

**TOWN OF LIMA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024**

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Sharon Novitski, Tim Dehl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Donation received from Robin Johnson in memory of Darlene Brown

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton reported they received their tax exempt status. Dehl reported they are working on a community survey. They still have not received an official word from the state on the kiosk, but have heard that unofficially the property can be utilized but with no building on it. However, the adjacent property that belongs to Exxon can be utilized for a building and they will be starting on that, as well as a fence and a large flagpole. They are aware they will need a permit from the town. They do have some donations offered for materials and labor and asked the council's opinion on some details of the construction. The school shop classes will be involved in the construction.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. Sutton observed an error on the minutes, section #8: It was FFA and not 4H that went to the meeting with Turner Foundation. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes on #8 that it was "FFA" and not "4H." Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Preliminary Budget Hearing: Public comment: Dehl asked if there were funds budgeted for Christmas décor and advised we can work with the school on having wreaths built by students. Novitski shared an idea that people can sponsor a pole. Dehl advised we would have to work with Vigilante on any power pole décor. Discussed.
3. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the FY25 Preliminary Budget. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve Resolution 2024-8: FY25 Mill Levy. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to approve engagement letter from Craig Shepherd for accounting services related to the preparation of the annual financial report. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion regarding Resolution 2024-7: Fees and Fines. Pulley believes the current Animal Ordinance should have a dog license requirement. The council would like this ordinance to be reviewed at the next council meeting. Mayor Olsen advised enforcement is difficult, as well as having facilities to house animals and other factors. A discussion about noxious weeds ensued as there are many in town on private property. Wilson will check into compliance with the county. The council requested that the clerk create a posting asking the community to remove noxious weeds on their properties. A motion by Pulley to approve Resolution 2024-7 except for the dog license fees until that ordinance can be reviewed. Sutton amended motion to add "plus actual costs" on the listed fine for the Motor Vehicle Ordinance. Pulley seconded. Comment by Bernard that there should be a fine for lack of compliance on Building Compliance Ordinance. Discussed. Wilson amended motion to include a \$500 fine and a "cease and desist order" for non-compliance of the Building Compliance Ordinance. Bernard seconded. Public comment given by Thornton: Twin Bridges' Building Ordinance does not have a fine. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye; with the specified changes. Motion carried unanimously. Main motion Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve Resolution 2024-9: Acceptance of Donated Property. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion regarding Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. Wilson gave explanation. Public comment given by Dehl: What is the timing? (until Stage 2 Restrictions in County are released) and Thornton: What about internal combustible engines? (not at this time) and Novitski: What kind of fires and clarification of smoking? (discussed). A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to approve Resolution 2024-10; Adopting Stage 2 Fire Restrictions with the amendment to include on the resolution that briquette BBQs are also prohibited. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Discussion regarding quote received from Northwest Pipe for replacement water meters. McGraw explained about meter errors and age. Council would like to see more quotes and gave two businesses for clerk to inquire, and believe 20 meters to start off should be sufficient. Clerk will obtain these quotes. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to table this topic to the September council meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

10. (Note: The agenda incorrectly listed "backhoe" rather than grader on this item.) One sealed bid for the grader was received. It was from C. Roselle for \$1,000. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to accept the bid from Mr. Roselle. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
11. The July winner of the Yard-of-the-Month was announced: Louis and Diane Kluesner.
12. Discussed plan to divert rainwater out of the rock landscaping at the town hall. McGraw and Bernard discussed and described the plan to bury two barrels with holes to catch

13. and disperse the rainwater underground. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Sutton, to approve plan. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None; Council would like a representative at meetings to give this report, which is stated in the Law Enforcement Agreement. Council would like to review the Law Enforcement Agreement at the September council meeting, and would like the Sheriff or a deputy to attend the meeting as well as Commissioner McGinley.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Bernard asked McGraw where he is with the water operator certification. McGraw has been in contact with Bobbie Schuler at MRWS and is working on this.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm. Final Budget Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall and next regular council meeting to be held on Monday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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Mayor

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Clerk