

**TOWN OF LIMA**  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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: Tim Dehl, Mike Strang, Dan Mayer, Alena Mayer, Skylar and Dan Johnson, Erin Horstmann, Addie Edmisten, Sharon Novitski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was given by Mike Strang; he asked if the parking area on the south side of the post office is town property, and if so, if it can be paved due to how messy it gets in the winter.

CORRESPONDENCE: Donation from 3Rivers for TV.

LIMA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT: Dehl reported the foundation is working on several projects. The pavilion area is in progress and the fence is up. The fence materials were donated by Stosich, Inc., and 25 people showed up to work. A grass area is in the future. Beams and framing donated by Kevin Rush are cut and ready. They are in the progress of doing a letter writing campaign and community survey. Horstmann spoke about the housing survey and that the results will help with grants.

NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

1. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Wilson, to approve the consent agenda. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Discussed future purchase of TV using donation funds received by 3Rivers. A motion by Wilson, seconded by Rocky, to purchase TV using these funds. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussed request by Kent Craven to have the town pay the water bill for the Bailey Building. Public comment given by Mayer asking who owns the building? (The town used to own it and deeded it to the "Bailey Building & Museum.") The Mayor and Council would like to see a plan in place for completion of the renovations. Bernard and Pulley advised progress has been made. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to have the town pay the water bill for 24 months beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, and with a plan in place for the next 24 months. Wilson added that the town would like to see projected dates for completion of projects. Public comment given by

Horstmann: Lima Area Community Foundation will put this on their agenda to seek volunteers. Bernard advised he will establish a work day. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion regarding need for water service for D. Mayer, A. Mayer, and Johnsons along Grover Cleveland. Public comment given by S. Johnson: They have looked into grant opportunities through USDA for a main line extension and would like assistance in grant writing. Clerk relayed information from Water Operator Brown that he is able to install the meters without a main line extension. Public comment given by D. Mayer: He believes that is a temporary solution. Public comment given by Horstmann: LACF may be able to assist. Mayor Olsen advised that our water operator is who advises us on this. Public comment given by D. Johnson: They need something affordable. Public comment given by D. Mayer: Will this topic be on next month's meeting agenda? Mayor advised that it will.
5. Discussion regarding Diamond Maps, a GIS mapping of the water system that is recommended by Robin Franzen of Montana Rural Water Systems for \$13/month. A 5-minute video was shown to the council. Wilson advised the system is already surveyed, and the Diamond Mapping System is not needed. A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to reject Diamond Maps. Bernard aye, Pulley aye, Sutton aye, Wilson aye. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion regarding the lack of ridership on the Senior Van. The Mayor and Council are hearing from community members that people are not riding because of the service dog that is onboard and not controlled. Public comment given by Novitski: She is aware of the legality of service dogs, and they must be under the control of the owner, stay at the owner's side, and not walk up to people. Mayor will speak with previous riders and other community members. Also discussed the request by Dillon community members for a Butte trip. Council agreed that a solution to the existing issues needs to occur first.

#### OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION TAKEN:

7. The September winner of the Yard-of-the-Month was announced by Novitski: Jamie Young.
8. Discussed status of water project at north end of town. Wilson advised that the engineer is hoping to send the plan to DEQ soon and will email documents to the clerk's office.
9. Reviewed draft of agreement from attorney regarding the properties west of town limits. Wilson believes section B and D need to be more defined. Clerk will send this information to attorney. Public comment given by Dehl.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Olsen advised he and the clerk attended the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in West Yellowstone, and that he was honored to receive the Lifetime Service Award. He extends his thanks to all.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS: Pulley asked if all council members should have keys to the burn pit. Wilson advised we must be very particular about what goes in the burn pile, and to ensure items are pushed to the top of the pile. Bernard asked about

a date to do the trees at the cemetery, and Wilson said a week from Saturday. Clerk advised the reception for Mayor Olsen is tomorrow from 3:00 to 5:00.

A motion by Pulley, seconded by Bernard, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm. Next regular council meeting to be held Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk