

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
October 14th, 2025

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on October 14th, 2025. In attendance for the Council: Austin Garms, Ken Leinen, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Andrew Fodness. Absent was Tory Bohlke. Andrew Fodness called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the agenda with additions. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on September 8th, 2025. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Ken and seconded by Ryan 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 – Hydrants were flushed and all looked good. Josh is looking into the process of getting the curb stop placed for the new lot and is working with Calvin and will get the parts order to have on hand. There is also a permit that will need to be approved by the County to be able to bore underneath the road since it is County owned. It was brought up that the curb stop by Loosbrock Diggings shed was still needing to be fixed – should be just like how Kohort's was fixed. Josh will work on that right away since we have the parts on hand. Fall Clean-up went well and Josh wanted to thank Andrew Blank from Rock Nobles Correction for getting a crew together to help. Troy Veld mentioned to Ken that the Culvert by Lois Veld's house was hard to mow. Council wanted to look at it and see if there was something that could be done or if anything really needed to be done so tabled until next month. Tom Bohlke resigned effective 10/1/25 and on a motion by Ken and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to accept resignation. Josh stated since he does have both of the required license – water & wastewater, thank he would be willing to take on that extra responsibility but would request a pay raise since he would be the one holding the certification with the State. Council discussed the pros and cons and the raise that Josh was asking for and on a motion by Ken and seconded by Austin with all in favor it was duly passed that effective 1/1/26 Josh will get the requested raise which is when Justin will resign as the certification holder for the water/wastewater. 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 – Thermal Camera was delivered which was purchased with a Grant. Two fire calls recently – pickup fire and tractor/baler fire. DNR has a 50/50 matching grant that Jim is going to try applying for which would be for 6 pagers. March they will have EMR training. The Fire Department did get the FEMA grant for new SCBA's and Turn-out gear. Jim plans to have a vendor or two come to a Fire Dept meeting. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to hire Jaden Knips as a Volunteer Firefighter – Amber did get the background check back and all was good. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – The State made a change on how often smaller Cities need to have an audit and we fall under the new rule of 1 every 5 years with the State choosing what year they want. Kinner & Co reached out and said that they would be willing to work on the Financial Statement side of things for the City and that way when an audit is requested it will save time which means money as it won't take as long to put together if the financials are all balanced. Amber would like to have Kinner and Co do this as it is a good balance & check to make sure she is doing things correctly. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to hire Kinner & Co for the Financial Statements. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

Lori Lutmer Septic Issues – Lori was having issues with water backing up into the basement and also has been smelling gas/sewer smells for most of the time she has lived in her house. Loosbrock Digging did find in the basement an old septic tank that was never filled. Al's Plumbing stated that most likely the sewer smell was due to no traps in the drains. Lori stated she felt the City should be paying the invoices for this since it wasn't done back when it should have been. Our records indicate that the septic tank could not be found when the new sewer

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system back around 1995 was being placed and that the City offered to fill the old ones at that time but a homeowner could opt out and not have it filled. There was also a drain that was in Lori's driveway that drained down into the basement which is why there was water backing up – it was not sewer. Amber did invite Lori to the meeting so she could discuss with the Council on what she was wanting the City to actually do or pay. With Lori not present there was nothing for the Council to decide on.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve Resolution 25.9.1 Accepting Donations for Fire Dept. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve the renewal of the liquor license for the Lismore Bar.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to do a cease and desist for the garage that St. Anthony Church was building. The reason for this was that the cement slab that was poured was done in the Service Alley and was only 1 foot away from the manhole. The Council wanted to check with the contractor to see if the slab could be moved and if not will have to discuss options at the next Council meeting.

Bob Koehne had dropped of a permit for the storage shed that would be located on the property that he stated he purchased from Ryan Schieck. Ryan asked the Council to table the permit as he needed to talk to Bob since the area that Bob wanted to place the shed was not the area/property that he was selling to Bob. Council was fine with this so permit was tabled until next month.

Nobles2 Windfarm Grant money – Council is still thinking on what/where they want to spend this on but will most likely not do anything until next year. Amber will keep on agenda until money is spent.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk