

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Young, Jim McGraw

OTHERS PRESENT: Branden Thornton, Sharon Novitski, Tim Dehl, David Wendt, Mike Strang, Kelly Smith, Boyd Briggs, Kent Craven, Dan and Angie Mayer, Alena Mayer, Skylar and Dan Johnson, Rose Gray

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was given by Dan Mayer who spoke about needing water service to his lot on Grover Cleveland (as well as the two lots north of his, owned by Dan/Skylar Johnson and Alena Mayer, respectively) and shared his ideas to get water service there. Dan Johnson also gave public comment regarding this topic. (Note: The Mayers and Johnsons left after this.)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Dehl reported on four items: 1) They are working on a letter-writing campaign approaching property owners to see if they would be willing to sell or donate property in order for low-income housing to be built. They are asking the town (as well as multiple other groups) to write a paragraph or two in support of this. Public comment given by Craven. 2) Kiosk update: They have people helping with this but they need more volunteer help. 3) Fencing material for the kiosk area will be donated but the hardware is needed. They are asking the town for orange cones to block off the area. McGraw advised he can work on this. 4) The housing committee survey has been sent out on paper and they are asking the town for help in getting the word out when the digitized survey is ready.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Reviewed and discussed current Law Enforcement Agreement. Sheriff Wendt was in attendance and answered questions, advising the town is receiving at least 7 hours of patrol

time per week, his proximity to town enables a quick response time when called, and his response time from Dillon is 30 minutes. Public comment given by Thornton who expressed support for Sheriff Wendt's service and response times. Public comment given by Craven that most things happen at night. Wendt advised they are trying to get an individual for Lima. He will also attempt to get a monthly log to the council, and agreed that he will be able to attend council meetings quarterly.

3. Reviewed and discussed current Animal Control Ordinance.
4. Discussed need for a backup water operator. McGraw is working on his certification. Public comment given by Craven, asking if he can see the materials. Wilson advised he will apply for certification. Public comment given by Smith, advising he has been in contact with DEQ and is interested in becoming certified and serving as a water operator.
5. Discussed plan for future weed spraying. Wilson has been in contact with the county weed department and they will assist the town. Wilson believes the town should be sending letters to property owners who are out of compliance with Amber Burch's contact information listed for questions. McGraw can make a list of properties that are out of compliance. Public comment given by Strang that when he contacted the county, he was advised there was a lack of manpower and money. Public comment given by Gray, asking if there were issues with people not being able to afford the weed spraying. Bernard advised the county provides "weed spray days" in which they are able to spray areas when asked. Sutton advised the county has a process for non-compliance. Public comment given by Novitski repeating what Strang said. Council advised that is a different issue when outside of the predetermined spray days. (Many people were talking at once here and out of order.)
6. Discussed possible reimbursement for toner purchased by Craven for Bailey Building brochures. A motion by Bernard, seconded by Pulley, to approve reimbursement to Craven for toner cartridge to be used for the town and to print the Bailey Building brochures. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously. Public comment given by Craven asking if the town can waive the monthly water billing charge for the Bailey Building. Council advised this would need to be brought up during unscheduled matters.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

7. The August winner of the Yard-of-the-Month was announced: Kevin and Kathy Stosich.
8. Discussion regarding quotes and options for water meters (to date, a quote has only been received by Northwest Pipe). McGraw advised he has determined the registers for some of the meters need to be replaced (not the entire meter). He will speak with Northwest Pipe tomorrow when he is in Butte. Bernard believes we should purchase 30 of these. McGraw said he can get 12 tomorrow and 12 next month. Council agreed. Wilson inquired if they can be ordered online.
9. Discussed status of water project at north end of town. Wilson has been in contact with the engineer who is working on it and making progress.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: See new business 2.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen advised things in town are in good shape.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Craven asked if the town can absorb the water billing charge for the Bailey Building. This item will be placed on next month's meeting agenda.

Wilson advised he has been in contact with Deere creek Excavation and more road work is being scheduled. He also advised there are projects that need to be wrapped up: weeds at the park, curb stop maintenance at a meter, frost free hydrant leaking at shop, and weed-eating at cemetery. McGraw advised he will work on these projects. Wilson also asked if the backhoe can be parked inside the shop, and McGraw advised he will do this. Wilson also advised that the cemetery board discussed at their meeting the need to amend the regulations so that decorations are removed timely. Pulley advised the Humphrey Cemetery has a sign advising about decoration removal. Public comment given by Gray, asking if she can weedeat, mentioned the "dead end" sign on Bailey, and mentioned the cemetery sign that is not mounted.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held October 14th at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk