

TOWN OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, April 14, 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, Erin Montgomery Horstmann, Sharon Novitski, Addie Edmisten, Becky McGraw, Deb Harrison, Tim Dehl, Don Marriott, Jenny Bernard, Audrianna Bernard, Rowen Bailey, Kiersten Bernard, Kristen Bailey, Mike Strang, Joe and Janalee Perlac, Brittney Stosich, Antony Stosich, Kelly Smith, Arlene Greenslade, Wanda Jensen at 8:35 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Two letters were received from Wanda Jensen, which the Council/Mayor/Clerk received copies of. Mayor Olsen announced that they are available to the public.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Dehl reported they are working on a lot of things. The letters sent to property owners resulted in a 20% reply rate. One property owner may rent, and another is selling; this buyer may add rentals. They will be pouring soon for the pavilion, the lumber is ready, and so far a total of \$7,450 has been received, donated, and pledged. Thornton advised the land survey was also completed and donated. They both advised the brochures are coming out, and Gopherfest and Side-by-Side run are coming up.

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. Be the Change Youth members Audrianna Bernard, Rowen Bailey, and Kiersten Bernard gave a presentation about their trip to the CADCA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. They also talked about their upcoming projects (Color Run, Greenhouse, Food Pantry, Alumni Basketball, and Outdoor Youth Retreat). Montgomery Horstmann showed a video of a student from Dillon and Kiersten Bernard testifying in favor of SB390 in front of the Legislature (this is to include e-cigarettes and vapes in the Clean Indoor Air Act) and explained that process.
3. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Sutton, to approve student 4H project. It was discussed, however, that an approval is not needed since the location of this project is over an acre. All other requirements have been met by this student Antony Stosich. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Montgomery Horstmann spoke on behalf of representatives of the Dillon Food Bank. She read an email from Carolyn stating that food is ready to be brought to Lima but a location is needed. They will give Lima a cooler, electricity will be needed, and that they will teach the process, provide templates, and assist as needed. Don Marriott answered questions and explained how the food is distributed in Dillon. Wilson advised that a plan would be needed in order for the council to take any action on this subject. Council discussed. Public comment given by Harrison. Montgomery Horstmann will get more information and a plan and bring this to the next council meeting.
5. Thornton reported that Phil Paige will not be able to perform on the 4th of July, so no approval will be needed on this agenda item.

6. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to approve annual 4th of July festivities. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Wilson advised things are good to go for Lima clean-up day, and that the Solid Waste manager would like the dumpsters to be on town property like the shop area, and that they will be here until full. Council discussed. Wilson advised that clean burnables can go to the dump area. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to approve location of dumpsters on town property. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion regarding potential approval of purchase of trailer for water pump. J. McGraw advised he has been in contact with Steerion. who has a trailer for \$4,500-\$5,000 that can support the pump. Wilson asked if Jeff Welborn can be contacted for a price before making a decision. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to table this topic to the next council meeting so that more information can be obtained. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Discussion regarding Lima beautification. Pulley feels a letter should go out to the community regarding beautification of properties. Mayor Olsen advised enforcement may be an issue. Council discussed. Public comment given by Dehl asking if elderly people who are unable to do some things can be assisted. Pulley will draft a letter including that. Public comment given by B. McGraw about the Beaverhead County Junk Vehicle Program.
10. Discussed candidate filing timeframe for 2025 election and positions up for election. Mayor Olsen announced he will run for mayor again.
11. Discussed possibility of obtaining a credit card to be used for online/electronic purchases. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Sutton, to table this topic until the next meeting in order to get more information about which card, bank, etc. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

12. Discussed update on Livestock Ordinance Violation on Grover Cleveland. The horses have been moved. Pulley believes the fine should be waived since the property owner worked with us and had the horse owner move them out. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Pulley, to waive the fine since the horses were moved. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Discussion regarding final MMIA rates and employer contribution amount. A motion by Sutton, seconded by Pulley, to contribute \$892 for the Madison plan. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Discussion regarding bids for projects at town shop. Wilson believes 20 feet wide for the addition with a lower-than-ideal roof may not be efficient, and that a freestanding addition would be a better choice. Two contractors can be asked to bid on the project. The council discussed this and believes different styles of buildings can be considered for efficiency and cost-effectiveness, and that a size of 30' X 30' would be ideal. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Bernard, to approve current bids. Bernard nay, Pulley nay, Sutton nay, Wilson nay. Motion failed. Pulley advised the pad size will need to be larger than the building. Wilson, Bernard, and McGraw will work on this and discuss with the contractors bidding on the project.
15. Regarding fire hall generator maintenance and repair: Wilson advised Great West has still not come to look at the generator. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to table this discussion and action to the May meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Discussed draft of updated water agreements proposed to be sent to the three property owners outside of town limits receiving water service. Wilson clarified section B. and noted there still may be questions. Bernard advised he has spoken with two of the property owners who asked him if a possible counter-option could be brought to the next meeting. Mayor Olsen advised these three property owners should be able to come to an agreement. Public comment by Smith asking why they are receiving water if they are outside of town limits. (Because Lima provided them with water service in the past.) Public comment given by Greenslade stating that the town, including Dave Olsen, wanted

them to hook up to town water in 2002 even though they were considering getting a well. She stated they are not annexing and will not pay for repair of a water main, and that this subject keeps coming up. Sutton advised she would like to give them the opportunity to compromise. The council discussed this. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Pulley, to table this topic to the next meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discussed the need for a backup water operator. Mayor Olsen advised Pete Brown is the town's water operator and asked if anyone is interested. Public comment given by Smith who advised he would be interested, has already purchased \$400 of materials, and there is about \$900 more of materials needed. Bernard advised a backup is necessary, and asked Smith if the town were to pay for his materials and exam, what would keep him from going elsewhere with the certification. Smith advised he is definitely staying in Lima, Bernard asked if he would sign an agreement, and Smith said he would. Bernard asked the clerk to check into the cost of the additional materials. This topic will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

18. Wilson advised work on the water main replacement project should begin on 4/21.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS:

K. Smith asked if a building permit would be required when replacing a shed on his property in the same footprint. Pulley advised there would be no fee for this and advised to fill out the permit form.

Clerk advised the next council meeting will be 5/19/25, that there will be a cemetery board meeting on 5/19/25 at 6:00 pm, and that there will be skipped check numbers of 6501-7000 due to the bank sending incorrect checks and being unable to utilize those check numbers on the new checks.

Sutton advised the youth are raising money for an ice rink and are applying for a grant, and that there is still a question about liability insurance and location, which she is looking into.

Jensen read aloud the two letters she wrote to the town regarding her property.

Wilson recommended that the town record council meetings and store the recordings.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn meeting. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Wilson aye, Sutton aye. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Next regular council meeting to be held Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Clerk