

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
September 10, 2024

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on September 10, 2024. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman, Kathryn Weber, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Wayne Bents. Guests in attendance were Tory Bohlke, Barry Sauer & Matt Loosbrock. Mayor Wayne Bents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the agenda with additions. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kat it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on August 12, 2024. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – Street patching went really well. Andy and the corrections crew came to help in the morning along with Cliff Altman and Dan Diekmann and then in the afternoon when the corrections guys had to leave Cliff had seen Galen Krogman so asked if he was willing to help finish things up which he did. Huge thank you to Josh, Cliff, Dan, Galen & Andrew and his team for getting the streets patched up in a day! Fall clean-up is set up for September 23rd. Josh asked if the Council wanted him to fix up and paint the picnic tables and they were in favor of that. Josh asked about possibly seeing if we could rent a pusher for the tractor – Cliff will talk to JD to see if adding a pusher is an option and if so if they have any to lease. Ryan said that Calvin Loosbrock/Loosbrock digging had a 2012 Kubota for sale for \$6,000. After discussing and talking with Calvin and on a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan the City is going to do a lease to own contract and pay Loosbrock digging \$1,000 annually until paid in full. Amber will get a contract typed up. Amber had a complaint about vehicles going to fast on Corey Ave when kids are playing outside. Council discussed placing a sign but didn't think that would deter anyone from slowing down – best bet would be to place that Slow down Children playing guy out when their kids are outside. Ryan had talked to Dave at Titan about the little leased tractor and Dave said he plans to keep the price the same. Dave does want us to purchase the mower for \$1,200 – Council didn't want to purchase at this amount as the mower wasn't in the best condition. Council decided to just wait to see what Dave comes back with. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim was not present but did call and talk to Amber to pass a couple things along – Fundraiser went well but didn't have a final figure but before expenses they had around \$14,000 in donations. Nobles2 Wind Farms approved the grant request for the Fire Department to purchase a battery operated Jaws of Life and are granting \$5,000.00 towards that. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the Fire Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber didn't have anything new to report. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

Barry Sauer & Matt Loosbrock were in attendance to go over the insurance renewal and premium. After presentation Council did not have any questions or concerns. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the insurance renewal.

Mary Krogman had stopped in and talked to Amber about some ordinance violations. Mary was worried about the small tractor that John Cuddigan had along with the upkeep of his shrubbery and trees. After Amber looked at the ordinance and with the size of the tractor it was surmised that John can either put it away in his shed when not using or he can put a tarp over it when not in use. The ordinance does not specifically state he cannot have a small tractor just that said tractor needs to be covered or in a shed when not in use. Amber will send him a letter stating that. For the other issues Amber will just mention them in the letter but there isn't a lot per ordinance that we can do. Amber also plans to send some other residents letters about ordinance violations.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve a building permit for a storage shed for Chris Balster. Wayne thought that the shed was going to be on or over the property line and that Chris' drawing was incorrect. We did call Chris and he thought he should be good. Council discussed and since Chris signed the permit stating he understands where the property lines are located and that it is not the Council's responsibility to find where the property lines lay the Council was fine approving the permit as is – any disputes would need to be between residents and if proof is found that the building is on or over the property lines and not following setback per ordinance they can bring that to the Council to discuss. Wayne was against motion rest of Council were in favor so motion was passed.

Kathryn Weber put in her resignation as Council Member to be effective after the September 10th meeting as she is moving out of town effective September 11th and will no longer live within City Limits. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve Resoltion 24.9.1 Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy. Amber had checked with the League to make sure the right steps are taken and since we are past the filing of candidacy and only 2 years are left on the open seats term the Council could appoint someone to fill that position for the remaining 2 year term.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Cliff with everyone in favor it was duly passed to appoint Tori Bohlke to fill the open Council Member position effective immediately. Amber will get with Tori to do the Oath of Office and to get her set up with everything she needs.

2025 Budget – Council went over the Budget for 2025 as they are needing to set a preliminary levy by end of this month. Amber went through the budget line by line with the Council. They did decide to do a 5% COLA increase for Amber and Josh's payroll, Tom and Justin were fine with the current contract rates so nothing changed there. After going through everything the Council decided to go with a 39% increase in the Levy which will still leave us around \$33,000 short. Council will discuss more and make a final decision in December if they will keep the 39%

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increase or lower it some – once the Preliminary is set you cannot raise the Levy amount but you can keep or lower for the Final Levy which needs to be in by end of December 2024. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget which was put into Resolution 24.9.2 Adopting 2025 Preliminary Budget.

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

Land Sale – Amber did hear back from Kayla and she said she should have the deeds to the City by end of either this week or early next week.

Border wall for North side of new shop – Josh is working on this but leaving on since it is not completed yet – needing to haul in and place rock.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk