lamberton City Council

October 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamberton was held on October 10th, 2017, in the City Office.

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

Mayor Bill Schaffran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September meeting.

On motion by Neperman, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve claims #15074 through #15117 in the amount of $73,639.34.

Rosie Schultz asked the council to consider an increase in her wages for cleaning the Community Center and City Office. On motion by Neperman, seconded by Sik, the council approved a raise to $15.00.

Clerk Flaig presented information on the city health plan that is up for renewal on December 1, 2017. The present policy increased about 9.1 per cent and allows for two plans within the policy. The council on motion by Knutson, seconded by Sik, on a unanimous vote approved continuing with the present city policy.

The council was presented with the Redwood County request for services proposal for hiring an engineer for dam removal and replacement for the three dams on the Cottonwood River.

The council was notified that the county tax forfeiture sale will be held on October 24, 2017 at 9:00am. Lot 16, Block 4, of Grimm & England Addition is to be sold.

The furnace at the clinic building needs to be replaced. Lamberton Heating and Plumbing proposed to do this at a cost of $3,392.65. On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve the furnace replacement. Also, rent on the property is being raised to $600 per month.

On motion by Neperman, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to have the fire contract charges remain at $200 per section for 2018.

There was discussion by the council on the storage of corn or soybeans on Meadowland property in the southeast corner of town. No action was taken at this time.

Justin Thram gave the maintenance report. Fire hydrants are being flushed. Winter equipment is being made ready. The sewer pond may need to have a discharged done before the end of the discharge window. Pricing on skid steer and backhoes were presented to the council. The utility billing meter reading software annual maintenance contract is due at a cost of $995.00. On motion by Knutson, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve paying the contract. It was noted that Robert Lange purchased the Betty Baumann property on Ash Street. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Knutson the council voted unanimously to approve the maintenance report.

On motion by Sik, seconded by Neperman, the council voted unanimously to approve the financial report approving donations and payment of between meeting bills in the amount of $6,246.61. The Swimming Pool Fund Raising Committee donated $2,100 to the city for the AED that was purchased for the pool and for the cost of the water that was run to the pumphouse for the wading pool.

A change in Minnesota Statute 204B.16 requires cities to pass a resolution or ordinance each year establishing the polling location for the city. Councilmember Sik, introduced the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Councilmember Neperman.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10-10-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PRECINET POLLING LOCATION FOR THE CITY OF LAMBERTON, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.16, subdivision 1, requires all cities and townships to pass a resolution by December 31 of each year establishing the polling place location for the precinct.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lamberton, Minnesota, that the official precinct polling place location for the City of Lamberton will be the Community Center Meeting Room located at 101 2nd Avenue East, Lamberton, Minnesota. The emergency backup location will be the Fire Hall Meeting Room at 110 2nd Avenue West, Lamberton, Minnesota.

Upon unanimous vote of the council the resolution was adopted.

The council was presented with a letter from the Redwood County Historical Society requesting funds. No action was taken.

Police Chief Hacker gave the Police report. He asked for approval to attend a training conference in Mankato in January 2018. On motion by Sik, seconded by Neperman, the council voted unanimously to approve paying for the cost of the Conference and travel expenses. The in-car camera is not working properly. The cost of the repair is $523.00 Pricing for a new system that is compatible with body camera which may be required in the future would be $5,000. On motion by Neperman, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to have the present camera fixed now. He asked the council to reimburse him for several different items that he had needed to pay for. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve reimbursement of $838.93.

Andy Kehren of Bolton and Menk, Inc. presented the updated Preliminary Engineering Report to the City Council. This report has been given to USDA Rural Development and to the MN Public Facilities Authority for review. These are the main funding agencies for small cities. Needs identified in the Report totaled $19,221,798. The council asked for some additional information for the November meeting and once this is received the plan is to hold a public hearing in December regarding the report.

The council was presented with a letter from Clerk Flaig that he intends to retire as of December 29, 2017. The council asked that he advertise for the job opening and have applications available for the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Steven Flaig, Clerk Bill Schaffran, Mayor

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