

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan and Alena Mayer, Dan and Skylar Johnson, Pete Brown, Rose Marie Gray, Boyd Briggs, Tom Lessley, Erin Montgomery Horstmann, Don Marriott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment given by Dan Mayer: He would like to add to the next month's agenda to strike the mainline extension portion from the Water Rules & Regulations.

Public comment given by Montgomery Horstmann that the LACF is interested in creating a Memorandum of Understanding between it and the Town of Lima, and asked if this could be considered at next month's council meeting. This proposed MOU would, "serve to outline the collaboration between the two parties as it pertains to sourcing grant funding, writing, delivery, and completion for projects that hold a mutual interest." The majority of the council members said they would be willing to look at this.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Montgomery Horstmann reported that the December LACF meeting has been canceled, they are making a push on the housing survey, and they now have two youth representatives.

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. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Bernard, to approve attendance for McGraw and Brown to attend the Montana Rural Water Systems Conference in March. Bernard aye, Pulley nay, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried.
3. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Sutton, to approve attendance for Mayor Olsen at the Executive Forum in February. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

4. Discussion regarding need for water service for lots of D. Mayer, A. Mayer, and Johnsons along Grover Cleveland. Public comment given by S. Johnson regarding grants, LACF, and her desire to receive support for a family or business. Public comment given by D. Johnson regarding

engineering and if the town has money to start engineering. Councilmember Pulley asked who would pay for that, D. Johnson thinks the town should pay, P. Brown advised the town's water fund money is from the water users, Pulley advised he does not think the taxpayers should pay for 2-3 households, S. Johnson advised she believes 2 or 3 households is a large ratio for Lima and it would be young families. Mayor Olsen asked what about the households who have paid for their own lines in the past? D. Johnson asked if one council member can connect with the representatives they have been working with. Public comment given by R. Gray in agreement that it should be okay for one council member to do this and that there are many grants out there. Sutton advised writing the grant is just the tip of the iceberg and there is a lot more to administering a grant. Public comment given by Montgomery Horstmann that D. Johnson is asking for one council member to speak to the people that will not speak to him. Pulley advised he will volunteer to be that council member and S. Johnson and Montgomery Horstmann will meet with him. Mayor Olsen advised that the council needs to decide about this and where funding would come from, and Pully advised town funds should not be used for this. Wilson believes a special meeting should be held in order to discuss this topic. Public comment given by D. Mayer that he agrees that funding should not come from the town. Public comment given by D. Johnson that it sounds like a process is getting started. Public comment given by Gray asking how much money a microphone system would cost? Public comment given by Montgomery Horstmann that Dillon zooms and records council meetings.

5. Wilson advised that someone from West Electric will be coming by soon to provide an estimate for the repair/maintenance of the fire hall generator.
6. The results of the Senior Van survey were not discussed, however, van driver Marriott spoke about lack of ridership even though there were 15 signatures from people who wanted the van back in operation. He asked if the van can be utilized for veteran's functions, travel to Idaho Falls and Butte, travel to Dillon to view Christmas lights and attend senior dinners, etc., and if he should be picking up food bank food for people who do not want to ride the van. Mayor Olsen advised these answers should come from the County Commissioners since it is the county's van and said Marriott can contact them. Pulley believes the town should make this contact, Bernard offered to speak with the commissioners regarding this, and Sutton believes this communication can be a joint one between Marriott and the council. Bernard will contact the commissioners.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: None

A motion by Bernard, seconded by Pulley, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried. (Note: Phone contact with Wilson was lost sometime during topic #6.) Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, January 13th at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk