A Regular Meeting of the

Lamberton City Council

September 11, 2017

 The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamberton was held on September 11th, 2017, in the City Office at 7:00 pm.

 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.

On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve claims #15010 through #15055 in the amount of $18,910.46.

Jim Salfer, Redwood County Commissioner, was present to introduce Briana Mumme, the new Redwood County Economic Development Coordinator. She gave some background on herself and updated the council on economic activities that the county is working on. Commissioner Salfer also mentioned the “True County” system for assessing local tax parcels to the council. Clerk Flaig asked him about the status of the DNR dam project and he informed the council that the county is in the process of hiring an engineer for the project. Councilmembers told him that they have doubts about the project and whether local input will be accepted.

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

Police Chief Hacker gave the Police report. He mentioned that the property complaint from the last meeting had been worked on and was better than it was. There was discussion on cars and garages that have been broken into with gas and money being taken. The council informed him that the department needed to concentrate on this matter and if any equipment was needed to apprehend the person doing this, to go ahead and get the equipment.

Justin Thram gave the maintenance report. Fire hydrants that needed repairs have been fixed. Chip seal and patching of streets were discussed. The proposed street and utility project needs to move ahead. The engineer will be contacted about this. He updated the council on the swimming pool and work that is going on in Kuhar Park. Issues with the DNR grant were discussed. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Knutson the council voted unanimously to approve the maintenance report.

The council convened the hearing for Tony and Allison Sauer’s application for a variance to allow 14-foot sidewalls rather than 12-foot sidewalls for a storage building on his property. Tony Sauer was at the hearing. No one else attended the hearing. The council on motion by Knutson, seconded by Irlbeck voted unanimously to approve the variance.

On motion by Knutson, seconded by Neperman, the council voted unanimously to approve the application of Steve Schwering for a new deck.

On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve the application of Geri Hubert for a storage shed.

The council discussed the budget for 2018. The initial budget called for a 3.57 percent increase in the city levy to $477,621. On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to set the proposed levy at $488,881 or a 4.5 percent increase. This amount can be reduced at the final budget hearing. On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to set the hearing for December 11th, at 8:00 pm in the City Office.

On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Neperman, the council voted unanimously to approve the closure of the old VVM General checking account since there is no longer any income or expenses that affects the city.

On motion by Neperman, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve the financial report approving donations and payment of between meeting bills in the amount of $5,577.77.

 Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Steven Flaig, Clerk Bill Schaffran, Mayor

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