

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm
MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, Rocky Pulley, David Olsen
STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw
OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Erin Montgomery, Deb Harrison, Joe Perlac, Boyd Briggs, Kelly Smith at 7:30, Wanda Jensen at 7:38, Tom and Arlene Greenslade at 7:40

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
CORRESPONDENCE: A donation for the cemetery was received from the Bray family along with a note expressing appreciation for the care given to the cemetery, and a 11 X 14 framed historic photograph of Lima was donated by Deb Harrison.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton reported they are moving forward with the plans for the welcome center and asked if the town could donate some topsoil or if they could purchase some. Mayor Olsen will check on the topsoil situation from the water project and get back to him.

Corrected Minutes: Addition of: A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. Discussed permit fee, if any, would apply to a sign on posts in the lot by the Tesla charging station. The Ordinance and Fee Resolution do not specify. Thornton gave background information about the advertising sign. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley and Sutton simultaneously, that this sign would not require a fee. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Sutton, to approve student 4H project for Baize. (Baize was not present but submitted all the necessary paperwork as well as a video which was shown at this meeting). Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

3. Regarding potential food bank location in Lima: Montgomery reported that the town can remove this item from its agenda; that there are still plans to have a food bank in Lima but not on town property or funded by the town. The county board voted in favor of allotting food to Lima, so this is still a goal. Public comment given by Harrison.
4. Discussed draft of letter to the community regarding beautification. Pulley read the draft aloud. The possibility of sending the county junk vehicle program information and the town's Community Decay Ordinance along with the letter was discussed. Pulley explained the state code on junk vehicles and weeds. Mayor Olsen advised enforcement is an issue. Sutton brought up the possibility of having a weed education meeting. Public comment given by Harrison. Public comment given by Jensen. Public comment given by Smith. Public comment given by A. Greenslade. Mayor Olsen advised this topic is a problem throughout the state. Public comment given by Jensen. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to finalize the letter, read it at the next meeting, and if approved, send to the community. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Reviewed and discussed information from Bank of Commerce regarding the credit card they offer. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to apply for one credit card through Bank of Commerce. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussed possible purchase of trailer for water pump. Wilson believes the 600-gallon capacity of the pump would not be enough for the amount of roads. Council is not certain what else the water pump would be used for. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to disapprove the purchase of a trailer

until there is more information on how the pump is needed. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding updated bid for concrete slab for new town shop building. Wilson has been in contact with two contractors (Sheep Creek and JJ's) regarding the construction of a 30 X 30 shop building. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve the concrete bid, which is the additional amount for the new size of slab. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussed maintenance and repairs needed for fire hall generator. Wilson reported that Pulley has been in contact with the secretary at West Electric. It has been discovered that a new switch within the generator is needed. Wilson has not been able to locate this switch, but will look into this and confer with the generator company. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to table this topic to the next meeting. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Discussed the need for a backup water operator, and the possibility of reimbursing Smith for his expenses for attending a class. Smith advised he voluntarily attended a two-day class in Stephensville and has receipts for hotel and mileage. Pulley expressed concern for reimbursing because Smith is not an employee. Mayor Olsen clarified that a backup water operator is needed. Smith asked the council if they would be willing to provide a reimbursement after passing the exam. Public comment given by Jensen. Pulley advised the town may consider reimbursement after Smith passes the exam.
10. Discussion regarding property owners outside of town limits receiving water service. Sutton reported she spoke with the Allens (who were unable to attend this meeting) who brought some items from the proposed agreement to her attention and let her know they have spoken with the attorney that the town had in place when they first connected. Public comment given by A. Greenslade. Public comment given by T. Greenslade. Mayor Olsen called 5-minute recess (at 8:38) due to order and decorum not being followed. Meeting called back in session by Mayor Olsen at 8:43. Pulley re-read the top section of the agenda/posted sign pertaining to public comment, order, and decorum. Public comment given by Jensen. Public comment given by A. Greenslade. Public comment given by T. Greenslade. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to table this topic to the next meeting. Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Wilson reported that work on the water main replacement project has been completed, that he sent the as-builts to the engineer for DEQ, and that there are some minor cosmetic items that need to be finished. Pulley advised he spoke with Pete Brown and that the water tests passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

Sutton suggested holding two noticed meetings a month: one being a regular council meeting and one being a work session, and also suggested meetings be recorded. Sutton brought up the possibility of hiring a part-time summer employee to do cemetery and park maintenance. Public comment given by Jensen. Public comment by A. Greenslade.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Pulley aye, Wilson aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, June 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm.