

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Sutton, Randy Bernard, Travis Wilson, David Olsen, Rocky Pulley
via phone due to traveling

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Tom Rice, Tom Dooling, Andrea Coffin, Erin
Montgomery, Skylar Johnson, Dan Mayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment given by Andrea Coffin regarding the Livestock Ordinance violation letter sent to property owner Tom Dooling regarding her ponies that are being kept on his property. Public comment given by Tom Dooling regarding the same topic. Mayor Olsen advised the Livestock Ordinance is being violated. Wilson advised no action can be taken but this topic can be added to the next month's meeting agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Town received a Certificate of Tree Planting from the Arbor Day Foundation in memory of Willis Darrell Miller. A forest of 10 memorial trees has been planted in a forest in need.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton reported they did not meet in December, the Welcome to Lima Center is getting closer and they have a structure outlined, they have a meeting Wednesday, and he appreciates the support.

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. Discussion regarding proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Lima Area Community Foundation and the Town of Lima. Montgomery distributed the current draft as well as a copy of "Rural Community Grant" information. She asked the council to look over it and give their feedback. She went over the draft and would like a special meeting to go over it in detail with the council. Public comment given by Mayer asking if the draft should be given to the town attorney first. Montgomery advised there is more to add. Mayor Olsen advised the council should work on the draft prior to sending it to the attorney, and a special meeting should be called. The council agreed on a special meeting date of 1/21/25 at 7:00 pm. Montgomery also advised she will be going to Washington D.C. for CADCA (she will get the full name to the clerk later) next month and two Lima kids will be going.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

3. Discussion regarding the Senior Bus. Tom Rice, Beaverhead County Commissioner, spoke about the bus and that he met with Randy Bernard. Rice advised he sees no reason why the bus should not be utilized for veterans who need rides to extended places and that Lima can manage the bus. Wilson asked if it can be driven to Idaho Falls, and Rice said that would be fine since it is insured. Rice did stress that Lima must ensure the tires are good and maintenance is kept current, and that there should be a backup driver who must apply through the county. Bernard asked about the results of the survey that was mailed out previously. Clerk advised the consensus was that people are happy to have the bus available but do not ride it because they are still able to drive themselves.
4. Regarding the fire hall generator, Wilson advised he has not heard from West Electric and will call them tomorrow.
5. The December Yard of the Month winner is John and Arleen Clark.
6. Discussion regarding Mayer's and Johnson's need for water service to their lots. Public comment given by Johnson: She advised she met with Montgomery and Pulley, that Pulley was going to make some contacts, that she is looking for grants, believes the offer the engineer (working on a current town project) made for them is good, discussed the Rural Community Grant information that was distributed by Montgomery earlier in the meeting, and asked if funds from the town's water account can be used. Public comment given by Montgomery regarding this topic and that Lima Area Community Foundation is providing support. Wilson suggested a special meeting be called to discuss this topic in depth. Johnson advised all the time and work they have spent on this would go towards matching funds. Mayor Olsen asked the council if they think the town should contribute to them, and that a special meeting should be called to discuss this. The council agreed on a special meeting date of 1/21/25 at 6:00 pm. Public comment given by Mayer: He displayed a map that he drew and advised he thinks a long line along Grover Cleveland is the best option and not the option given by the town, but that if that were the only option, that they would want meters to be installed directly at their property lines. Public comment given by Johnson that they do not want a long service line so they would not have to dig up a city street if a pipe broke.
7. Regarding current Water Rules & Regulations, public comment given by Mayer: He read item #4 regarding "connections" and reiterated that he would like meters to be directly at the property line and not in the alley.
8. The "Signature Certification Form" from the Department of Commerce regarding the HB355 Grant was signed by the mayor, clerk, and two council members, and notarized by Sutton. This was on the agenda due to a quorum of the council being necessary for the signatures and notarization to take place.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Sutton asked why the ice rink wasn't being flooded anymore. Mayor Olsen said he doesn't believe it has been cold enough but that we can do this. Wilson advised the rain gutter on this building needs to be repaired and that the town shop looks in bad shape. This will be added to the next

month's meeting agenda. He also asked that we contact PSI regarding the thermostats in the fire hall. Clerk will contact them.

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Wilson aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried. (Note: Phone contact with Pulley was lost sometime during Unscheduled Matters.) Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk