

**TOWN OF LIMA**  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Bernard, Rocky Pulley, Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, David Olsen

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Dianne and Tom Lessley, Arlene and Tom Greenslade, Mike Strang, Don Marriott, Mary and Jerry Allen, Joe Perlac, Branden Thornton, Tim Dehl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment given by Tom Lessley regarding the Welcome to Lima sign and its potential replacement. This topic will be added to the April meeting agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Olsen read correspondence from Sharon Novitski questioning snow removal. This topic will be added to the April meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Update on Lima van was received by driver Don Marriott. The cost to run the van to Dillon is \$30 per trip and about 3 people are riding the van each week at \$10 per rider. Dillon has opened the food bank on Mondays for Lima van riders. Riders who are only going to the food bank are not charged. Don has been allowed to pick up food bank items and deliver to Lima residents. Don does not agree that dogs should not be allowed to ride in the van. (This topic will be added to the April meeting agenda.) Don would like some running boards to be installed on the van to assist riders. (Mayor Olsen will speak with the county regarding this.)
3. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve attendance of mayor and clerk at Montana Municipal Institute in May. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to approve the mailing of the informational letter regarding the Local Government Review Election to Lima residents. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve the mailing of the reverse 911 sign up recommendation to Lima residents. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve the mailing of the Lead Service Line Inventory questions to property owners with the addition of 1) the plumbing material identification card and 2) a sentence advising that residents may contact the office for assistance in identifying their plumbing material. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Discussion regarding changes to contributions to MMIA group enrollment due to potential medical benefit cost increase of 10-12% according to early rate indication. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson, to increase contribution rate to match MMIA rate increase. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Pulley, to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on 6/22/24. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:**

9. Discussed manner in which to sell old grader. Council agreed to use a sealed bid format. Clerk will bring appropriate resolution to the council at April meeting.
10. Sutton gave update on Lima School; numbers have been received from the state and the school is in "okay" shape for now and with some cuts should make the next school year work.
11. Discussion regarding water lines at the north end of town and engineer information. An engagement letter has been received from the engineer, and since the approval of such was not on the agenda, Mayor Olsen called a special meeting to occur on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to approve the letter so that the HB 355 grant can be applied for by the 3/31/24 deadline.
12. The discussion regarding the application and guidelines for the HB 355 grant funds occurred in above item #11.
13. Discussion regarding a new construction checklist and the existing building compliance ordinance. Council agreed to move forward with this. The new checklist should be combined with the existing Building Compliance Ordinance to create a new ordinance, a draft of which will be sent to the attorney for review/approval.
14. Discussion regarding annexation of properties outside of town limits receiving water and other town services. Reviewed letter to property owners drafted by attorney. Owners of two of these properties spoke; they do not want to be annexed and do not believe they can be legally. This will be discussed further at the April council meeting.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:** Thornton and Dehl reported that the pro-growth and revitalization meeting that was held on March 5<sup>th</sup> was successful and they plan to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. They are working on some short-term items as well as looking at some things farther down the road. An item will be added to the council meeting agendas for this group.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS, ctd: M. Allen reported that a Lima brochure is being created by C. Staley and will be reviewed by a group that may pursue grant opportunities. Wilson stated he would like to see future agenda items say, “approve, amend, or reject” rather than “discuss” so that action may occur.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm. Special meeting Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Next regular council meeting to be held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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Mayor

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Clerk