

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 7:00 PM TOWN HALL

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Bernard, Jackie Sutton, Travis Wilson, David Olsen, and via ZOOM Mark Stosich

STAFF PRESENT: Don Story, Dina Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Jenny Bernard, Nola Tartler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Thornton reported they are trying to get a lot of things wrapped up before winter. Their next meeting is 9/16 at 6 pm at the town hall.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve the consent agenda. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilson, to approve Ordinance 32: Establishing a Planning Board, Second Reading. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Wilson, to appoint Sutton to serve on the planning board. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussed Yard-of-the Month Program. Council agreed to obtain public input on the program for next year and they will discuss this at the January 2027 meeting. Public comment by Thornton about a man who drove through town told him how good the yards look.
4. Discussed the water payment for the Bailey Building which the council voted previously to pay through 10/31/26. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve that the town pay the bill for 6 more months with a work schedule for the next 6 months. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussed situation with water account in which the customer requested to be placed on the inactive service rate on 7/14/26 then had plans change and requested to be placed on active service on 9/1/26. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Bernard, to waive the reconnect fee and charge the customer the difference between the inactive rate and active rate for the months of July and August of 2026. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to table the item, "Review Fire Department Contract" to the December meeting. No public comment. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Reviewed and discussed Resolution 2024-7: Fee and Fine Resolution and discussed possible revisions. The council agreed to discuss this topic at the 10/5/26 work session. No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

8. Discussed draft of van request form for the use of the Lima Van. Sutton is working on a draft of a policy for use of the Lima Van. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to table this topic to the October

meeting. Public comment by J. Bernard. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussed status of 4-year financial review currently being completed by FJ & Associates. Young advised that the CPA firm has still not completed the review, which was due to the state by 6/30/2026. Extensions have been requested from the state. No public comment.
10. Young announced the Yard-of-the-Month winner for August: Dave and Jennifer Kershaw/caretaker Jake Haws. No public comment.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen advised that he and some council members will be attending the League of Cities & Towns Conference in Helena next month.
Story gave maintenance report.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Bernard asked the cost of the sprinkler systems' winterization. Clerk will look this up and provide him with the amount.

Wilson advised someone wants to build a fence and would like to use the junk concrete posts at the dump since they will not be used for the town. He recommends that this be allowed as they are junk and it would cost the town to have them hauled to the disposal site. All council members agreed to allow this.

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Bernard aye, Stosich aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Work session scheduled for Monday, October 5 at 7:00 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm (10/12 is Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day).

Mayor

Clerk