

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
July 8, 2024

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on July 8, 2024. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman, Kathryn Weber & Mayor Wayne Bents. Guest in attendance was Nick Weber. Mayor Wayne Bents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 10, 2024. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – Went over what was all done during the flooding that happened at the end of June. Thanked Loosbrock Digging for loaning us a pump to use when we needed one & it was a huge help on releasing the pressure on the system. A pump was purchased due to the City's current one breaking down and not fixable. A few questions did arise on how the City came to purchasing the pump since it was purchased before being approved & Council was getting frustrated that things are getting purchased without the majority vote from the Council. Josh explained the reasoning behind needing to get a pump and that Justin who is in charge of the water/wastewater stated that we needed to get one as one should always be on hand for emergencies. At the time we were renting a pump but that alone couldn't keep up and there were no more pumps available to rent so due to the emergency situation a pumped was purchased. Council discussed more on this and made a couple different motions to try to keep spending and decision makings down to just a few people. First on a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff no purchases \$100 or over can be made until there is Council approval, all in favor, motion carried. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed that Josh does not need an overseer as the Council feels confident on his work ethic and that the things that need to be done are getting done. Within this motion it was also approved that the only people who will be paid for City work is Amber, Josh, Justin & Tom – anyone else that needs to be hired on to help on a project or for emergencies need to have prior approval by Council before getting paid. Emergency discharge had to be done at ponds and that is now done – State was notified of this. Josh does have the new basketball hoops on hand and was wondering when he should replace the ones at the park – Council left it up to Josh but said that he could wait until they are broken. Josh did get a keypad entry on the back door so Amber will give Jim the codes & he can pass on to the Firefighters. Josh did get the brush pile burned down. Josh looked into finding a UTV to lease or purchase but everything he found was way over what Cliff said C&B could get us. Josh does feel like it would be a great addition to have so would like to get one for next year since this year is already getting late. Council discussed and decided we could budget for a leased one so Amber will get that into the 2025 budget. Josh was asked if he would be willing to do the oil changes on the Fire Trucks and he did look at them and didn't think it would be an issue at all. Josh had talked to Andrew from Corrections to see if he would be willing to help with crack sealing the roads but he said the current group he has would not be the best for that but told Josh to reach out in a month or so & see if he has the crew to help so Josh will be reaching back out shortly. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the FD Report – I Am Responding renewal is up for the year and Jim discussed with Council and everyone felt that at this time it is not being used along with it not working a lot of the time so will not renew this year and can always look into again in the future if need be. Adrians Rib and Rims is coming up July 19th and Lismore will participate in that again along with a couple trucks in the parade. The lightbar on Engine 98 isn't working so is having the guy from Emergency Apparatus Maintenance come from the Cities to work on it. Three members are taking Basic EMR in Adrian so Jim told Amber to watch for that bill – Amber said she actually got it and sent it in to MBFTE for reimbursement. Fundraiser tickets are on sale for the Fundraiser on August 19th. Jim asked if Josh could bring up the picnic tables which he said he would. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the hiring of Trent Kor as a Volunteer Firefighter. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Sharon from Nobles County Review had reached out and said that Lorna VanderLinden was working for the Review now and was wondering if we would want a summarized version of our minutes published in the paper. The Council discussed but since we already post online on the City website and Amber posts one right outside City Hall they didn't feel the need to have it in the paper as well. After last meeting Cliff had gone to his boss at the County and discussed the sidewalk and since it is on Main Street and that is a County road they will actually take care of replacing it. On a motion by Kat and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve Resolution 24.7.1 Authorizing Charitable Gambling for St. Anthony Church.

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On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve Resolution 24.7.2 Amended Fee Schedule. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water raised rates 7/1/24 so we had to raise water rates to match.

On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve beer permits for a one day event for the Lismore Fire Relief Association and St Anthony Church. Amber will send off permit forms to the State.

Park Equipment – Just keeping on until we can find something to replace the missing equipment

Land Sale – Amber is waiting to hear back from Kayla – needing to get deeds done before parcels can be split off.

Border wall for North side of new shop – Josh is working on this but leaving on since it is not completed yet due to the flood.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk