

**TOWN OF LIMA**  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jim McGraw, Dina Young

OTHERS PRESENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: The town received a letter and donation from Jerry Herridge, son of Spencer Herridge who worked as a boiler inspector in Lima from 1935-1941. The donation was a pen-and-ink drawing by Spencer of Downtown Lima, Circa 1936, and a Lima Rural Fire Department pin. A thank-you/donation letter will be sent to Mr. Herridge.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion regarding the addition of awnings over the fire hall entrances. McGraw has measured and can construct. He believes awnings should also be installed at the other entrances to the town hall.
3. Discussion regarding the possibility of having a county dumpster in or near Lima. Bernard has been in contact with the county/Larry Lackner who advised there is funding for an additional dumpster and they are investigating where it may be located. Wilson advised that per DEQ, it cannot be placed at the old Lima dump area. Bernard will attend the Sanitation Board meeting on 3/20/23 and will begin a petition for community members who are in favor.
4. Discussion regarding the possibility of selling the old backhoe. Bernard researched its value range. Council discussed the possibility of trading it in for a grader or other piece of equipment. This will continue to be researched and discussed.
5. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve Mayor Olsen's attendance at the Executive Forum in March and the Elected Officials Workshop at the Montana Municipal Institute in May. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve Clerk Young's attendance at the Montana Municipal Institute in May. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding possible enrollment in “positive pay,” an extra layer of security offered through the bank which helps protect against fraudulent checks. Many other municipalities utilize this feature. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to enroll in positive pay. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion regarding invitation by the county to attend the 2/16/23 Planning Board meeting. Wilson and Olsen will attend.
9. Discussion regarding resignation of Judge Minor effective 2/20/23.
10. Discussion regarding purchase of welder. A welder is needed by the town and Bernard has a welder he is offering for sale. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to purchase the welder. Bernard recused, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

11. Discussion regarding water service lines and dwelling units. Wording will be added to the draft of Water Rules & Regulations regarding this.
12. Discussion regarding livestock in town limits. Sutton reported her research on town livestock information. It appears the current issues with livestock in town are odor, noise, and enforcement of ordinances. This topic will be added to the March meeting agenda, and the sheriff will be invited to discuss.
13. Discussion regarding potential funding options for water improvement project. Mayor Olsen has been in contact with the Department of Commerce. They advised there are funding sources available through our legislative delegation, and more work with the engineers would be necessary to prepare a scope-and-improvements definition. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to table this topic to the July meeting. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Discussion regarding current draft of Water Rules & Regulations/Rate Sheet. Latest draft will be sent to attorney again for review.

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT:

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

#### UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Some residents have been asking if there will be another town-sponsored yard sale this year. This topic will be added to the March meeting agenda.

Wilson discussed the fire hydrants and recommended they have markers/reflectors installed due to the amount of snow we have received. Some should also have pipes in front of them to prevent them from being hit, and residents who have snow moved onto hydrants should be advised to refrain from doing this. McGraw will speak to these residents, and will make a sample marker with a reflector for the fire department to approve.

14. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held on March 13 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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Mayor

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Clerk