

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Bernard, Jim Fullard, Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, David Olsen

STAFF PRESENT: Jim McGraw, Dina Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Wendt, Andy and Tammy Grable, Rocky Pulley, Vivian and Tim Dehl, Jaydin Dehl, Jenny Bernard, Shay Baize, Alan Mikula, Brian Rayburn, Kodie and Eva Bernard, Monette Yarbrough, Jennifer and Aaron Wellman, Becky McGraw, Forest Leal, Rose Gray

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Olsen read a letter from the senior group requesting the use of the town hall facility the 4th Thursday of every month beginning January, 2024. This request was approved by the Lima Rural Fire Department board members in attendance as well as the Lima Town Council.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. Mayor Olsen administered the oath of office to newly elected council members Randy Bernard and Rocky Pulley.
2. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Fullard, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Fullard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: The consent agenda showed November minutes approval for regular and special, however, there was not a special meeting in November.)
3. Received public comment and input (public hearing) regarding HB355 which provides guaranteed funding for improvement of existing infrastructure (such as water, roads, and buildings). The council and staff advised the public of the information discussed on this subject at the November meeting: *“The council formulated a locally prioritized list of qualified projects (which is a requirement in order to apply for the funding) after soliciting applications for items from Public Works, Town Council, and the community members in attendance. This list is as follows: 1) replace the current 2” water line with a 6” water line along the alley between Grover Cleveland and Harrison between 4th Avenue and 6th Avenue, 2) improve roads, streets, and alleys, 3) replace failing water meters.”* At that meeting it was determined that a public hearing would be held at the December meeting. Public comment was as follows: Cody Bernard suggested the town be expanded in order for it to grow. Rose Gray recalled a “vision committee”

being formulated in the past to study ways to get more people to Lima and asked if anything concrete became of that. She also asked if the funding would be enough to replace the water main. Alan Mikula suggested the junk vehicles be removed.

4. Discussion regarding possible purchase of snow blade/grading blade for backhoe. Jim McGraw described the blade and explained its need. Bernard and Wilson stated that they would rather see the \$8,000 (which is the cost of this blade) put towards a new grader. Fullard stated that the grader does not get used often enough to warrant this. Bernard advised a used grader was located in Sheridan for \$50,000. Sutton believes this price for a grader is much better than the \$90,000 one located previously. Bernard asked the public what they think. Forest Leal and Tim Dehl stated they would like to see grading done more often. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to table this topic to the next meeting and pursue a used grader. Bernard aye, Fullard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 30: Livestock Ordinance. Discussion regarding the ordinance. Rose Gray inquired about other animals such as turkeys and peacocks which can be noisy. Sutton explained the nuisance section would cover any animal that causes annoyance. Enforcement was discussed. Sheriff Wendt stated it can be enforced by the sheriff's department as long as there is a town attorney and town judge (which we do have). Bernard reminded all that this ordinance is to address situations where there are issues. After discussion, Bernard aye, Fullard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussed town judge for 2024. Bill Knox was elected Dillon City Judge, and we would need to contact him and prepare a resolution with his fees, etc.
7. Brian Rayburn explained the current financial situation of the school, which is in a dire state. There is a meeting at the school on Monday, 12/18 at 6:30 pm where it will be discussed in depth. All should attend. He will get the names and numbers of the legislators to contact and forward this information to the council.
8. Discussion regarding the possible consolidation of law enforcement services between Beaverhead County and the City of Dillon. Sheriff Wendt briefly explained this possibility that is being considered, and that if it were to occur it would not affect Lima.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

9. Discussion regarding current law enforcement agreement. Sheriff Wendt read the current agreement which was put in place when Sheriff Craft was in office and sees no issues with it. He advised there has been a deputy in Lima a couple of times a week, and that he himself has been in Lima often. Brian brought up that the Idaho State Police and Highway Patrol have dropped people off at the Lima rest area and in Monida and requested that the town council write a letter the attorney general as well as Idaho law enforcement regarding this.
10. Discussion regarding enforcement of ordinances. Per Sheriff Wendt, ordinances can be enforced by the sheriff's department as long as there is a town attorney and town judge.
11. Discussion regarding action for banking and bank accounts. Rates offered by other banks/credit unions were looked at, as well as the state short-term investment pool. Clerk will research this further.
12. Discussion regarding radar speed signs and statistics. There are large numbers of vehicles entering and exiting town, and a large percentage of them are speeding.

13. Discussion regarding water lines at the north end of town. This is continuing to be researched and is one of the possible projects for the HB355 funding.
14. Discussion regarding a new construction checklist and the existing building compliance ordinance. The draft of the checklist was not available but the council will look into incorporating a new construction checklist into the ordinance. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Bernard asked Becky McGraw about the situation with the Lima Post Office. She explained that USPS is looking at closing some part-time post offices like Lima's and/or Dell's or cutting their hours. She recommended taking the survey (this information was brought to the meeting).
Mayor Olsen presented a certificate to Jim Fullard for his service on the town council.

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor

Clerk