

**TOWN OF LIMA**  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Sharon Novitski, Jenny Bernard, Audrianna Bernard, Sadie Wendt, Joe and Janalee Perlac, Becky McGraw, Mike Strang, Shay Baize, Bailee Baize, Bryce Baize, David Wendt, Lance Jensen, and late arrivals Erin Montgomery, Jerry Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Olsen reported we have received a thank-you card and donation from the Bray family for the cemetery.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton reported the group is moving forward with some projects and is currently working on refurbishing the "Welcome to Lima" sign. They are also working on requirements for the kiosk project and the brochure is in the works. Gopherfest is 6/1, Pokerfest is 6/29, and their next meeting is tomorrow at 7:00.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve Ordinance 31: Building Compliance with Construction Checklist, First Reading. Public comment and questions were received. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion regarding Resolution 2024-4, Declaring the Old Grader as Surplus Property. Clerk advised that Jim McGraw has spoken with Justin Lessley who is willing to take a look at the grader. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Pulley, to table this topic to the June meeting. No public comment. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Pulley described the proposed "Yard of the Month Program," and a discussion ensued. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the "Yard of the Month" program with some

corrections. Some public comment and questions were received. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bailee Baize requested permission to house lambs for a 4H project and included a letter, LQA Certificate, established veterinary relationship, and permission from neighbors. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve project. No public comment. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Bailee Baize announced she has received permission from the Lima Church to utilize the tennis court area as a dog park and asked if the town could provide weed spraying if needed. After discussion, the request was denied.
7. Discussion regarding the Gateway Community for the Continental Divide Trail and possible application by the Lima Area Community Foundation. Montgomery explained the program and advised the application requires a letter of support from the town. She also advised that kids from the Youth Coalition want to adopt a portion of the trail, which is one of the application requirements. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to support the application. No public comment. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Presentation by Erin Montgomery of Be the Change 406. She explained the coalition and advised there will be youth at the next council meeting to give a presentation.

#### OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

9. Discussion regarding annexation of properties outside of town limits that are receiving water and other services and reviewed letters drafted by attorney. Council agreed to continue the annexation process and mail the letters to the two affected property owners.
10. Wilson explained plan for burning "clean burnables" and can set up at the old landfill this Saturday, 5/18, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There can be more dates in the future. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Pulley, to approve burning plan. No public comment. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk will post flyer.
11. Mayor explained the proposal for installing awnings over entrances of the fire hall and Wilson described the plan. Kevin Rush has volunteered to cut the timbers but someone licensed and bonded would need to install them. The plan is to cover the east and west entrances for now, and Wilson will get estimates for this job. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to table this topic until the next meeting. One question from public. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen advised that the people who live across the interstate who have previously supplied the flags for the "We Support Our Troops" signs let him know that they will no longer be supplying the flags because the town purchased a new truck last year. He has spoken with Ben Yarborough who is still in support of these signs, and the town will order flags. Mayor Olsen advised there is a Dillon Chamber of Commerce meeting on 6/13 at The Peat at 5:15 p.m. that all are welcome to attend. Mayor Olsen reminded the Local Government Review Election is on 6/4.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Wilson reported the cemetery fence is complete, and that there is some work that needs to be done in the cemetery prior to Memorial Day Weekend: some holes need to be filled in where posts have been removed, some grading needs to be done, some trees need to be removed, and some drill stems need painted. Bernard and Wilson are able to remove the trees and Jensen can take a look at the holes and advise. The Mayor calls for a special meeting of the cemetery board to decide on these matters, which will be held on Thursday, 5/16, at 6:00 a.m. Clerk will post.

Becky McGraw spoke on behalf of Jim McGraw who was unable to attend the meeting due to his golf coaching commitment with an athlete qualified for state.

Clerk Young advised 1) there is a Municipal Summit in Butte on May 31<sup>st</sup> that is recommended for council members to attend, 2) to bring ideas that could affect the FY2025 budget to the next meeting, and 3) there is a meeting with the Floodplain Specialists from DNRC on Friday, 6/21 at 2:30 p.m. that one or two council members should attend.

Sutton advised two more planters have been placed at the town hall and brought up the possibility of placing a picnic table. She also brought up the property for sale along Harrison behind the fire hall may be something the town could consider purchasing. This topic will be added to the June meeting agenda.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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Mayor

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Clerk