

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
March 9, 2026

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on March 9th, 2026. In attendance for the Council: Tory Bohlke, Austin Garms, Ken Leinen, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Andrew Fodness. Guest in attendance was Roxanne Kemper. Andrew Fodness called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the agenda with additions. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 9, 2026. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices, approve bank statements and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – Spring clean-up is set for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Booster Club is finishing up the dugouts at the baseball field and the playground equipment will be installed at the park coming up soon. Josh said that the County will be opening bids on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and will be awarding a company at that time which of course is before our next meeting. Council discussed and based on the estimate that we got last year and the funds we have for road improvement they are fine with an estimate as long as it isn't over last years amount. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to let Josh approve the bid from the County as long as it was under \$60,000.00 and if right at or over then a special meeting will need to be called. All in favor, motion carried. Amber and Josh will keep the council informed on what the bid comes in at. Josh did ask if he could purchase a Dissolved Oxygen meter for out at the pond – currently we have Worthington Public Utilities testing that for us but we are not in compliance as we should be testing right from the ponds. Cost to purchase is around \$711.00 and on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the purchase of the meter, all in favor, motion carried. Amber did bring up that she hasn't heard back from Davi on the lot that sold – does the buyer plan to build and if so when and if they don't what can we do. As of now we will hold off on putting in the water lines as we don't want to spend the money if they don't plan to build within the 2 year mark that was required. Andrew said he will talk to her and see what is going on. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the report – They are doing EMR Refresher class and have a couple nights left of that and 18 people are taking it. Worthington Eagles Club is planning to donate around \$3,000 and Jim said they plan to purchase First Response bags for their vehicles. On a motion by Tory and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Nothing new – just working on getting financial info to the Auditor. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve Resolution 26.3.1 Declaring Excess Property. All in favor, motion carried.

Roxanne Kemper was present at the meeting to discuss in person voting. Roxanne feels that voting should go back to in person and would like the Council to consider making this change. It is too late to change for the 2026 Elections but she would like the Council to change it back for the 2028 Elections. Amber said that they already planned to look over the August and November election results and will compare that to the past elections to see what had better results – in person or mail in. Amber said she will keep on agenda under old business so it doesn't get forgotten. Roxanne was fine with this – no motion needed.

Nobles2 Windfarm Grant money – Council is still thinking on what/where they want to spend this on but plan to get a quote to place industrial fans in the park shelter. Amber will keep on agenda until money is spent.

Lois Veld culvert – Tabled until Spring.

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Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is set for Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm – will need Mayor and 2 Council present.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Ryan it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk