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Mark Johansen, Mayor

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

The regular meeting of the Latimer City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Johansen at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Latimer City Hall. Council members answering roll call were Randy DeBour, Cathy Crooks, Landon Plagge and Eric Bruns (electronically)

Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DeBour made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Plagge. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne reported that Iowa Falls Glass will be coming to fix a rock chip in the windshield of the garbage truck.

The Clerk reported that she has been working on the budget and budget amendments. She also reported that we received a renewal for Koenen Lawn Care for 2022. A motion was made by Plagge and seconded by Bruns to continue with Koenen Lawn Care. Motion passed unanimously.

Plagge made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Crooks made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report.

The Council asked the 2 applicants any additional questions they had, followed by a motion by Plagge approve Resolution 2022-01 to appoint Elizabeth Symens to fill the council vacancy and was seconded DeBour. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Symens was then sworn in.

An update was given on the Community Center kitchen remodel.

The old softball scoreboard with control panel will be offered for sale for the best offer in the near future.

The Council accepted the resignation of Trev Murphy as the Water and Waste water manager and hired Andrew Sheeler as his replacement with a motion made by Symens and seconded Plagge. Resolution 2022-02 setting the wages for the new Water and Wastewater – Andrew Sheeler. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

DeBour made a motion to open the public hearing and was seconded by Crooks. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. No one was present for the public hearing so DeBour made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Crooks. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2022-04 approving the Max Property Tax Levy at $10.59698 with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Plagge. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Plagge made a motion to set the public hearing for March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Latimer City Hall and was seconded by Crooks. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance 3-3-66 and 3-3-67 Recreational vehicle and trailer parking and Tow Away was reviewed and the first reading was set for March 9, 2022 with a motion made by Crooks and seconded by DeBour. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion about hiring Leon Root as Code Enforcement Officer was held, followed by a motion Plagge and seconded by Bruns to approve Resolution 2022-03 to hire Leon Root as Code Enforcement Officer and set his wages at an hourly rate of $20 per hour to work with DeBour and Mayor Johansen on City Code issues. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Latimer Development Board asked for approval of Cindy Peil being added to the board to replace Deanna Koenen. Symens made a motion to approve Cindy Peil and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Plagge gave an update on the downtown project.

Bruns made a motion at 7:40 pm to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Plagge. Motion passed unanimously.

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Melissa Simmons, City Clerk