

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Tom Dooling, Andrea Coffin, Jonathan Muntzer, Erin Montgomery, Kelly Smith, Sharon Novitski, Don Marriott, Pete Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment given by Andrea Coffin regarding her horses. She stated she did not know about the Livestock Ordinance, nor did the property owner (Dooling), and she has not yet found a place for them. She asked that if anyone knows of where she can board them to let her know, and asked for more time to find a place for them.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wilson advised he received an email from the engineer regarding the water project that the information has been sent to DEQ with the additional information DEQ requested.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Montgomery reported that 1) the kids spoke very well in Washington D.C., 2) they have ideas for 4th of July activities involving the youth, 3) they are pursuing the possibility of an ice rink at the tennis courts, 4) they have received 64 completed surveys so far, 5) they have the application for an American Legion Post and are interested in getting it going.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussion regarding general projects for Fiscal Year 2025: Sutton advised the 4H will be applying for a grant for a possible ice rink as well as planning fundraisers for this purpose. Council asked about liability information for this; clerk will obtain. The council discussed the needs at the town shop (roof, painting, fence, lean-to, as well as a necessary survey). A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to prioritize projects for maintenance and upkeep of the city shop. Council discussed potential size of lean-to. Bernard volunteered to locate project bids and will bring these to the next council meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion regarding Livestock Ordinance Violation at Grover Cleveland. (Note: Coffin, who spoke during the public comment period, is the owner of the horses.) Public comment given by Coffin that she will put up posts looking for a place for her horses, and asked that she be held accountable and not the property owner. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to suspend the violation for 30 days to allow Ms. Coffin additional time to locate a place for her horses, and to follow up at the next council meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson, to approve attendance of mayor, clerk, and interested council members at the Montana Municipal Institute in May. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussion regarding possible food bank distribution location in Lima. Don Marriott spoke and has begun research on this. He has been in contact with Dawn from the Dillon Food Bank who offered to do a presentation at a future council meeting. At least 10 people from Lima are utilizing the Dillon Food Bank. Sutton advised there are options for storage at the school (and there is currently some meat available if needed); that if American Legion membership is pursued a food bank can be in conjunction with it; there are also other networks for this purpose; there are grants available; and that this could possibly be a Lima Area Community Foundation project. Public comment by Montgomery that mutual aid is a part of American Legion. Bernard had questions, and Marriott advised he will continue researching this. Mayor Olsen asked Marriott if this is something he needs the council's assistance with. Public comment given by Novitski that it could be a 501C3 and a branch of the Dillon Food Bank, and that the church has a food bank.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

6. Discussion regarding draft of Memorandum of Understanding between Lima Area Community Foundation and the Town of Lima after being reviewed and amended by the Town Attorney. Montgomery spoke; she was in Washington D.C. last week so hasn't had time for review. She will get a final draft to the council by the next meeting, and advised a monthly meeting regarding this partnership should occur between LACF and the town.
7. Regarding fire hall generator maintenance and repair: Wilson has been in contact with West Electric who will be here this week to look at the generator as well as the thermostats in the fire hall. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to table this discussion and action to the March meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion regarding Mayer's and Johnson's need for water service to their lots. Information was requested by the Johnsons at the 1/21/25 special meeting, obtained and compiled (information was obtained from: Water Operator Brown, DEQ, MRWS, MCA, Water Rules & Regulations, current system), and given to the council. (The clerk previously notified the Johnsons and Mayers via phone of the information.) The council agreed that the town has provided a viable option to supply water to these lots. Bernard has spoken with D. Mayer who would like to place his service lines in conduit. Brown spoke about the town granting a utility easement for their service lines and stressed the importance of protecting the town's water. The council would like this topic added to the March meeting agenda as an action item in order to close out the subject. Public comment given by Thornton asking about new areas getting water service. Brown answered.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen advised things are going well and in good shape.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Bernard asked about getting the survey done at the town shop, and Wilson advised he can do this when he performs the survey at the VFW building property. Wilson asked about the water agreements that were sent twice to the three property owners outside of town limits receiving water service. To date, no agreements have been signed. This topic will be added to the March meeting agenda. Bernard advised that when there are

functions at the town hall, fire department parking is blocked and recommended that the no parking signs be installed.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Wilson aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, March 10th at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk