

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jim McGraw, Dina Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Lance Jensen, Joe Perlac, Jeff Young, Don Marriott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Olsen read a letter from the Bray family thanking the town for keeping up the cemetery so nicely. This letter also included a donation for the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. After discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. No public comment was received in reference to Resolution 2023-4, A Resolution of the Town of Lima, Montana, Providing for the Amendment of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.
3. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve Resolution 2023-4, A Resolution of the Town of Lima, Montana, Providing for the Amendment of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Discussion regarding available new sources of funding and applying for grants. Mayor Olsen advised there are some new grant opportunities available, specifically under House Bill 355 which allows for infrastructure grant funding for towns with populations less than 10,000. This may be something that can be used for the water improvement project at 4th and Harrison. The application window begins 7/1/23. This will be investigated.
5. Prior to discussion, a motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard to approve request by customer of water account #291 to be placed on inactive service rate retroactively. Discussion regarding request. Bernard nay, Sutton nay, Wilson nay. Motion failed.
6. Discussion regarding annual wage-setting and COLA adjustments. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to implement a 5% COLA adjustment. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve Resolution 2023-5, A Resolution Calling for a General Election and Requesting a Mail Ballot Election for the Town of Lima 2023 General Election. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding Mayor Olsen's contact with Union Pacific regarding possible parking spaces on the east side of Broadway, across from the town hall. The UP employee approved the request. The area will be flagged and we will go from there.
9. Discussion regarding 4th of July festivities. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve the 4th of July festivities. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

10. Discussion regarding the bids received for landscaping work and installation of sprinkler system at town hall. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the bid from Outlaw Excavation to perform the landscaping work. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. We will wait on the other bid for sprinkler installation and/or explore other options.
11. Discussion regarding the possibility of locating/adding a place to take tree limbs that the fire department will burn. An area was located for this purpose and we would need to figure out how to manage this area once or twice a month on a Saturday for 2-3 hours, and what the pay would be for a person to do this. A motion by Bernard to look into finding an employee for this purpose, and to determine a pay rate. The clerk questioned whether such an employee would be an independent contractor or on payroll, and would likely need to contact MMIA to inquire. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to table this until we find out the answers. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Community greenhouses update given by Jeff Young. Two greenhouses have been built, with the third beginning construction this week. The first is filled with plants and being sponsored by a family. The second is sponsored by a family and will be filled with plants this week. Several people have signed up, so there will be no problem with occupying the third, and possibly fourth.
13. Discussion regarding options for repairing large hole in road at town hall. Bernard has been in contact with AMCOR regarding a drain system, and it would have to be engineered. Bernard and Wilson will work on this.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen gave a report about the MACO meeting he attended on Friday, 6/9. He stated it was a good meeting and that there is a great group of county commissioners willing work with Lima on its needs.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Sutton reported that flowers were purchased for the planters that are throughout town (built by the wood shop students) and asked if the budget can allow for future flower purchases. This will be discussed at a future meeting. She also reported she has located some picnic tables and park equipment for the park and will continue to work on this.

Bernard reported that Larry Lackner looked at the potential dumpster site and said it appears to be doable.

Wilson reported he attended the Solid Waste Board meeting and the cost of the dumpster site would be \$80,000. One of the commissioners was against it at that cost. They are also discussing possibly upgrading the current site at Dell. This will continue to be investigated.

Bernard asked about the BASS/Senior bus. Mayor Olsen gave an update on this. It is still being worked on but appears the county will pay for the liability insurance and maintenance on the bus, Lima will pay for the fuel, and the riders would pay to ride as before. Don Marriott was in attendance and is able to drive the bus. There are also backup drivers available.

Bernard reported that he checked with Vigilante about the streetlight on North Main that he brought up at the last meeting that appears to be in an awkward spot. Someone from Vigilante will come and look at it and advised the cost to move a streetlight is \$1,000.

Wilson reported that the fire hall doors, windows, and weatherstripping are coming loose which needs to be fixed. Heat loss is also occurring. He received a quote to repair all except the windows.

Bernard inquired about adding the cost of a grader to next year's budget and will continue to look into available graders.

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held on July 10th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor

Clerk