

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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: Joe Perlac, Jeff Young, Rocky Pulley, Steve Macarthur, Sheriff David Wendt, Judge Virginia Cook

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Olsen received information from CS Electric that the kitchen/hall electrical work and range installation will begin on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve McGraw's and Brown's attendance at the MRWS Conference this month. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion regarding Resolution 2023-1, Appointing a City Judge. Judge Cook was in attendance and said she would like to visit the town on a monthly basis and does not want to receive an hourly rate for that time. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve Resolution 2023-1, Appointing a City Judge, with amendment to remove the hourly rate. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Discussion regarding changes to contributions to MMIA group enrollment due to potential medical benefit cost increase of 10-13% according to early rate indication. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to increase contribution rate to match MMIA rate increase. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussion regarding enforcement of ordinances. Sheriff Wendt and Judge Cook would have to look at ordinances to determine enforceability and process of enforcement.
6. Discussion regarding possible 2nd Annual Town-Wide yard Sale on 6/24/23. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Sutton, to approve 2nd Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on 6/24/23. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding potential flood preparation/action plans. Mayor Olsen advised a flood action plan has been in place for years, and Wilson advised we do have support from the county.
8. Discussion regarding the need and possible purchase of new town truck. The council agreed a new truck is necessary. There are government procurement programs that provide discounts to towns. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to discuss availability with Beaverhead Motors. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

9. Discussion regarding livestock in town limits. Mayor Olsen advised many towns in the state are facing similar issues, and enforcement is a problem as well. Sutton has been researching this and will continue to do so, as well as draft something to bring to a future meeting.
10. Discussion regarding the possibility of a dumpster in Lima. Bernard has been working on this and will be in contact with the county, as well as attend a county meeting with Wilson on 3/20. Bernard gave reasons for having one in Lima and collected numerous signatures in favor on a petition. It was also discussed that a suitable location, power, and security cameras would be necessary, as well as a plan for mitigating blowing trash. Bernard will report back at the April council meeting. It was also mentioned that a council member needs to be on the County Solid Waste Board due to the resignation of Councilmember Miller. Wilson volunteered to be on this board. Clerk will send the board a letter indicating this.
11. Discussion regarding the possibility of selling/trading the old backhoe. We are still trying to obtain more information regarding this. Trading would likely get more money than putting it out for bid. It was decided to wait on this for now.
12. Discussion regarding community greenhouses. Mayor Olsen is attempting to obtain a grant to help fund this, but with the legislature in session it is difficult. Jeff Young explained his proposal and expenses to construct (at the town shop area) and operate three community greenhouses in order to not only supply produce to community members, but to involve community members. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson to support this project. Discussion on how to fund this project since grant funds are still being sought. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson that the Town of Lima fund the project with the amendment to the proposal that a fourth greenhouse be built to be ready for future use. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Discussion regarding current draft of Water Rules & Regulations/Rate Sheet. Since the attorney approved the latest draft, the process to officially adopt the new regulations will begin at the April meeting.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen discussed his positive experience at the Executive Forum in Helena which he attended earlier this month.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Oath of office was administered to Judge Cook.

14. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held on April 10th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor

Clerk